

MINUTES OF THE USATF-NIAGAR ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Board Members Present: David Reinhardt; Terry Eason; Kathy McLymond; Perry Jenkins; Demetrius Bennett; Melissa Senall; Bill Quinlisk; and Rob Liebers.

Non-Board Committee Chairs Present: Matt Merrill and Jim Glinsky.

Members: Brian C. Harris; Josephine Cross; Chuck Von Holtz; Bryan Kemmerer; Paul Kosek; Matt Buffum; and Fred Covelli.

- A. Minutes from 2014 Annual Meeting: Bill Quinlisk moved to accept the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- B. President's Report: David Reinhardt spoke and indicated that he is developing a good relationship with Max Siegel and sees Niagara being well aligned with the National Office. He indicated the Hershey's meet will now be known as the Hershey's Elite Meet. He commended Bill Quinlisk for his comprehensive Athlete of the Month program. He also commended Bill Quinlisk for his work with Andy Martin on our new website.
- C. Vice-President's Report: Bill Quinlisk reports that he is in the process of moving to Albany. He will be attending the Adirondack annual meeting and will be the Vice President for XC and LDR there. He checked with Karen Krsak and she said there is no residency requirement for officers and no restriction relative to serving as an officer in two associations. He related some interesting facts about Adirondack, to wit: they have a paid executive director; a paid secretary; a permanent office; and they do not give prize money. Bill reported that he is pleased with the new website and praised Andy Martin's skills and knowledge of USATF. Bill related that Micki Piscitelli of Syracuse Chargers will gladly serve as a delegate at the National Convention. Bill suggested that we get Kim Keenan Kirkpatrick involved. She is an assistant AD at Syracuse University. Bill indicated he is working with Andy Martin to get the Athlete of the Month on the website. Bill is trying to incorporate age-grades to try to compare performances across the different events. Bill suggested we send certificates to the athletes of the month, in particular the Youth, in order to build interest. He said we need a coordinator to make sure the Outdoor championships take place. He said the indoor championships are in great shape. He would like to see another indoor meet later in the season and suggested possible venues as Brockport; Onondaga; Ithaca; Houghton; or Cornell.
- D. Vice-President Report: Chad Byler – Chad was not present. David Reinhardt thanked him for all of his efforts and particularly for setting up all of our phone conferences.
- E. Vice –President Report: Terry Eason – Terry did not have anything to report.

- F. Secretary Report: Rob Liebers reported that we received full accreditation for the year and that we should probably hire counsel to work on the By-Laws as it is a very big project.
- G. Treasurer Report: Melissa Senall submitted a detailed written report. The current cash balance is \$85,285.
- H. Membership: Jim Glinsky submitted a written report. He said we are down about 3 % but clubs are steady at 60. Some discussion ensued concerning “Coach O” and youth meets. David Reinhardt indicated National is reviewing proposals from “Coach O” and another provider. David reports that Zone 2 Youth Nationals will be at Ocean Breeze on Staten Island this year.
- I. Sanctions/Grants: Matt Merrill reported that we have had 275 sanctions and will likely go over 300. He indicates that 5 people have paid for us to do the sanctions. Online sanctions work well. Matt noted he had not moved forward with the grant but will follow up when we have a MUT chair.
- J. Officials: Kathy McLymond reports that we have 77 certified officials. Perry Jenkins says we are losing older officials and need to replace them with new ones but they will need to be paid. Bill Quinlisk added that we paid officials at the indoor meet. We should look at establishing a pay scale. Kathy McLymond added that they are paid \$100 per day at National Championships. David Reinhardt indicated there will be a session on recruitment and retention of volunteers at the Associations Workshop. There was further discussion about an officials clinic.
- K. LDR: Bill Quinlisk thinks XC should be a separate committee. He thought our 10K had a good field and the 5K a great field. He reported that the committee voted not to award a half-marathon championship. He said that Medved did not give enough support at the 10K. He said that Syracuse Mountain Goat 10 miler would like to be a championship. He suggests the Committee approach races to see if they would bid. He suggests masters championships go along with the open championships for the ease of organization.
- L. XC- Mike Reif was not present.
- M. Track and Field: Perry Jenkins reported that we need to get the outdoor meet squared away. He thinks we should combine our meets. Terry Eason concurred.
- N. Youth: Demetrius Bennett reported that it was a good season with many All-Americans. He indicated we have some new clubs as well.
- O. Awards: Kathy McLymond awarded the Community Service Award to Louann Tierney and Brian Kemmerer. Perry Jenkins awarded the Official of the Year to Jo Cross.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Equipment Inventory: David Reinhardt requested that a comprehensive list of equipment and its location be created. Matt Merrill indicated that he had most of the equipment.
- B. Developmental Grants: David Reinhardt requested that Terry Eason and Demetrius Bennett submit a grant application.

- C. By-Laws: David Reinhardt requested Terry Eason, Matt Merrill and Rob Liebers to work on revising the by-laws.
- D. Investment Policy: David Reinhardt indicated that he will be getting back to work on the investment policy.
- E. Athlete of the Month: Bill Quinlisk reports that it is going well. He is trying to use age grades to compare performances and he believes the age grade tables should be updated. He suggests giving out the awards at the indoor championship meet. He suggests the award year be from the weekend after the national convention until the weekend after the next year's convention. He suggests the categories for awards be open male; open female; youth boy; youth girl; masters men; and masters women. Bill Quinlisk moved for the adoption of the awards as outlined. Perry Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- F. USATF NY Games: David Reinhardt reported that he had discussed with Lauren Primerano of the New York Association a meet between the New York Associations. He is trying to pick a date for a summer outdoor meet. Matt Merrill, Kathy McLymond and Brian Harris volunteered to be on a committee. Bill Quinlisk added that the concept might work for XC and Indoor as well.
- G. Championship Bids: Matt Merrill reported that they are working on a bid form for our association championships.
- H. Website: David Reinhardt reported that Andy Martin is working on combining the old domain into the new one and eventually closing out the old one.
- I. Niagara Hall of Fame: David Reinhardt reported that the banquet was cancelled and has not been rescheduled. He will request our sponsorship money back.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Annual Meeting: David Reinhardt reports that the Annual Meeting will be from Dec. 2- Dec. 6. Youth and Association workshops will be on 12/2. He also reported that the National office is very conscious of branding and the proper use of logos in promotional materials.
- B. USATF Championship Coordinator stipend: Bill Quinlisk moved that we establish a coordinator position with responsibilities to set dates; contact race directors; work on Niagara branding; and all logistics for championships; and that the position be paid \$500 for LDR (road races and xc) and \$500 for track (indoor and outdoor) with a precise job description to be determined. This was seconded by Paul Kosek. The motion was approved unanimously.
- C. National JO's: Perry Jenkins reports that he would like to bid for the National JO's to be held at UB in 2018. Terry Eason moved that we establish a committee to work on developing a bid for the 2018 National JO's. Perry Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- D. Election: The slate of David Reinhardt – President: Bill Quinlisk – First VP; Terry Eason – 2nd VP; Rob Liebers – Secretary; and Melissa Senall – Treasurer was nominated. Terry Eason seconded. A secret ballot election was held for the

Masters Track Chair – the vote was 16 – 1 in favor of Brian Harris over Lawrence Guilford.

- E. National Delegates: Bill Quinlisk; David Reinhardt; Micki Piscitelli; Kathy Mclymond; Matt Merrill; Terry Eason; Brian Harris; Perry Jenkins and Demetrius Bennett were nominated to attend the National convention.
- F. Motion to adjourn: Rob Liebers moved to adjourn and Perry Jenkins seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.