

Meeting of NE Association of USATF

September 16, 2012

Meeting began at 1:05 at Ralston High School Cafeteria with introductions of officers in attendance by President Nancy Sempek. Ruth White, 1st Vice President, Rubin Carter, 2nd Vice President, Bonnie Cizek Secretary, Frosty Anderson Treasurer, Will Lindgren LDR, Tammy Ra' Jackson Women's development, John Wissler Youth Chair, Mike Maryott, Officials. There were 54 certified USATF members present.

President's Report: It was moved and seconded to approve the secretary minutes 2011. Accreditation papers were received. We met all of the requirements. However we only met 7 out of 9 "other" standards. Nancy is working with National office to resolve issues regarding the website. Nancy presented her budget for 2012-2013. Motioned to approve passed

Membership Report by Cindy DeSantiago: 1529 registered members of the NE Association, which is up from 1373 in 2011. The breakdown is as follows: 1217 youth, 223 LDR, 89 officials. 1084 registered on line, NE Association processed 443, 2 by National office. There are 35 clubs compared to 32 in 2011. 28 Youth, 5 LDR, 2 Masters or Officials. There have been 42 events sanctioned so far in 2012. 23 LDR, 14 Youth meets, 3 Open track and field meets, 1 masters, 1 National Championship meet. 39 coaches have approved background checks. Motioned to approve passed.

Treasurers Report: Frosty Anderson's reports that the Nebraska Association USATF has assets of \$66,362.17 as of September 2012. Motioned to approve passed. The complete report will be on the website.

Workshop Report: Cindy reported that all sanctions would be on line by July of 2013. Late fees will be assessed but will be split 50/50 by National Office and Association. National office is working on a new website provider. They plan to have training and more at National Convention in December. National office wants to get rid of the "Midget" name attached to the age group, as it is offensive to some people. Motioned to approve passed.

Committee Reports:

LDR: Will talked about NE athletes who did well nationally, the USA Club Track and Field National Championships held at Burke, and announced two new active LDR clubs. He is stepping down as LDR chair. Matt Pohren announced a new scholarship in Will's honor to thank him for his work with the LDR program in NE. It will be awarded to a high school girl and boy pursuing a collegiate cross country or track and field scholarship. Motioned to approve passed.

Officials: Mike reports that 2013 starts a new Olympiad and re-certifying all officials. All officials first need a USATF membership number and those will be

available on line starting November 1st. They recommend a four year membership and that covers this certification period. This year will be a full color design with the apprentice level added (green), association (light blue), red (national) and master (black). The new testing and applications will be available soon and he will pass information on. We want to get started on the new certifications as soon as we can. We will have a clinic first part of January in Lincoln and will have schedule on that soon. Motioned to approve passed.

Women's Development: Tammy Ra' Jackson is working with colleges and universities to let women athletes know how they can join the association to run in the off season. Motioned to approve passed.

Youth: John Wissler said that Nebraska's dominance in our region is due to large registration numbers, being financially sound, and large number of track meets in our state. More participation is wanted for cross country. He named the record holders for this year, (listed on the website) and reported that he is stepping down as the Youth chair after 30 plus years. Motioned to approve passed.

New Business: Marc Cizek announced that Nebraska was bidding for the 2014 Junior Olympic Championships at this year's convention. As part of the bid process, it has to be moved to approve at our annual meeting. The motion passed. Ruth White brought to our attention that a section, (Article 8 Sec G) was inadvertently left out of our bylaws. It was referring to appointing national delegates to attend the convention.

Elections: Nancy spoke about her involvement as parent, coach, secretary, and president of USATF. Before ending her commitment to NE association, she wants to make sure that the future of the organization will be in good hands. She welcomes new involvement but wants to go on record as saying she hopes people are getting involved for the right reasons. With that being said, the election began.

President: Two were nominated; John Wissler and Sara Domeier. John Wissler was elected.

1st Vice President: Ruth White was nominated, no opposition.

2nd Vice President: Rubin Carter was nominated, no opposition.

Secretary: Bonnie Cizek was nominated, no opposition.

Treasurer: Darwin Gushard and Logan Watley were nominated. Logan Watley was elected.

Before breaking out into voting for chairs, the meeting was adjourned.

Officials: Mike Maryott was voted officials chair with no opposition

Youth Chair: Youth Chair is Tammy Ra' Jackson

LDR Co-Chair Matt Pohren and Derek Fey

The youth meeting will be held November 11th at Seymour Elementary School. 4900 South 79th Street. 1:30.

I think I speak for all of us involved with the NE Association, in thanking Nancy and Frosty for their many years of service to this organization. You both have set a high standard for all of us. I hope by your example, we all continue to make this association grow with hard work and dedicated people.

Submitted by Bonnie Cizek
Secretary of NE Association USATF

September 17, 2012 An addendum to the minutes: Derek Fey has decided to step down as co chair of the LDR committee.