

**USATF Connecticut
Annual Meeting October 9, 2019
Minutes**

Attendance: Bob Fontaine, Peter Hawley, Morgan Kennedy, Ron Daniel, Dave Driscoll, Yvonne Grimes, Rick Hammer, Bill Mongovan, Alan MacDougal, Jim Barber, Deb Petruzzello, Thuy-Linh Phan, Brittany Telke, Marc Raby

I. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2019

Alan motioned to accept, Ron 2nd, motion passed

II. Elections – Two year term

All officers have offered to continue to serve if elected. There were no other nominations for these rolls.

Jim Barber motioned that officers be elected by acclimation. Alan 2nd, the motion passed on unanimous vote.

- Robert Fontaine recognized Patrick Byrnes for his years of service as the webmaster of USTAF, and in keeping our website continually in compliance with USTAF needs.

Committee Appointments

- o Thuy is asked to serve as the communication chair as it aligns with her social media role.
- o Alan moved that we accept the appointments as made, Deb 2nd, motioned passed unanimously.

III. Budget Session for 2019-2020 Including Treasure's Report

Tax year is now from January 1 – December 31 as is stated in our bylaws

*We are also making this change to align with the IRS documents from the revival of our non-profit status.

As of October 6 our account has a balance of \$14,396.76

Uncashed Checks \$ 300.00

Reconciled Balance \$ 14,096.76 * Edited from agenda

National owes us for September \$ 3,705.63 (deposit on Nov. 4)

Adjusted Balance with deposit \$ 17,802.39 *Edited from agenda

For determining our income standpoint, we have based it on a three-year performance.

Membership has grown, and it is expected that cashflow from it will increase by a few thousand dollars.

GRAND PRIX Road racing is going to income of \$1000 / race / year instead of the prior model.

- We have applied for a grant for a laser measuring device. We are awaiting results.
- Alan has explained that paper sanctions have our component paid to national, who returns it to us. As a result, the budgeted \$8,800 for sanctions is a number lower than the reality.
- Thinking for budget: we should keep numbers in their and not fund portions which are optional if funds are not available.
- Is a budget item needed for disabled athletes at Special Olympics? Yvonne has stated that our officials usually work the state games, but typically do not require funding. We do provide spots for athletes in races and advertising for them as well.

Alan has moved to accept the proposed budget as a guideline for 2019. Jim 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

III Reports

- President

- Bob applied for a grant for associations needing assistance to send members to national convention. We received it, it comes with strings attached which are noted separately on the grant.
- Annual meeting has moved associations workshop to Thursday instead of Wednesday and has eliminated a \$1,000 stipend that helped pay for annual convention in the past.
- Annual meeting representatives need to be chosen (8 people) by October 31st.
- We anticipate concluding business with a legal firm who will return an estimated \$2,000

- Membership

Current Membership 2423 as of 10/6 (Last Month was 2377)

The new number is 2429 as of 10/9/2019, increasing by five members. JO entries are beginning to come in, and with 140 more total, we equal the total of last year.

- Standing Committee Reports

Officials –

- Greg is going to cover Officials at convention. Advertising has begun for the Wesleyan session, DECEMBER 1st 2019. Officials are waiting for the verdict on the laser measure to come in, as it will be used as a clinic during the Wesleyan session.

Sanctions –

- We are on pace for 120 sanctions this year, which is projected to be consistent with the number of Sanctions from last year once duplicates are removed from this and last year's schedules.
- Sanctions are a listing of key elements of the race and include insurance for the race.

- Website – There is a need for new pictures on the website. Dave and Brittany will collaborate on some of them, but all groups should bring their pictures to her for a wide representation of athletics.

- Youth athletes will need a waiver.
- Brittany will investigate compliance with the national office's website requirements.
- Brittany would like to investigate some of the prior organizational complaints, and try to make the website organized so as to highlight the

Masters Track & Field

Open & Masters LDR –

- The next round of Grand Prix road races is being solicited, the due date for all races is 10/15/2019. Peter has sent out ticklers to numerous race directors.
- Peter would like to suggest that the CT Cup still be held at another race outside of the Grand Prix. There is a question of whether we should consider holding the CT Cup at one of these races, to spike participation even further. Peter will discuss with LDR.

Race Walk –

- No changes from last month.

- Ron and Maryanne will send the racewalk information to Brittany via her contact information on the USATF website.
- Ron and Maryanne have just returned from Doha, Qatar, where Maryanne was a racewalk official. He reports that the stadium was nearly totally enclosed with a small opening in the roof. He says that the presentation of events, including light shows and more, were incredible, and that they were letting spectators in for free to bolster numbers in the stands for the participants. For the racewalking events held outdoors, temps were tough but they opted for late night races. These were exceptionally well lit, and the courses were intended to be as favorable as possible.

Youth –

- There is a camp for youth athletes. We have sent two-three youth in the last few years, but only Colorado Springs is available this year, which carries a greater cost. The camp has a wide range of nutritional, medical, and other items they teach about.
- There was a CT person who was a swimming coach who had a history of being unsafe around children.

III. Old Business

- JO Cross Country November 10 at White Memorial in Litchfield
 - Entries on athletics.net are beginning to come in.
 - Safe sport volunteers may have to wear bracelets; Bob will provide if needed.
 - Request to better protect the finish line as it gets crowded by non-participants. Bob Fontaine and Dave Driscoll will work on this.
- Annual Meeting – Reno Nevada – 8 Delegates as required by National Office
 - Fontaine – Associations and Association Workshop, MUT, XC Council
 - Burnett - Officials
 - M. Daniel – Race Walking Committee
 - R. Daniel – Race Walk Rep
 - Benjamin – Women’s LDR and Masters LDR
 - Ruth – Youth and Men’s Track and Field
 - Mongovan – Youth
 - Barber – Women’s Track and Field & Master’s Track and Field
 - Need Coverage for Men’s LDR
 - This is the current list, although it is not set in stone. It needs to be finalized by 10 / 9 / 2019.
- Indoor Open/Masters February 9 in New Haven – On National Calendar
- Outdoor JO June 20 and Open Masters June 28 meets @ Bethel

IV. New Business

- There was a membership updating issue that was a problem on the previous national website. There was a work around, but this ceases to work right now while the national office revamps their website. Once the new website is up, this issue is one of the items believed to be addressed.
- Bob spoke with a commercial liability insurance company. This is in the context of the Wesleyan injury lawsuit. This would be to cover injuries, lawsuits, and other items which are not easily articulated. Rick suggested that we speak with someone who

specializes in sports and event insurance, as they would be more understanding of our needs. The idea is to explore further before proposing a policy to the board.

- Affirmation/Revisions of Bylaws
 - Peter and Bob are working on revisions to the bylaws to be proposed to the organization. Currently they have a 30pg document from National's 60pages.
 - Alan moved to acknowledge that we follow the bylaws, Bill Mongovan 2nd, motion passed unanimously.
 - Yvonne and Bob have, as part of the bylaws surrounding ethics, disclosed that they run timing companies, and that they charge USATF half of the price of market rate. They have proposed the association goes out to bid if there is an interest in getting additional quotes. There was not an expressed need for bids at this time though it was not off the table.

Jim Barber moved to end the meeting, Peter 2nd, motion carries.