

USATF-NJ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2025, 7:00pm

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

Sign in sheet in lieu of roll call

Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Tia Livingston, Ron Salvio, Cathy Salvio, Debi Brathwaite, Eva Fisher, Ed Neighbour, Jennifer Simpson, Terry Mullane, Liz Castillo, Wayne Baker, Ralph Corniffe, Nancy Freundlich, Erik Renn, Ryan Rogers, Cassandra Raia, Kim Kennan-Kirkpatrick, Michael Renn, Christopher Rinaldi, Nirav Shah, Aysha Mirza, Pam Fales

Review of the minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the September 2024 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. It is nice to see new faces at ending this meeting. Jennifer mentioned that we are looking for additional folks to get involved. USATF-NJ needs to do a better job of highlighting our offerings. Jennifer also stated that we have some great leaders on the officials committee; our meets are going very smoothly.

Administrative Report

The Administrative Report given by Terry Mullane is attached. As a follow-up to Terry's report, Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick suggested we host a Coaches Ed class when the college coaches could attend.

Youth

The Youth committee report was given by Terry Mullane as well and is attached.

Sport Committee Reports:

Race Walk

The Race Walk committee report given by Ron Salvio and is attached. Ron stressed that the RW committee needs help with officials; Chris Rinaldi offered to help get the 2 mile championships and to officiate.

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.

Officials Committee Report

Tia Livingston, Officials Certification Chair, covered the officials report. Tia mentioned that the committee has continued to grow with 93 fully certified officials and 50 in process. Due date is March 31st. Tia also mentioned that there are 10 new under age 25 officials as the officials committee is recruiting at the collegiate meets. Phyllis Livingston-Smith said a grant for \$1000 was submitted and provided to help Erik Renn with Technical Manager skills. Aysha Mirza also mentioned that any official under 40 years old can apply for a new officials grant that aids them in going to a national championship. Tia also mentioned that there will be a Para Olympic officials test on May 3rd.

Elections

Board of Directors Elections were held with the following results:

- High School Coach – Lori Kilmurray was elected by acclamation into her first term.
- Athlete 3 – Tia Livingston was re-elected by acclamation into her second term.
- Athlete 2 – Liz Castile was elected by acclamation into her first term.
- At-Large 1 – Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick was elected by acclamation into her first term.

The board also appointed Cassandra Raia to the open LDR Women's Vice Chair position.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Safe Sport Updates – Christine Prorock-Rogers reminded everyone that the Safe Sport program is a federally mandated program for athlete protection. All National Governing Bodies (NGBs) must follow the same rules. The Safe Sport program is confidential from start to finish. The number one complaint within the Safe Sport program is adult vs. adult. Lately, the Safe Sport focus has been on club compliance. All club leaders, coaches and captains must be compliant. There is gray area in regards to volunteers and if a sanctioned series counts as one event or multiple. More to come on that. USATF-NJ was the first association to undergo a Safe Sport audit. The audit went well with the association leaders and the Safe Sport representatives on site all learning more about the Safe Sport process and ways to implement it.

In other new business, it was noted that Nathaniel Finestone, our oldest LDR competitor has just turned 96. Sadly it was also reported that the slightly younger Arch Seamans has passed away.

Meeting Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Minutes taken by Pam Fales, Secretary, USATF-NJ