

Annual Meeting 9/14/14

John Wissler called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
Minutes from 2013 were moved and seconded for approval.

Ruth White and Cindy DeSantiago made a presentation to John Wissler, president of the Nebraska Association. Nebraska was [awarded a silver medal](#) for excellence in our association at the Association Workshop in Sacramento.

Mike Hayek-Jones disagreed with the number of championships we were given credit for. He also raised concerns about not receiving a newsletter and why there was only 1 meeting per year. Also, he expressed concerns about not receiving proper notification of meetings. He was reminded that all of this is posted on our web site.

President's Report: John Wissler

NE Association met all standards that the national USATF set out for associations. Eighteen associations out of 57 met all 10 standards.

Our membership was down from 2013 and we need to do a better job of recruiting in Central and Western Nebraska.

Sanctions remain on track from 2013. Our numbers were hurt by AAU national meet in Des Moines.

The Grand Prix format in LDR was a step in the right direction. We need to encourage more growth in masters.

Officials numbers increased at the youth level. We had a level 1 coaches clinic at Central High School. Elliot Evans, coach at Central hosted the event and it was attended by 40 - 45 coaches. Darwin Gushard has replaced Steve Beideck as our webmaster and has done a fantastic job so far.

We're in the best financial shape than ever due to Logan Watley 's work as treasurer. He opted not to seek reelection.

Our budget came in under the amount requested last year. John budgeted for an additional \$250 for membership stipend for Wayne and Cindy for their work year after year.

John thanked officers and committee heads for all their work in helping us achieve the top standard.

Treasurer's Report: Logan Watley

Logan Watley has simplified our bank accounts The report is attached.

Membership Report Cindy:

1574 members, up from 20 last year.

LDR 294 members

Officials 90, down 6 from last year.

31 Clubs, down from last year by 7

There were 44 events sanctioned compared to 37 last year.

Communications Coordinator Darwin:

Darwin welcomes schedules, email blasts, and any photos he can put on the web site.

Ruth White and Cindy attended the Association Workshop in Sacramento. They gave a report. Ruth and Cindy met with the CEO and COO of USATF and were very impressed. Ruth says they answer all of her calls.

The association and youth workshops will be held a day before the annual meeting starting in 2015.

USOC is implementing background screening by "Safe Sports" for all officials, coaches, authorized athletic reps, and volunteers. An online course will be mandatory and a test given upon completion of the course. The annual meeting will begin on a Tuesday and go through Friday noon.

LDR Kelly Crawford:

Kelly gave a brief report and explained a little about the Grand Prix System.

Youth TammyRa Jackson:

We hosted the regional meet at Omaha Burke High School. TammyRa thanked Nebraska Association for helping with this meet. We received recognition for many sources. Thanks especially to Tony Welchen, Darwin Gushard, Nesi Ballew, and Keith Harris for helping with various events.

October 5th will be the Cross Country meet.

The Youth meeting is scheduled for October 12th at Seymour Elementary.

The online entry system Coach O is required for all state, regional, and national meets.

Background check should be done as early as November 1st.

Officials Mike Maryott:

We have 83 registered officials. 10 let memberships lapse. The clinic schedule will be available by November 9th.

Budget for 2015 John Wissler:

Stipends are \$1000 for Darwin Gushard as the webmaster. A raise for Cindy and Wayne of \$250. and \$1000 for outreach of out of state clubs and meets.

If anyone wants to head a racewalking committee, there could be a stipend for that.

It was moved and seconded to approve the budget for 2014/2015.

Members interested in attending the annual meeting in Anaheim are Keith Harris, Joyce Grixby, Cindy DeSantiago, Wayne Smith, Rubin Carter, Nesi Ballew, TammyRa Jackson, Ada McCarthy, Bill Scarborough, Jim Clark, Marc and Bonnie Cizek, Kelly Crawford, and Ruth White. Anyone attending, must be there for the opening and closing ceremonies.

New Business: Mike Hayek-Jones expressed concerns that he couldn't find the officers' phone numbers on the web site, and that Cross Country didn't have sanctions until a week before the event.

Elections:

Unanimous consent was given to John Wissler as president, Ruth White as 1st Vice President, Rubin Carter as second Vice President, Bonnie Cizek as Secretary.

Keith Harris was a unanimous consent for treasurer.

Committee meetings:

New LDR Chair is Peter Falcone

New officials chair Bill Scarborough

It was moved and seconded that the meeting is adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
by Bonnie Cizek
Secretary