

# USATF Connecticut Meeting May 15, 2019 Minutes

**Attendance:** Bob Fontaine, Brad Overturf, Dave Driscoll, Patrick Byrnes, Peter Hawley, Alan MacDougall, Ron Daniel, Jim Barber, Rick Hammer, Leeanne Gray, Morgan Kennedy, Sasha Benjamin

I. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2019  
Motion by Alan to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, motion passed.

## II. Reports

- President
  - Restricted Volunteer Waiver Program
    - Someone from our association needs to do webinars, and then we gain access to waivers from this program for the volunteers. Alan will watch the webinar for this to better understand. This is in lieu of hiring certified officials. We will make the effort to have more safe sport certified officials rather than waived volunteers.
  - Need for a Treasurer
    - What does this position look like?
    - Currently, we would like them to have a vision. We would also like them to be bonded.
  - New Clubs and Renewals must call National to make payment
    - The website for servicing club renewals is down. Patrick found it easier.
  - Level 1 Coaching School at Yale August 2-4
    - Dave Pulanski is the coordinator for this. Yale Coaching staff may or may not be aware as this program is put on through the national office.
  - National Office Finance department will be scheduling association reviews to begin later in 2019. They will be detailing the timing and requirements shortly.
    - There is one for the Eastern district of associations.
  - Bob is looking into general liability insurance as well as other ways of protecting the association in preparation for the September meeting.
- Treasurer
  - Checkbook Balance as of 5/13/19 \$10,253.87
  - Uncashed checks 2018 Grand Prix \$-4,574.00
  - Other uncashed checks \$- 680.00
  - *Balance as of 5/13/2019* \$ 4,999.87
- Membership 1844 as May 15 (last meeting was 1716)
  - Expect to see a membership jump ahead of the JO Meet.
- Standing Committees  
Officials

- Yvonne has been trying to staff all High School State Meets with Certified Officials. We do not publish Certified Officials information, instead we gather the opportunities for officials and publish those to the Certified Officials for them to contact Events.

#### Sanctions

- We are at or around the same number of sanctions compared to last year – Approx 60 events. All known races are caught up on paying their sanctions. Multi-discipline events and series races can sanctioned together.

#### Website

- We are accepting content. There are no ongoing projects, it is currently set up to receive and publish news as available.

#### Masters

- Deb has contacted MHS about a Master's T&F event.
- Manchester was a great venue.
- Bob is considering two meets – one for throws and one for running/field events.
- There is also consideration of combining the meet with NE Open/Masters meet. This presents some logistical problems and it does lower the number of competitive opportunities for our athletes.
- Bob and Jim are working on listing good dates for this to occur so that it doesn't conflict with other pre-existing events.
- Deb and Bob will work on facility planning.

#### Open/Masters LDR

- It there are an upcoming several races, only one has happened so far.
- CT Cup is taking the year off, will return as part of the racing series next year.

#### Race Walk

- 17 Copies of the Racewalk DVDs have come in.
- There will be a clinic held 5/26 at Bowen Field in New Haven at the conclusion of their track meet and 6/2 at Peters Track in Clinton. Open to all ages and levels. HS Athletes are free, adults are \$15.
- Leeanna Gray is working with 17 coaches who are interested include a RW program in their school. Her goal is to get CIAC on board with including it in competition at some level.
- Are working on getting more RW officials.
- Jim Barber recommended Arts & Ideas for distribution of this information in New Haven.

#### Mountain, Ultra, Trail

- Discussing a stripped down, 3 event XC series in the fall. There are also some late summer trail races coming up.

### III. Old Business

- Outdoor Open/Masters Championship
  - Considering having championship on 2 different days with throws at New Britain and running to be determined.
- JO Association Meet June 15<sup>th</sup> - Bethel
- JO Regional Meet is July 11<sup>th</sup> in Long Island, NY and the top 5 advance to nationals
- JO Nationals are July 23-29<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento

- USATF Youth Cross Country Camp
  - We are taking a one-year hiatus on offering this.
- Did not receive an Association Grant this year. Proposed the purchase of a portable AED.

IV. New Business

- July 21<sup>st</sup> – NACAC Meet in Toronto
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Litchfield Hills Road Race is the multi association event

V. Executive session if needed.

N/A

Motion to adjourn – Alan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan, motion passed.

Membership Verification Web Site

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

Association Resource Page

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