

# USATF New Jersey General Membership Meeting

Madison New Jersey

March 28, 2018

A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call. In attendance: David Friedman, Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Jim McGrath, Ed Neighbour, Ben Teixeira, Bob Skorupski, Reno Stirrat, Eva Fisher, Jennifer Simpson, Wayne Baker, Madeline Bost, Roger Price, Gary Rosenberg, Claire Tafelski, Debbie Brathwaite, Terry Mullane, Jason Lattimore, Christopher Rinaldi, James D. Adams.

President Claire Tafelski began the meeting by asking all those in attendance to introduce themselves. Ms. Tafelski limited her opening remarks in the interest of time constraints as there was much to cover in the meeting. A vendor has been hired to migrate the current website to the new website. This should be accomplished by the third quarter, 2018. A marketing group has been established with Ms. Tafelski, Karen Auteri and Alex mcGrainer.

David Friedman, division chair of Track and Field requested permission to present the Track and Field report so as to allow him to leave the meeting as he was not feeling well, and needed to return home. His report is attached.

The minutes of the September 2017 meeting were accepted.

Terry Mullane gave the administration report, which is attached.

Reno Stirrat gave the Treasurers report and the 2018 budget was available. To sum up, the national office continues to be tardy in transferring funds to the New Jersey account from monies collected for membership and event entries.

Ed Neighbour gave the LDR report, which is attached.

Wayne Baker gave the Youth report.

Phyllis Smith Livingstone gave the Officials report, which is attached. She reminded everyone of the tighter rules pertaining to adults who are involved with youth. All youth club members must have a background check and have completed the Safe Sport training. This includes volunteers with no official role, i.e., parents or other spectators asked to help out at meets.

Election of trustees was held. Elected by acclamation:

College Coach Trustee Lisa Morgan unattached

Club Coach Trustee Christine Prorock-Rogers (Raritan Valley RR)

Athlete Trustee 1 Diane DeOliveria Bella n Motion

Athlete Trustee 2 Ed Neighbour (Morris County Striders) (fills out term to 2019)

At Large Trustee 1 Pam Fales (Morris County Striders)

Approval of the revised By-Laws was sought. A motion was made and seconded to approve the By-Laws with the addition of the statement "Officers will take office on January 1 of the following year." To Article 9, C Elections, and to clean up any grammatical and spelling errors.

The motion carried.

#### New Business

Under discussion is a workshop to help new clubs with organizational support, patterned after a successful NYRR program.

It was noted that there is a vacancy for Masters T&F vice chair

A motion was made to establish a Savings Clause.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Respectfully submitted

Madeline Bost, Secretary USATF NJ

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#### **March 28, 2018 Track & Field Report - Division Chair, David Friedman**

2018 started off with a successful Open & Masters indoor meet at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island which was also a dual meet between the NY & NJ associations with NJ winning going away. NJ athletes did extremely well at the indoor Eastern Regional meet in Rhode Island as well as the National Masters meet in Landover, Maryland picking up a huge number of medals. At the Open National Championships in Albuquerque many of our athletes finished up in the standings with Scott Hudson taking first place in the pole vault.

The track & field committee met here at the Madison YMCA this past Monday evening and completed plans for the Open & Masters Outdoor Championships which will be held again at the Peddie School in Hightstown, on Friday evening 6/15 and Saturday 6/16. The hammer and steeplechase events still need a date and venue and we hope to announce that shortly. While the dates for our Association JO meet is Saturday and Sunday 6/9 & 6/10 the site is still to be confirmed between Plainfield and Edison.

The Peddie School will also be hosting the NJ International Meet on Sunday 6/10, which will have youth, open and masters events as well as an elite pole vault with world class vaulters competing. It should be noted that this meet awards some cash prizes and entry information will soon be available on Direct Athletics.

There will also be the N J Striders, Shore AC and many other summer meets that are posted on our website calendar.

At our meeting we also discussed the Masters Grand Prix program and plan to have the point status standings posted well before our outdoor championships.

The Association's Race Walk series kicks off in 2 weeks with the 15K Championships followed by the 20K Championships on Saturday 5/5, which is also the National 20K Masters

Championship. The full list of our race walk events which is one of the largest series of walks in the Country can be found on our website or FARCNJ.com.

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*03/28/18 Association Report*

*General Membership Meeting*

*03/28/2018*

*Membership Report*

*Individual Memberships*

- 2018 as of 03/28/2018 Membership is 3798, 1592 are Adult Members, and 2206 are Youth Members,
- (1591 Female, and 2207 Male Members)
  
- *Events/ Sanctions*
- 231 Sanctioned Events as of 03/28/2018
- Seven Sanctions are on hold , waiting on Insurance Approval

*Clubs*

- 105 Clubs as of 03/28/2018- 11 Clubs are waiting on the 2018 Background Checks before being approved

*News & Notes*

- Facebook continues to be a great resource for distributing information, 1349 Friends, 913 Twitter Followers
- We are looking into Run, Jump Throw Clinics in 2018 and have one scheduled for Bloomfield College, and are waiting on dates from the Madison YMCA
- Annual Awards banquet was held on Saturday, 1/20/18 at Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. There was a record turnout of 541 attendees. Kudos to the Office for planning this Banquet. It is quite rare that a banquet of this size survives with committee of four!!!
- There will be a full calendar of Championship events in 2018 that will be f introduced by the Association Sports Committees.

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## **Budget and Finance Report**

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- I. The B&F Committee developed the 2018 Budget which was approved by the Trustees at the beginning of the year. The 2018 Budget was conscious of several factors which would require increased funding while trying to get the budget into balance.
  - 2018 is a year when the NJ Association hosts Youth Regionals. Because USATF National eliminated the grants for Associations hosting regional events the Association paid particular attention to the additional costs need for securing a venue and the appropriate number of Officials.
  - This year the New York and New Jersey Associations jointly held their Associations respective Open and Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island on February 11, 2018. This was done for two reasons. First to help share costs between the two Associations since there is more expense associated with an Indoor Championship. This Joint Meet also helped increase competition between the two Associations. We will be looking to partner again in the future.
  - For the Year to date our revenue is tracking close to the 2017 levels I terms of Sanctions and Clubs. Our Membership is running only slightly lower than this time last year in terms of numbers. Our LDR Championships are starting a little later this year and expect the numbers to increase as we approach our first Championship April 8<sup>th</sup>. Youth memberships should be higher with the Regionals in NJ this year.

<b>2018 USATF-NJ BUDGET</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Banquet	\$ 26,000.00
Club Memberships	\$ 6,500.00
Donations	\$ 2,000.00
Entries	\$ 130,000.00
Membership Revenue	\$ 80,000.00
Retail Revenue	\$ 4,000.00
Rule Book Revenue (officials Cert fees)	\$ 1,500.00
Sanction Revenue	\$ 54,000.00
Sponsorship	\$ 13,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 317,200.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Event Expenses, Awards/ Giveaways	\$ 12,000.00
Prize Money (LDR)	\$ 13,200.00
Event Support	\$ 4,250.00
Event Supplies	\$ 14,000.00
Facility Rental	\$ 44,000.00
Officials	\$ 25,300.00
Scoring & Timing	\$ 19,000.00
advertising marketing	\$ 2,000.00

<b>Meals Expense (Banquet)</b>	<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>
<b>Travel (workshop/convention)</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 106,000.00</b>
<b>Professional Fees/ Consultants</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
<b>Rule Book Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>taxes ( NJ Fee)</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 317,200.00</b>

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## **LDR Committee Report**

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- II. The LDR Committee held their first meeting of 2018 on February 6, 2018
- All of the Proposals from 2017 did not reach the required threshold for adoption. The proposals included deletion of the Road Mile from the Club Grand Prix, Development of COED Team divisions within the Club Grand Prix and the reconfiguration of Masters Team age divisions into five year groupings to align with Individual Masters divisions.
  - There was discussion of creating a group to review what other Associations are doing as far as a Grand Prix to see if there is anything we can do better and build upon our success.

- III. The MUT members of the LDR committee have been looking at ways to try and kick start a MUT program to build a series and designate Championships. We are looking to partner with MUT races and at the same time encourage our members to expand their wheelhouse and try different types of races.
- IV. We are moving Forward on planning a 12k Championship at Sandy Hook September 9, 2018
- We have approval and are working on getting the course finalized with the Park.
  - We are looking to Market the Race with our Shades of Death Half Marathon to provide discounts for registering for both races.
  - We will be looking for volunteers to assist at the event
- V. 2018 we will be having a Stand Alone Mini COED Team series of races in each of the Categories.
- Sunset Classic will Serve as the Category II race
  - Shades of Death Half Marathon will serve as the Category II race
  - We are still trying to determine a Category I race
- VI. **2018 Championship Schedule:**
- 04/08 Indian Trails 20K All DIVISION
  - 04/28 Clinton Country Run 15K All DIVISION
  - 05/05 Newport 10K OPEN MEN & WOMEN
  - 05/19 Our House 4 Miler ALL DIVISION
  - 05/28 Ridgewood Run 10K MASTERS MEN & WOMEN
  - 06/24 Lager Run 5K OPEN MEN & WOMEN
  - 08/19 Midland Mile ALL DIVISION
  - 08/26 USATF NJ 5K Cross Country ALL DIVISION
  - 09/09 USATF NJ 12K (Tentative) ALL DIVISION
  - 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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The Officials meeting was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Elections were held:

Rob Doran                      Chair  
Bruce Fabrikant              VC/Certification ( replaces Ed Sabin who is retiring)  
Bill Pollinger                re-elected VC/Awards.  
Wayne Smith                 re-elected VC/Assignments.  
Ed Koch                        re-elected VC/Training.  
Phyllis Smith Livingstone      re-elected Secretary.  
Rich Dunphy, Josiah Novak, and Wayne Baker are at-large on the executive committee.

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