

USATF-NJ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday September 16, 2015

Rutgers New Brunswick, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. In attendance: Ed Neighbour, Wayne Baker, Donny Bellamy, Madeline Bost, Charlene Hunter Cumberbatch, Elliott Denman, Bernard Epps, Pam Fales, David Friedman, Terry Mullane, William Pollinger, Roger Price, Claire Tafelski, Ben Teixeira

II. President's Message:

2015 is winding down but September has always been a busy period for the NJ Association where we take a look at the year and begin our planning for 2016. The Sports Committees are having their respective meetings. We will be voting this evening for the delegated to the USATF annual meeting in Houston, Texas from December 3 through 6th. The Trustees have approved a stipend of \$700.00 for this year's Annual meeting. We will once again have 18 delegate spots at the Annual meeting.

This year the Association Membership is running close to 2014 levels. Our Membership as of today has already surpassed what we ended 2013.

III. Minutes: The minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were accepted.

IV. Administrative Report: Terry Mullane noted that the office has now moved from Boonton to it's new location in Montville, 150 River Road.

As of 2015 we have 6,377 members, with Youth numbering 2,997. We expect a bump in memberships due to the JO cross country meet on November 1 that will go in to 2015.

We have sanctioned 315 events to date, and of those 157 are in the New Balance Grand Prix. We have 123 clubs. The full association report is attached.

V. Financial Report- Edward Neighbour

- We have had some challenges with getting accounting from the National Office with regard to Sanction and Membership revenue to the NJ Association. The transfers were switched from checks mailed to the Association to electronic transfers although this has not been consistent from National.
- Our programs are generally running in line with our budget projections for 2015.
- The NJ Association is starting the budget process for 2016.

- If the Sports Committees should notify the President or Secretary on any new programs that they wish to implement along with proposed funding for review and consideration.

VI. Elections Delegates for National Convention: Selected

1. Sheila Courter
2. Terry Mullane
3. Ed Neighbour
4. Madeline Bost
5. Roger Price
6. Ben Teixeira
7. Pam Fales
8. Jane Parks
9. Rob DeCarlo
10. David Friedman
11. Claire Tafelski
12. Lisa Morgan
13. Al Essilfie
14. Charlene Cumberbatch
15. Bill Pollinger
16. Bruce Fabrikant
17. Elliott Denman
18. Mike Mannozi

VII. Sport Committee Reports

- **LDR Committee Report-Edward Neighbour**
 - In August, LDR held two Championships. We had a Masters Men's Championship in Belmar on August 22nd. The Belmar Chase 5k was a first time championship and while there were scoring issues the feedback on the course was positive from our runners.
 - The 5K Cross Country Championship was held for the first time at Natirar on August 30th. Last year we held our 8k championship here at the end of October. We had 330 finishers in 2015. This was well above the 286 finishers we had in 2014.
 - The Liberty Half Marathon is this weekend. Little Silver 5k on October 4th is a new race as the Open Women's Championship. The Shades of Death Half Marathon on October 11th will serve as a 500/700 point wild card in the NBNJ Individual Grand Prix this year. Our Championships conclude with the Masters Women's Championship at Giralda Farms on November 8th and the Ashenfelter 8k Classic on Thanksgiving which is an All Divisions Championship.
 - We will be having an LDR meeting next Thursday. This meeting is where we accept rule change proposals for our individual and team Grand Prix. We have been moving the site

of the meetings around this year. Mays LDR Meeting was in Millburn and Thursdays Meeting will be in Bloomfield, NJ.

- The bidding period for the 2016 Championships is opening with a November 6th submission deadline.
- We have tried to streamline the team lists and verification process and get the team grand prix standings posted quicker. We are now using compuscore to get this accomplished quicker.
- This year we have tried some new things. We have a mini 3 category added to our Grand prix, The 5k and 10k at the USATF NJ Track and Field meet are now 500 point Grand Prix events and we experimented this year with designating a 50k and 100k USATF NJ Trail Championship.

T&F Committee Report- David Friedman

- The Track and Field Committee meeting will be held on October 7th. The meets that NJ hosted in 2014 were considered successful.
- The Indoor masters and open championship will be held on January 10th at the Tom's River facility. The committee was unable to secure a later date for the meet. It was noted that the new indoor facility on Staten Island is already booking for the 2017th season.
- Racewalk report was given by David Friedman:
- NJ was given the Association of the Year Award in Race Walking in 2014. The National Team Trials hosted the largest field in the history of the event. Shore Athletic Club hosted the 77th national 40 kilometer walk, and the 50th year for the club.
- The Freehold Area Running Club will be hosting the following events:
- Sat. 4/9/16 National Masters 20k Champs & NJ Open/Masters Champs. Harry Wright Lake, Whiting, NJ 9:30am
- Sat. 5/7/16 NJ Open/Masters 5k Champs, Harry Wright Lake, Whiting, NJ 10am
- Sat. 8/20/16 NJ Open/Masters 1Hour Champs, Manchester H.S., Manchester, NJ 8:30am
- Sat. 10/8/16 NJ Open/Masters 10k Champs, Harry Wright Lake, Whiting, NJ 10am
- Sat. 11/12/16 NJ Open/Masters 15k Champs, Harry Wright Lake, Whiting, NJ 10am

- **Youth Committee Report-** Charlene Cumberbatch

- The Youth Committee held their meeting on Thursday September 10th.
- The Youth Cross Country Championship site was selected. The Cross Country Meet will be held in Central Park in Morris County.
- At the meeting the positives and negatives of the four preliminary qualifying meets were reviewed. Having the Junior Olympics as a one day meet in 2015 was also discussed.
- The 2016 Indoor developmental meet schedule was discussed. The first developmental meet is scheduled for December 6, 2015 with the second developmental meet date of January 24, 2016. After the meeting there was a revision of the date to January 31, 2016.
- The Zone Meet will be held at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island in February
- Dates for the 2016 qualifying meets were discussed. It was determined that four qualifying meets resulted in two small meets and two larger meets and it was decided that the number of meets could be reduced to three, North, Central and South NJ. The date that the majority felt was May 14-15. There was concern raised that this date was not in

conformance with the USATF Youth Calendar which had a two week window from May 29- June 12. The Youth Committee noted that they would contact Lionel Leach to confirm that the date would be allowable. After discussions with the National Youth Chair it was determined that the Association could not schedule the qualifying meets outside of the scheduled window.

- The Association Junior Olympic dates were reviewed at the meeting and the meet date was initially to be scheduled the weekend of June 17-18-19. The meet would be a 1-1/2 day meet. There was a review of the possible scheduling of events.
- Since the confirmation from National about compliance with the Youth calendar was required the Youth Committee and the Association Office had a conference call to determine the best way to proceed. The Preliminary Qualifying meets were dropped and it was determined that the best way to proceed was to go back to the two day meet that we have traditionally held and move the date to the weekend of June 25-26th which would avoid the Father's Day weekend.

VIII. Officials Committee Report- Bruce Fabricant submitted the report via email:

- We have 162 officials and approximately one-half are apprentice level officials. During the year a number of officials were eligible to move up in level as they have gained more experience. The continued growth in officials enables us to staff association meets.
- We are conducting a LDR/ track and field official's clinic for those desiring to become new officials. The clinic will be held at Rutgers. Saturday September 19th. We normally conduct clinics in March/September of each year.
- We will hold the USAF NJ Officials meeting after the clinic.

IX. New Business

- There was no new business.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted

Madeline Bost, Secretary