

USATF MINUTES

5/11/2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

In attendance: Bob Fontaine, , Peter Hawley, Ken Platt, Joyce Baiardi, Morgan Kennedy, Patrick Byrne, Kristina Miner, Jim Barber, Brad Overturf, Bob Gemske, Bob Murdock, Sasha Benjamin, Major Ruth, Deb Petruzzello and Dave Driscoll.

Minutes from the April meeting – Patrick Byrne proposed the minutes be accepted as written and this was seconded by Brad Overturf. Passed unanimously by all present.

REPORTS

President- Bob Fontaine reported that registration for Open/Master's and JO meets were set up, He's working on bibs and medals. We will be changing from CoachO to Athletics.net.

Treasurer- Bob Gemske reported that our accounts have \$78,554.

Membership- Jim Barber stated that we have 1723 members, 417 master's 613 adults and 693 youth.

COMMITTEES

Officials- no report

Sanctions- no report

Website- Patrick Byrne stated that there has been a steady increase in the use of our site. Our social media pages need stories and pictures.

Master's T&F- Bob Fontaine stated that Middletown HS might be willing to host an event in the future. Deb Petruzzello said she would get a price to change the cage into a hammer cage. Patrick suggested looking into Manchester HS.

LDR- Bob stated that the postponement of the Middletown ½ Marathon had issues arise. We need to review our contracts by a lawyer. Also discussion followed regarding an LDR chair vs a CC chair. Bylaws need to be changed if that is to be done. More at our Sept meeting.

Master's LDR- Peter Hawley brought up the use of chip timing vs gun times. LDR to discuss at their next meeting. Bob Fontaine discussed an e-mail from Will Graustein about possibly using the Age vs Beauty race as out free club race. He thought the race is a joint venture by his timing company, Greystone, and USATF/CT. LDR will discuss this at their next meeting.

Racewalk- no report

Mountain/Ultra- Brad Overturf stated Bimble's Bluff 50K race info is on our website. The Norfolk Land Trust 10K on 9/25 could be offered as a USATF/CT member's only trail race championship. Dave Driscoll proposed budgeting \$700 for both races. Patrick Byrne seconded this and it was passed unanimously. Also \$600 for giveaways was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Open/Master's will be held on 6/4 at Bethel HS. On-line registration available. JO's will be 6/18 at Bethel HS. Age verification deadlines need to be posted.

July 10th will be our member's only Rose City/ USATF/CT 5K Challenge. Norwich police and Tatfield FD will provide support. Mohegan Striders donated \$250.

NEW BUSINESS

Kristina Miner proposed that we develop board position descriptions. It would make transitions easier for new members. She was willing to interview and/or edit our descriptions. Also proposed was a 10 question survey to see what members are looking for from us.

Nominations for CC races are being accepted until 5/13. On 5/18 LDR will vote on what races to accept. Jim Barber proposed creating a group to provide clinics for athletes. More discussion in future months. AAU- Major Ruth announced that the district championship will be in Bloomfield from 6/10-12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Next meeting- 9/14/16. Location TBD

Submitted by

Joyce Baiardi