

Annual Meeting 9/13/15

President John Wissler called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Corrections of Minutes from 2014 meeting were: Mike Hajek Jones wanted to note that his name was spelled incorrectly. Also he wanted to make it clear that the minutes didn't state that he said we didn't host a Race Walk championship, a Men's track and Field, or Women's Track and Field championship.

Minutes were moved and seconded for approval.

Youth Report: TammyRa Jackson

TammyRa' reported that 341 athletes registered for the Regional meet in Ames, Iowa. She read off the medal winners at the JO Meet in Jacksonville, FL. The 2015 Cross Country schedule is on the website. The Youth meeting will be held on October 11th at 2:30, the place is to be announced. It is our zone's turn to host the JO's for 2017. Anyone who wants to put together a bid package is welcome to do so.

LDR - Peter Falcon (Will Lindgren spoke for Peter who was unable to attend) Will reported that the Freedom Run was held this day in Valley, NE. LDR awarded a \$250.00 scholarship. Affiliated adults new record was set by Zach Hine 101.20.

Registration: Cindy DeSantiago.

As of September 13th, total membership is 1530. 1270 youth or youth club affiliated adults 1076 of which are youth athletes. 260 unattached or LDR club affiliated adults. There are 92 registered officials. These membership numbers are relatively stable. There are 34 registered clubs, increased by 1 from 2014. 26 youth clubs. 8 LDR clubs or organizations. New youth clubs in Pawnee City, Kearney, and S Sioux City. 1 club did not renew from 2014.

There were 37 sanctioned events in Nebraska Association so far in 2015, compared to 50 in 2014. There are still Cross Country and LDR events upcoming that have not been sanctioned yet. There have been 12 youth T&F meets, 24 various LDR events and the State Games of America.

Treasurer's Report -Keith Harris

Attached.

Tony Welchen questioned why Grand Prix gets money for scholarships when youth clubs do not get any money to host meets. It was added to the new business of this agenda.

President's Report - John Wissler

Successes of 2015. Among them were the number of youth athletes who competed at National meets and 1 athlete who competed in the World Youth Championships held in Columbia, under the direction of Youth Chair TammyRa' Jackson.

John recognized Peter Falcon's leadership in LDR. Another success was the compromise with Mike Maryott and Bill Scarborough working with our officials. Two major race walking events were held. We met 90% of our accreditation standards. We are in good position financially, thanks to Keith Harris.

Challenges There was a grievance filed after our election process last year that is unsolved. Our youth membership and schedule is becoming too urban. We need to encourage club formation outside of Omaha and Lincoln. We need more registered officials. Racewalk clinics need to be held to teach appropriate technique to athletes. Darwin has done a good job with the website but we need to correct a deficiency that can only be fixed with information he receives from chairs of committees, especially LDR and Masters. Younger blood is needed in the association to enable us to continue to grow and prosper.

Race walking competition:

Mike Hajek Jones gave a report on his race walk championship meet in Plattsmouth. There were only two athletes registered, but it was a start.

Ruth White reported that there was a Race Walk Officials Clinic held August 1st. A team from the National Race Walk Committee conducted the clinic. The clinic lasted 3 hours and covered all aspects of race walk officiating. Ruth spoke about promoting race walking throughout our state. Suzie Pierce attended the National convention as a delegate to race walk. She talked about the pros of race walking and how it should be promoted. Tony Welchen said coaches should promote this event more in their clubs. He attended the clinic and said it was very educational for coaches.

Website manager- Darwin Gushard

There was discussion about how to better communicate information to all members. Some wanted an email when new business was posted but others said to check the web site for that info. Darwin is working to make the web site meet the national standards for accreditation.

New Business

President's Budget 2016 - John Wissler

Registration Stipend and Expenses	\$4000
Web enhancement Stipend and Expenses	\$4000
National Meeting Expenses	\$3000
New Program	\$5000
Chair Expenses	\$2000
Total	18,000

The budget was moved and seconded for approval.

Sanction fees distribution- Mike Hajek Jones questioned how sanction fees were distributed. Cindy and Wayne explained the procedure.

Convention - Members interested in attending convention in Houston are: Ruth White, Cindy DeSantiago, Wayne Smith, Marc Cizek, Bonnie Cizek, Bill Scarborough, Nisi Ballew, TammyRa Jackson, Ada McCarthy, Suzie Pierce, Rubin Carter, Keith Harris, Shunta Paul, Will Lindgren, Linda Kunasek.

ByLaws - Wayne Smith

A bylaw committee was appointed by John Wissler to update our bylaws, bring them up to the standards of other associations and in line with the National standards. There was a motion to accept the proposed changes on the bylaws. If the motion fails we submit the bylaws that rule us today. The vote was yes - 13, No 1, abstaining 6. The motion carried.

Tony Welchen wanted to know more about the Grand Prix money and how we can get stipends for youth meets. TammyRa will put it on the agenda for discussion at the youth meeting.

There was a motion and a second to adjourn at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Cizek Secretary