

USATF-NJ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:30pm

Location: Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St, Westfield, NJ

Sign in sheet in lieu of roll call

Ralph Warrick, Kevin McKnight, Lisa Newby, Edward Neighbour, Christine Prorock-Rogers, Michael Renn, Wayne Baker, Wendy Alvarez, Pam Fales, Terry Mullane, Ralph Corniff, Walter Gibbons, Jennifer Simpson, Aysha Mirza, Xavier Smith, Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Tia Livingston

Review of the minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2023 General Membership Meeting.

Financial Report

The Financial Report given by Ed Neighbour is attached.

President's Report

President Jennifer Simpson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending to the first in-person membership meeting since 2020. She mentioned that the plan is to try to alternate in-person and Zoom General Membership Meetings. Jennifer also mentioned the elections today and that all elected will need to be 3-part compliant: USATF membership, attend Safe Sport training and pass the background check before taking office on July 1st. She mentioned the Grow to Impact grant that we applied for and received. Our application focused on attracting more youth and open members. Suggestions on how to reach those high school and college athletes were discussed. Jennifer said all ideas are welcome and will be considered.

Administrative Report

The Administrative Report given by Terry Mullane is attached.

Sport Committee Reports:

Long Distance Running

The LDR Report given by Ed Neighbour is attached.

Track and Field

The Track and Field committee report provided by Dave Friedman and read to attendees by Terry Mullane is attached.

Race Walk

The Race Walk committee report provided by Ron Salvio and read to attendees by Michael Renn is attached.

Youth

The Youth committee report was given by Kevin McKnight, Youth Committee Vice Chair.

Officials Committee Report

Kevin McKnight, Officials Committee Chair, covered the officials report. Kevin mentioned that the committee has continued to grow. In January 2022 there were 28 USATF-NJ certified offices and now

there are 125. Kevin asked about the officials pay increase and said he would submit a new proposal.

Elections

Board of Directors Elections were held with the following results:

- At-Large 2 – Christopher Rinaldi was elected by acclamation into his first term. Chris was previously appointed into the position, which does not count as a term
- College Coach – Sean Robinson was elected by acclamation into his first term. Sean was previously appointed into the position, which does not count as a term
- Athlete 1 – Aysha Mirza was elected by acclamation into her first term.
- Club Coach – Wayne Baker was elected by acclamation, with one opposing vote, into his first term.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Bylaw revisions did not get posted onto the NJ website for over 30 days, as required so those revisions will be voted on at the September General Membership Meeting.

Phyllis Smith-Livingston suggested that our championship events be posted much earlier than they have been in the past. We continuously compete against events in nearby associations, high schools, etc., that get their calendars out much sooner.

Phyllis also suggested that we get the award recipient lists out as early as the sport concludes and set an earlier deadline to register for the banquet. This would spread out the work so Terry doesn't have to do it in such a short amount of time and it gives athletes and parents a chance to plan to attend and perhaps put ads in the booklet.

Meeting Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes taken by Pam Fales, Secretary, USATF-NJ