

**USATF Connecticut
Meeting April 11, 2018
Minutes**

In Attendance: Bob Fontaine, Peter Hawley, Ron Daniels, Bob Gemske, Jim Barber, Yvonne Grimes, Rick Hammer, Deb Petruzzello, Major Ruth

I. Minutes from February 13, 2018

Motion to approve by Morgan, 2nd by Jim, Vote: Passes (Unanimous)

II. Reports

• **President**

- Accreditation – USATF questioned Bob’s attendance of Annual Meeting, but he had documentation, and as a result we seem to be in line for accreditation.
- LDR Chair position – Peter Hawley has asked to fill this role, and Bob Fontaine has approved this in lieu of a new chair.
- Money owed National – Debts have been resolved, and we received a check for \$500

- **Treasurer** – 2nd signer was already present, so that is resolved. Paid a couple annual meetings and \$10,000 to national, we are currently at \$21,324. There is another \$2,400 headed out. There will be funds coming in from JO and other items, but also a cost on the horizon of approximately \$3,000.

- **Membership** as of 4/10/2018 we are at 1765. Last year at this time, 1727 – There are also 2 new clubs – one in Norwalk and one in Bloomfield.

• **Standing Committees**

- **Officials** – There are a lot of requests for officials coming in. There are a few officials that will work during the week. Otherwise it tends to run the officials thin, as there are a number of state meets which on the same date. When the clinic is held, they want to be specific that they want Pole Vault, Flag, and other understaffed areas.
- **Sanctions** – We are about where we were last year. He wants to deposit the checks electronically, but Bob Gemske wants a paper trail if there is a check.
- **Website** – DNS issue was resolved
- **Masters Track and Field** – Masters are looking for a facility. Bethel is a candidate, but the Masters would like a hammer cage, which they would need to do 10-15 minutes away in Danbury. Manchester charges for minutia, Bethel/Danbury option does not incur the same financial cost. Litchfield would also be an option. Southern CT may also be an option, as they have a large number of requirements but have relatively low costs. Consensus is that this

meet should have a fixed date and place so that it can be grown in attendance numbers, and that people can begin to plan around it in the future.

- **Open/Masters LDR / Mountain, Ultra, and Trail** – 2 Road championships and 1 MUT race have been completed so far. They were the PLR 5K on March 4th, Bolton 5 Mile on March 11th, and Finally Spring 5k (MUT) on April 7th. 6 Club teams attended the Road races and 3 Club teams attended Discussion on what we will do for the Cup Race, and can it be blended with the Member's Only race. We would like to avoid losing the \$1,500 member's only grant. The potential to combine this with the Cup race or how we would like to handle these separate races. The next LDR meeting date hasn't been determined yet.
- **Race Walk** – 4 CT Racewalkers won gold at the Baltimore Competition.
- **Youth** – Reported that the safe sport policy changes will make it very difficult to find volunteers and staff to run the youth meets.

III. Old Business

- **Safe Sport** – Max has sent out a letter saying that violators of the Safe Sport requirements will result in being placed on a list. All adults, paid or volunteers, will need to be put through Safe Sport (requires being a USATF member). Safe sport policies and procedures apply to all sanctioned events. Fines and sanctions against the associations in violation will be 'recommended.' National office is entrenched in this position, and there is no flexibility on the subject.

The next action item is determining how we will get through this year's JO meet. The thought is to enter Dave Driscoll's staff who will be at the JOs as USATF members, and they go through the Safe Sport background check. There needs to be enough staff to run all the events at appropriate times, and this needs to be in the event report. Question about how they would like the standards to be monitored, and how outside trainers would interact with this since they are not part of a meet but are present at the meet and interacting with youth.

Bob will follow up with Dave and Yvonne on this topic to be ready for JOs.

IV. New Business.

- **Outdoor Open/Masters Championship** – Potential date of July 21st.
- **Junior Olympic meet** – June 16 Litchfield High School – See discussion on safe sport.

The Next Meeting will be May 9th, 2018

Motion to adjourn by Major, 2nd by Bob Fontaine, Vote: Passes (Unanimous)

Membership Verification Web Site

<https://www.usatf.org/membership/reports/events/index.asp>

Association Resource Page

<https://www.usatf.org/mgmt/assoc/forms.aspx>