

USATF-NJ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

Rutgers University

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

I. Sign in sheet was used in lieu of Roll Call: Claire Tafelski, Jennifer Simpson, Ben Teixeira, Christopher Rinaldi, Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Elliott Denman, Wayne Smith, Kevin McKnight, Joe Compagni, Pam Fales, Madeline Bost, Wayne Baker, Josiah Novack, William J Pollinger, Christine Prorock-Rogers, James Cook, Winthrop McGriff, Ed Neighbour, Roger Price, Eva Fisher, Ed Koch, Cora Koch, Terry Mullane

II. President's message: After confirming some of the names on the annual meeting delegates list, Claire Tafelski spoke briefly to point out that our organization is made up of volunteers and she thanked those volunteers in attendance.

III. The minutes of the March 22, 2018 were approved with a correction to the spelling of Phyllis Smith-Livingston in the attendees report.

IV. Administrative Report: Terry Mullane presented the administrative report which is attached. Our membership numbers and number of sanctions processed are slightly behind this date in 2017 due to the national office computers being down for five to six weeks this summer. The full report is attached.

V. Financial Report: Ed Neighbour echoed that the glitch at the national office has impacted our numbers but he expects that will resolve over time. The Budget and Finance committee will begin to meet in October. The Sports committees need to submit requests of funds by the end of September. The full report is attached.

VI. Elections

Treasurer: Ed Neighbour was elected by acclamation

Athlete Trustee #2: Chris Renaldi, Garden State TC, was elected by acclamation

Delegates: 18 delegates were selected, with one alternate. The list of delegates is attached.

VII. Sport Committee Reports

Long Distance Running: Ed Neighbour reviewed the championship races that have been held and the ones that are still to be run. He noted that the mile race at had a substantial increase in participants. He noted that the Breakneck team came up from south Jersey to compete at the 5km cross country meet and won the open men division. The full report is attached.

Track and Field: David Friedman reported on the meets that were held and those that are still on the schedule for the fall. The full report is attached.

Racewalk: In the absence of chair Ron Salvio, Elliott Denman and Wayne Baker gave the Racewalk report. A one hour walk was held on August 12 with a high school athlete the winner. The 10km walk will be held on September 23rd and the 5km walk on November 11 in Harry Wright Park in Whiting. The full report is attached.

Youth: Al Essilfie reported on the success of our New Jersey youth athletes. The full report is attached.

VIII. Officials Committee Report

Ed Koch reported on the upcoming training sessions including a Safe Sport session. New Jersey now has 135 Officials. The full report is attached.

IX Old Business

None was noted.

X New Business

Claire reported that we have submitted a grant application to assist in implementing and marketing plan to increase memberships and sanctions, with focus on the south Jersey area. Post collegiate athletes will be targeted.

The budget and Finance committee will consider an increase in some fees for clubs and sanctioning fees.

XI Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Madeline Bost, Secretary

Report of the Officials Committee:

The Officials Committee has two important upcoming dates:

1. The Semi-Annual Introductory officiating clinic will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 23rd at the Garwood/Westfield YMCA. Registration begins at 12:30 PM and the clinic is from 1 PM to 4:30 PM.

There is also a Safe Sport session from 10 AM to Noon. Candidates have the option of taking Safe Sport in person or later online.

In 2019, there will be an introductory officiating track & field clinic in South Jersey in March, and an introductory officiating LDR clinic at a site TBA in September.

2. The Semi-Annual Officials Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25th At 7:30 PM, also at the Garwood/Westfield YMCA. Topics to be discussed include a review of 2018 events - particularly the Region 2 Junior Olympics - and preview of the the 2019 calendar and national news.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward R Koch
Acting Officials Chair

Track and Field Report, September 12, 2018

By David Friedman, T&F Division Chair

New Jersey Track & Field had another very successful outdoor season in 2018. The Open & Masters' Championships were held at The Peddie School in Hightstown on June 15th & June 16th and as we did at the indoor Championships it was a dual meet with USATF-NY. The NJ International meet was also at the Peddie School on 6/10.

Just to note that the USATF-NJ Junior Olympic meet was held on Saturday and Sunday 6/9 & 6/10 in Plainfield and our association hosted a very successful Eastern Regional Junior Olympic meet at the College of New Jersey from Thursday July 12th through Sunday July 15th.

There was the usual series of meets put on by the New Jersey Striders and The Shore A C. The season may not be over yet as there are plans in the works to have a field event series coming up in October at Christen Brothers Academy in Lincroft and once that final information will be posted on Associations Track & Field calendar.

Because of the difficulty finding a site for the steeplechase for the State meet that event was held in Edison on June 20th with 3 athletes competing.

With the hammer requiring an ultra-safe venue we once again had it Monmouth University on 8/16 and it was a very successful hammer evening.

We had many of our state's athletes open and masters athletes competed on the national and international level this summer. There great performances by Mark Williams, Michael Kish and Fred Monesmith at the Worlds Masters' Championships in Malaga Spain and Neni Lewis is continuing to set American records in the throwing events through the summer.

We hope to continue the dual meet series with the New York Association indoors at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island this coming winter.

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LDR Committee Report
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- I. The LDR Committee Will hold their Fall Meeting Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Madison YMCA
- II. We held the 12k Championship at Sandy Hook September 9, 2018
 - This inaugural race had 200 mostly USATF-NJ runners.
 - The event provided our runners with our first 12k Championship distance.
 - Weather was not ideal but we will be surveying those that participated for feedback. We are interested to find out our member's thoughts on the distance, the venue, the time of year and thoughts concerning holding this event at a different time of year.
 - This Championship was originally to be held in March in Mercer County Park which had been the site of our 10 mile championship for several years. Unfortunately the Park decided to stop having running events in the Park in 2018.
- III. 2018 we will be having a Stand Alone Mini COED Team series of races in each of the Categories.
 - There was a \$500 donation provided to the NJ Association for prize money to the top three Open and Masters Teams.
 - Sunset Classic was the Category II race. There were two Open club teams and six Master's Club teams at the race.
 - Shades of Death Half Marathon will serve as the Category III race.

- The Category I race will be the Giralda Farms 5k in November. This race has served as Championship in the past.

IV. 2018 Completed Championships:

- 04/08 Indian Trails 20K All DIVISION. The race had a drop off in participation in 2018. A very challenging course coupled with the distance has impacted the race.
- 04/28 Clinton Country Run 15K All DIVISION. Participation is stable year to year. 2018 we had a jump in the number of teams to 88 which was the highest number of teams we have had at the 15k
- 05/05 Newport 10K OPEN MEN & WOMEN. We experienced a slight decline in teams in 2018. Participation was higher but did not reach the peak level achieved in 2016.
- 05/19 Our House 4 Miler ALL DIVISION. New distance for USATF NJ this year. Race was a Championship at 5 mile distance. First Year 4 Mile Championship
- 05/28 Ridgewood Run 10K MASTERS MEN & WOMEN. The race has a steady following and we saw more women's teams but a few less men's teams in 2018
- 06/24 Lager Run 5K OPEN MEN & WOMEN. This was the first time it was both an Open Men's and Women's Championship. The Men's Team Participation was about the same as 2017. This race was the largest Open Women's Championship we have ever had with 23 Women's teams. 9 more than we have had with the 5 per team requirement.
- 08/19 Midland Mile ALL DIVISION. The race increased in overall participation by 21% over 2017. The Master's Women team participation had the strongest growth in participation.
- 08/26 USATF NJ 5K Cross Country ALL DIVISION. Race had about the same level of attendance as 2017. We saw a return of the Breakneck track club from the southern part of the state who took the Mens's Title
- 09/09 USATF NJ 12K ALL DIVISION.

V. 2018 Remaining Championships:

- 09/16 Newport Half Marathon ALL DIVISION
- 09/30 Little Silver 5K MASTERS MEN
- 10/21 USATF NJ 8K Cross Country ALL DIVISION
- 11/03 Harrington Park 5K MASTERS WOMEN 11/22
- Ashenfelter 8K ALL DIVISION

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Race Walk Report

Elliott Denman, USATF NJ Racewalking Chairman Emeritus

The autumn season has arrived and the New Jersey Association of USA Track and Field continues to be one of the nation's busiest.

Thanks to Freehold Area Running Club, and event director/USATF NJ RW chairman Ron Salvio, we have had a series of terrific series of championship races.

Last two to be put in the books were the 10K road event at Harry Wright Park, Manchester Township, on Sept. 23 and the 1-hour track walk at Manchester High School on August 12. The series will conclude with the 5K at Harry Wright Park on Nov. 11.

High schooler Sam Allen was the breakout star of the past two races, winning the 10K with a fine 54:45 and the 1-hour with a total distance of 10,087 meters.

Masters star Tim Chelius (1:06.12 and 8,724 meters) took second in both back of Allen, while Dorit Attias (1:12:08 for 10K) and Panse Geer (7,694 meters) were the respective women's winners. Special cheers went to multi-past National champion, guest walker Maryanne Daniel, for her American age-60 5K record of 28:59 on Sept. 23.

Races at 15K and 20K had opened the series earlier in the year. All these events, along with the Association's indoor 3000-meter race and outdoor 5,000-meter walk, will constitute the USATF NJ racewalk Grand Prix for 2018.

In addition to all these on the annual calendar are the many racewalking events - or divisions of road racing events - that promote racewalking, such as the annual Capt. Zinn 5K in Wall Township, the Lake Takanassee 5K Races in Long Branch, the Harry Drazin Memorial 4-Mile in Deal, the Born to Run Race 5-Mile in Freehold, and the Asbury Park Polar Bear Race 10-miler.

New Jersey continues to be a hotbed of the sport on all levels. USATF NJ-registered athletes earned an array of medals at such major meets as the Hershey Youth Indoor Championships to the USATF Junior Olympic Outdoor Championships to the USATF Indoor and Outdoor Masters Championships to the World Masters Championships in Malaga, Spain.

Competing - and medaling - at Malaga were such standouts as Erin Taylor-Talcott and husband Dave Talcott and Panse Geer, all members of Shore Athletic Club. Also racing in Malaga was Shore AC's Tim Chelius.

Although there are several highly promising High School and Junior Olympic-level USATF NJ racewalkers beginning to make their mark, the racewalking scene still lacks a real abundance of incoming talent. Addressing this situation, the USATF NJ racewalking committee hopes to ask the NJSIAA Track and Field Committee to consider the inclusion of non-scoring racewalking events in designated state-championship meets.

Major decisions about racewalking's 2019 plans will be announced at the upcoming USATF Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

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