

USATF-NJ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monmouth University

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

I. Sign in sheet and introductions

In attendance: Claire Tafelski, Jennifer Simpson, Reno Stirrat, Madeline Bost, Pam Fales, Bruce Fabrikant, Ron Salvio, John Freidericks, William Pollinger, David Friedman, Wayne Baker, Roger Price, Josiah J. Novack, Elliott Denman, Joe Compagni, Terry Mullane, Debbie Brathwaite, Scott Linnell, Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Deb Hall, Alcmena Monique White (East Regional Representative)

II. President's message: Claire Tafelski welcomed and introduced, Alcmena Monique White the East Regional Representative who gave a brief summary of her duties and asked members to let her know of any concerns that they might have.

Claire noted that our membership total is slightly down from a year ago, although our member clubs are higher. We've issued 400 sanctions to date.

III. The minutes of the March 15, 2017 General Membership meeting were approved.

IV. Administrative Report: Managing Director Terry Mullane gave the administration report, which is attached.

V. Financial Report: Treasurer Reno Stirrat reported that our revenue is on track for last year's numbers. Sanctions are down a bit. Our expenses are on projections for this year's budget.

VI. Election of Delegates: Claire noted that the Board of Trustees had approved a Travel Stipend of up to \$ 850.00 with the stipulation that delegate attends the closing session, submits receipts, and reports on the meetings attended. Adjustments will be made for those who cannot attend through the closing session with advance permission to miss the session.

Ballots were then handed out and votes taken. Those selected are attached.

VII. Sport Committee Reports

Long Distance Running: LDR Division Chair Ed Neighbour was unable to attend. Claire gave a brief report in his stead from the written report that Ed sent, which is attached.

Track and Field: Division Chair, David Friedman reported on several meets that were held this summer including our association championship at the Peddie School o June 16 and 17. New Jersey is in talks with the New York association and the prospect of having dual meets in the future. The full report is attached.

Racewalk: Ron Salvio gave the racewalk report which is attached.

Youth: Terry Mullane gave the Youth report which is attached. The JO Cross Country meet will be held at Deer Path Park in Readington, on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

VIII. Officials Committee Report

Bruce Fabrikant thanked the officials for their service. He spoke about the para meet that was held at Paschak High School and how rewarding it is to officiate for this group of athletes. He said that ten officials who had said that they would be at the J O meet did not show up and instead went to another meet where they would be paid more. A clinic will be held on September 23rd with emphasis on LDR officiating.

IX Old Business

X New Business

Claire introduced various initiatives that she wanted to undertake, such as the creation of working groups to focus on specific topics such as marketing, sponsorship/grants, etc. and asked anyone interested to contact her.

An incident involving an inappropriate body shaming statement directed at one of our members at the Midland Mile in August caused Claire to remind the attendees of the need to behave appropriately at our events, especially where youth are present.

XI Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted
Madeline Bost, Secretary

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Membership Report

Individual Memberships

- 2017 as of 09/06/2017 Membership is 6188, 2715 are Adult Members, and 3473 are Youth Members,
- (2594 Female, and 3594 Male Members)

2016 we had 6704 Members

Events/ Sanctions

- 453 Sanctioned Events as of 09/06/17
- 455 Sanctioned Events in 2016

Clubs

- 117 Clubs as of 09/06/2017- 7 Clubs are waiting on the Background Checks to be confirmed
- 128 Clubs in 2016

News & Notes

- Facebook has been a great resource for distributing information,
 - 1315 Friends, 311 Likes, 851 Twitter Followers
- We are looking into Run, Jump, Throw indoor Clinics for the Winter of 2017/18
- We had a USATF NJ Member information Table at the NJSIAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, and added 33 new High School members. We will also have a Member information table at the Cross Country Meet of Champs in November
- Annual Awards banquet will be held on Saturday, 1/20/18 same time and location, Pines Manor in Edison, NJ

Delegates:

Robby Andrews, Wayne Baker, Madeline Bost, Joe Compagni, Elliott Denman, Pam Fales, Chris Faraone, David Friedman, Ed Koch, Terry Mullane, Jane Parks, William Pollinger, Roger Price, Jennifer Simpson, Reno Stirrat, Claire Tafelski, Ben Teixeira, Mark Williams

Alternates:

Olivia Baker, Andrew Boyajian, Debbie Brathwaite, Donald Cabral, Frank Collins, Kara Collins, Albert Essilfie, Bruce Fabrikant, Ashley Higginson, Cora Koch, Jason Lattimore, McGinn Shannon, Sydney McLaughlin, Aysha Mirza, Josiah Novak, Ron Salvio, Anthony San Filippo, Wayne Smith, Phyllis Smith, Dave Talcott, Erin Taylor-Talcott, Mike Walters

USATF-NJ LDR Committee General Meeting Report September 13, 2017

The LDR sport Committee had our last meeting May 18, 2017. Our Next meeting will be 7PM Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Madison Area YMCA, 111 Kings Road, Madison, NJ.

- The May meeting elected the LDR Sport Committee which took office on July 1, 2017. The LDR Committee expanded with the inclusion MUT and Cross Country Chairs and vice Chairs. With the exception of the LDR Division Chair and the Masters vice Chair all positions have newly elected members. The eleven LDR sports committee members are in eight different USATF NJ Clubs.
- In 2017 the LDR Committee tried several new initiatives in our Grand Prix.
 - The Weekend of March 25/26 we had a kickoff weekend with three 700 point category 3 events in the South, Central and North of the state.
 - We had the President's Cup 5k in June as a Coed Team Championship. This was a Team event separate from the Team Grand Prix. The September meeting will review this to see if it is something that we want to continue in the future.
 - The Shades of Death Half Marathon on October 8th will be a 500/700 point Wild Card Event again this year.
- We have had the following Championships in 2017 Indian Trails 20k Clinton Country Run 15k Newport 10k Fred D'Ellia 10k New Milford 5k Fitzgeralds Lager Run 5k Midland Mile The 5km Cross Country Championship in Natirar Park
- Remaining Championships in 2017 (All Divisions unless noted) Newport Liberty Half Marathon, September 17th Little Silver 5k, Women's Championship, October 1st The 8km Cross Country Championship, Deerpath Park, October 22nd Giralda Farms 5k, Masters Men's, November 12th Ashenfelter 8k

- This year we have had USATF Officials at all of our Championship Events.
 - The LDR Committee has sent out seven surveys to our members with regard to our championships and events in 2017. We have had over 2,000 responses to all the surveys to date. This data will be reviewed and we should have good feedback from our members on our events.
 - The LDR committee has also been keeping a year to year analysis of the Championships to review participation rates of the teams. (attachment)
 - The LDR Championship Bid form is being finalized and will be posted shortly.
- Edward Neighbour, LDR Division Chair

Track & Field Report

David Friedman

New Jersey Track & Field had another very successful outdoor season this year. The Open & Masters Championships were held at The Peddie School in Hightstown on June 16th & June 17th, the USATF-NJ Junior Olympic meet was held on Sunday 6/11 in Plainfield and The NJ International meet was also at the Peddie School on 7/1. Going forward having these 3 meets close together or in succession Terry suggested the idea of having a “Track Week” type of flow to keep interest going. There was the usual series of meets put on by the New Jersey Striders, The Shore A C and The Millville Track Club also put on a series. And the season isn’t over yet as there is a field event series coming up in September and October at Christen Brothers Academy in Lincroft and information can be found on Associations Track & Field calendar. Because of the difficulty finding a site for the steeplechase for the State meet that event was held in conjunction with a meet right here at Monmouth University on June 14th with 9 athletes competing.

Because the hammer requires an ultra safe and strict venue we weren’t able to have the event this summer but will be back here at Monmouth on 10/1 for that event.

We had many of our state’s athletes open and masters athletes compete on the national and international level this summer with great results by Harry Nolan and Tony Plaster in New Zealand, Mark Williams and Michael Kish in Canada and Neni Lewis setting 3 American records in the weight, super weight, and ultra-weight event.

Robbie Andrews and Erin Talcott competed in London at the World Championships and native New Jerseyite Ajee Wilson set an American record in the 800 this year and medaled in London. The track and field committee had 2 meetings since our last general meeting with another one scheduled for Thursday October 12th at the Madison Area YMCA. You are all invited to attend that meeting as we are very excited to announce that we are in the process of planning our State indoor meet to be held at the Ocean Breeze facility in Staten Island in February, in conjunction with the USATF-NY indoor meet. We are hashing out the details with the NY Association to possibly have a dual meet between the two associations. Having this meet set up this far in advance should help to make it a very successful and well attended event and hopefully set the stage for more inter-association events.

Ron Salvio - RACE WALK REPORT 9/13/17

7 Association Championships were/are being held in 2017 and will again be held in 2018. (3k track indoor; 5k and 1 hour track outdoor; 5k, 10k 15k and 20k roads).

On April 2017 New Jersey (Freehold Area Running Club) hosted the National Masters 20k Champs. and in July New Jersey (Shore A.C.) hosted the National Open 10k Champs. We still have National Masters 20k Champs. awarded for 2018 and will be considering bidding on the staging of additional National Open and Masters Championships for 2018 through 2020.

Dates remaining for this year are:

Sept 17 (Sun) NJ Open and Masters 15k, Whiting 10:00am (FARC)

Nov 12 (Sun) NJ Open and Masters 5k, Whiting 10:00am (FARC)

Individually and Team wise our Association has been a dominating force on the national level at all the National Championships conducted across the country highlighted by our Erin Taylor-Talcott and Susan Randall comprising 2/3rds of Team USA at the inaugural Women's 50k IAAF World Championships in early August over in London.

Most important issues to be addressed:

- A. Increasing participation
- B. Lack of certified judges
- C. Loss of youth/JO walkers reaching High School

New Programs:

We have instituted use of "pit Lane" at events to encourage new walkers and training for our Junior/Youth walkers.

We have purchased racewalknj.com but need a web designer and or web master to help.

A R/W budget has been approved for the first time for 2017

Committee meeting date(s) and site(s) to be announced soon.

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Youth Committee-

- **Youth Association Meet was held on Sunday, 6/11/2017 at the Plainfield High School Track & Field Facility in Plainfield**
- **For the first time, the meet was split up. On 6/11/2017, we held events for the age group 14- Under.**
- **The age group 15-18 year olds competed with the Open & Masters on Saturday, 6/17/2017, in the Association Open & Masters Track & Field Championship**
- **This proved to be a big success and we will continue to follow this schedule. The generated enthusiasm at this meet was a huge.**

New Business-

- **The Association Youth Cross Country Championship will take place on 11/5/2017, at the Deer Path Park in Flemington**
- **Moving forward, in 2018, we will host one or two Developmental Meets at the Indoor Facility in Toms River,**
- **The USATF Indoor Youth Championships are tentatively scheduled for March at the Ocean Breeze Complex on Staten Island. More information to follow**

- **The USATF Region 2 Youth Junior Olympic Outdoor Championships will be held in New Jersey in July, 2018. We are looking at three possible locations, The College of New Jersey, Rowan University, or Stockton University. More information to follow**