

Sunday August 14, 2022

Meeting minutes of the Fall meeting of the Wisconsin Association of USATF, held at Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The Fall meeting was called to order by President Al Fuller at 1:15pm. In attendance were the following: Al Fuller, Matt DeWitt, Lisa Bruening, Stan Druckrey, Mary Stroud, Tom Willis, Patrick Pretty, Marlon Pitchford, Jim Hanke, Bill Haury, Dave Nickels, Dave Anderson. Zoom did not work.

Motion to approve Spring meeting minutes. Nickels/Bruening Approved

**Officers Reports:** (No V-President report.)

Treasurer-Tom Willis passed out 2 handouts on Revenue ( net=\$8,735.19) and total Equity (\$160,059.58). Total equipment was estimated at \$60, 249.02 which we will look at later in the meeting regarding property insurance.

Secretary report-we have 39 active clubs, several of which are pole vault clubs or meet management clubs. So far for 2022, we have issued 51 sanctions. Also looked ahead to 2022 USATF convention to be held in Orlando-those interested in attending: Dave Nickels, Lisa Bruening, Al Fuller, Patrick Pretty, Stan Druckrey, Kevin FitzPatrick, Peter Henkes, Roy Pirrung, Bill Haury, Marlon Pitchford and Jim Hanke. We have passed the Accreditation information on. Need more sanctions and membership.

President report-Applied for \$5,000 grant money for several projects including two meets-one at South Milwaukee and the other will now be the Throwers meet held at WLC. Apply again in 2023 is encouraged.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

LDR, XC-Peter Henkes.He has stepped down as the UW Parkside meet manager-new person is Bo Brasseur. Update on site for the USATF WI Fall XC meet on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He recommended Thomas Breitbach to replace him as the LDR,XC contact. (Thomas has accepted this position) Motion by Peter/Dave Nickels to raise the TOP 2 LDR award fees to \$1,000. Each(M/F) Passed 12-0

Membership/RW-Matt DeWitt- we have 795 total with 424 youth and 371 adult compared to 2021 of a total of 605. Had some outstanding performances by Alicia Monson-10K and Rosin Willis-U-20 meet ran a 1:59.13 800 meters. Talked about the Throwers meet-around 8-9 youth and 30+ masters athletes. Good for the first time for a meet like this.

Masters-Stan Druckrey-Outdoor meet at Lexington was OK-clerking was suspect. In 2023 looking to Louisville for Indoor –March 10-12 and Greensboro in 2023 July 20-23 for the Outdoor.

Youth-Regional 8 meet in Minnesota was held at a high school with steeple & hammer at a local college.

Numbers were Iowa 177 athletes, Minnesota 394 athletes, Nebraska 306 athletes, Dakotas 97 athletes and Wisconsin 44 athletes =1,018 total athletes entered. Wisconsin to host in 2023.

Officials/Mens T-F. Dave Nickels-we have at present 58 certified officials. Seeking more and also looking at those who are deserving of the 7 National Awards awarded by the NOC at convention. Lisa and Pat are currently on the list for one of these. Men's track had Olin Hacker win the NCAA 5k, with Zach Zeimick taking Bronze in the WC decathlon and Kenny Beznarek Silver.

Combined Events-Patrick Pretty-Association entries were low and JO national meet entries were also low in numbers-expect a big drop in scores for 15-16 boys and girls as well as 11-12 boys and girls. The numbers and quality were just not present at the meet.

WEB-Marlon is looking at putting up a \_\_\_\_\_ official or/and athlete of the month. Looking a separate flyers for the Youth from the Open/Masters & Para meets.

MUT-coming back strong with Fall 50, Birkie Trail and 100k/50k runs. Also Marathon numbers are up.

IPC-Lisa. A lot of events with GLASA and National Meets. USATF now allowing seated and ambulatory to compete in 4 events including the 100, 200, 400 and shot put. JR. Nationals to be held In Colorado, . Move United is now the governing body for IPC. Also, Para Nationals will now be open to teens as well as the 22+ grouping. Finally-IPC looking for more officials to be certified to work the 28 LA games. ADDITIONAL-Dairyland Games grant proposal. There will be a Level 3 WA NTO class on December 8-11 at Colorado Springs looking at LA in 2028. Motion by Pat/Hanke to approve \$500 for Lisa Bruening to attend the L3 WA NTO workshop in Colorado Springs. Passed 12-0

BY-LAWS-Mary .Discus and review the current situation with board present regarding elections. After good discussion, a motion by Pitchford/Haury to keep board as is until the Fall of 2024. Also keeping Jay Preston the on board. Passed 11-0-2.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

XC meet- needs a meet director. Tom will be needing someone to answer the phone calls while he will set up meet. Peter-can do chips on site, day of meet entry allowed for 2x fee. Indoor- at Carthage on 2.5.23, current price for facility is \$3,300.00. Sanction fee for S. Milwaukee meet was \$200.00

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Convention –usually we set \$6,000 as the limit for funding. However, with higher costs for travel, hotels, and rental cars, look at raising the limit. Discussion ensued. Motion by Fuller/Pitchford to raise the limit to \$8,000, with a \$1,000 limit to the Board members and the rest to be split up with those attending as association representatives. Passed 12-0

Equipment discussion. Discussion on the use of the USATF equipment and Lasam's and Lexia's at the WIAA state meet-costs of travel, housing and qualified operators to run the equipment.

Motion by Henkes/Druckrey NOT to have our lasam,s work at the WIAA state meet for the current season. TABLED after learning our President had already signed the WIAA contract . Motion by

Stroud/Pitchford to authorize our President/Board to approach the WIAA to- re-negotiate the current WIAA partnership agreement. Passed 12-0

JO Regional meet. Since we are scheduled to host the Region 8 Junior Olympic meet, discussion on some items began with site selection and workers and officials. Current dates are July 6-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This year's meet had @1,000 athletes attend. Then sites were discussed-including WLC and Carroll and St. Norbert's. The discussion on bringing back for local clubs to our meets, participation and other items. The aaU National meet is in Des Moines for 2023 while the USATF JO meet is in Eugene! Motion was made to approach WLC to host both the Association meet ( 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend June 15-18) and the Region 8 meet ( July 6-9) in 2023. Haury/ Pitchford Passed 12-0.

Property Insurance. Mary Stroud lead a discussion on obtaining insurance for the trailer, our equipment and storage. We have @\$60,000 worth of equipment with the trailer @\$3,000, along with \$37,000 worth of electronic equipment that has to be stored indoors, and \$20,000 of miscellaneous meet equipment stored in the trailer. Since we move it around it is called "inland marine" insurance due to movement of equipment to various sites and meets. American Family would have to seek an outside broker to cover. \$500 deductible, with a \$791 premium, to be paid asap. This is our first quote with more to come.

UPDATES- the 2026 World XC will be held in Tallahassee, Florida. National Office once again has a lot of changes-besides phone numbers-and is at times a mess. New contacts for officials and sanctions.

Mary and Tom are stepping back from some of their duties but will assist with some basic Association needs. Mary will assist with taxes, filings and USATF info while Tom will do entries and consult but no phone calls. Tom and Mary then stressed the need for a meet director for the Regional meet. Work to begin asap. We need to look at bringing back clubs into group, get workers, volunteers, etc. Note that WLC has not yet hired a Head M/W Track coach for the 2022-23 season.