



**LDR Meeting**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**

**I. Attendees preregistered for call.**

**II. 2022 Championships held to date. Comments?**

- 03/20/22 Spring Distance Classic 15K All Divisions (773 finishers 5k/15k)
  - Event Gave out shirts from both last years cancelled race and this year.
  - While event used Swamp Devil course, the race improved pre and post event amenities in terms of parking, event start and finish by utilizing the road and having it closed.
  - Course could have benefitted by additional water stop towards the end of race. Noted this may have been COVID related with less volunteers in 2022.
- 04/03/22 Essex County Cherry Blossom 10K Open Men & Women (1210 finishers)
  - Since event just has awards pickup rather than announcing awards there was some confusion.
  - LDR Committee should consider being present at the table to assist.
- 05/15/22 Superhero Half Marathon All Divisions (827 finishers)
  - Event was well organized.
  - The EMS rapid response to an issue at the race was noted.
- 06/12/22 Fitzgerald's Lager Run 5K Open Men (1088 Finishers)
  - This event is perennially one of our USATF-NJ members favorite events/Championships.
- 06/18/22 Red Bank Classic 5K Masters Women (1056 finishers)
  - There was a delay in getting the prize money issued for the USATF-NJ women. The is was issued late October.
  - The start of the race this year was moved to a narrower street which crowded the start with a quick turn not to far from the starting line. With all the participants it was noted that this was a hazard. Event used to start on Broad Street.
  - Post race events advertised did not appear to have occurred. Brewery etc.
- 07/16/22 Big Bang Mile All Divisions (207 finishers)
  - Race has good course, plenty of parking and is easy to get to.
  - Race start was in morning in 2021 there were some that commented that they liked the morning start vs 2022 afternoon start.
  - Afternoon start was thought to help possible issues with summer weekend morning shore traffic.
  - The venues restaurants were closing as the races ended so the opportunity to get food there was lost.
  - The event was a month later than 2021. The event did see a drop off in attendance this year.
  - Event is USATF-NJ heavy. Community involvement would help growth.
- 08/28/22 USATF-NJ 5K XC Championship All Divisions Championship (140 finishers)
  - First XC championship since COVID.
  - Good team participation.

- 09/18/22 By Hook or By Crook 12K All Divisions/ USATF Masters 12K Championships (324 finishers)
  - Set another USATF Masters Championship attendance record.
  - Race day was hot vs 2021's ideal conditions with record setting performances.
  - There were 11 EMS response issues.
  - USATFNJ had a meeting with NPS to review and improve event. Move 2023 start time to 9:00am, add bicycle to course to troubleshoot unforeseen issues.
  - Have a water station subcommittee to manage the water.
  - 2023 Event September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Look at ways to adjust points for Grand Prix such as raise the floor from 200 to 300 or go to 800 point event (Like Newport Half when there was a Club Championship Sponsor)
- 9/25/22 Steeplechase Distance Run 10K Masters Men & Women (409 finishers both races)
  - Race was organized for a first year championship.
  - Good Course FOR 10K.
  - Steeplechase is bidding for 2023 Championship status.
- 10/02/22 Little Silver 5K Open Women (536 finishers)
  - While weather did not cooperate the event is well organized and has a good course.
  - There were concerns raised that the cost for registering is high for a 5k. The event also charged for the post race party which had been complimentary for USATF members in previous years.

### III. 2022 Championships remaining

- 11/06/22 New Jersey 8K/6K XC Championship USATF- NJ All Divisions Championship
  - Race is moving start time to earlier since there were older masters men in 70s and 80s competing.
  - There was concerns raised that the event did not follow the Grand Prix agreement in terms of giving the USATF discount. Race did match our 5k pricing but they should have followed requirements since it gives our members a feeling that they are not getting what has been promised.
  - Timing company was contacted to review requirements for scoring and teams.
- 11/12/22 Harrington Park 5K Spectacular Masters Men
- 11/24/22 Ashenfelter 8K Classic All Divisions

### IV. 2023 Grand Prix Championships

- Paul Miller returning sponsor
- Bids are open for races wishing to apply.
- Bids due December 2, 2022

### V. COED Team Series 2022

- Four Races score best three of four events.
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> Garden State 10 Mile (630 all events)
    - Timing company did not score event for COED Team. Fell on Association to determine.
  - May 30<sup>th</sup>, Ridgewood 10k (1425 finishers 10k/5k)
    - No issues with COED Team scoring event well organized.
  - Asbury Park 5k (1091 finishers)
    - Last minute long registration lines delayed start of event.
    - Well run race, good course, great weather for August this year
  - East Brunswick 12k(198 finishers 5k/12k)

### VI. Old Business

- MUT series. The February event was held but due to unforeseen circumstances the fall and December events were cancelled.
- Looking toward Chimney Rock 5 mile.

- Discussed if there was a national grant from National for Membership in 2023 that we develop a program to encourage MUT as a way to grow members.
- Discussed getting list with race director contacts of 2022 MUT events that sanctioned to be more proactive with collaborating with events to grow MUT.

## **VII. New Business**

- 2022 Awards Banquet scheduled for Sunday January 29, 2023 12-4PM
- Jersey City Marathon in April.
  - Currently has about 2,000 registrations.
- Discuss ways to get more events into the Grand Prix.
- Proactive with race directors when they sanction, send out benefits of being in the Grand Prix.
- Proactive with email blasts.
- Interest in Mini Winter Series to kick off 2023 January-March?
  - Discussion of coming up with a kick off to 2023.

## **VIII. Adjourn**