

Nebraska Association Annual Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Scot Rainbolt at 2:19 p.m. Sunday September 8th 2019. The first action of the meeting was a motion by the President to amend the agenda order to add the scholarship report to the top of the committee reports. Motion was seconded. No comments. Vote to move was approved. No other changes to the agenda. Agenda approved.

The 2018 minutes are presented online. Scot Rainbolt made a motion to make a correction to the minutes, Cindy DeSantiago's name is incorrectly spelled. Motion to approve the 2018 minutes with the change to Cindy's name was made by Trip Reynolds, Wayne Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes from the 2018 annual meeting will be accepted upon the name correction being made.

Financial Report - Jim Clark Treasurer, was absent from the meeting celebrating his 35th wedding anniversary in New York City. Scot Rainbolt presented the treasurer's financial report in his absence. Jim reports that all state and Federal taxes are filed and current.

All State of Nebraska Non-Profit bi-annual reports have been updated and are current. In his ongoing efforts to modernize and simplify the banking needs, he recommended to the board that the two banking moves take place. The first being the bank accounts be moved from Gothenburg State Bank to a bank that is located throughout the state of Nebraska. The second move would be to have two credit cards, one for the president, and the other for the youth chairperson. At a special meeting via conference call, the board approved both the move of the funds to Great Western Bank which has 70 branches throughout the state serving locations from Scottsbluff to Omaha as well as the issuing of credit cards to the president and the youth chair. The account with Great Western Bank was opened in June. The Gothenburg State Bank account will be closed after all requirements from the National Office regarding direct deposits have been met.

Jim also included in his report that the youth association championship meet finances were complete and found well documented and timely. A new revenue from the meet was \$9,586.57. Jim's full report is attached to this report.

Comments: A comment was made to change Jim's use of the word "profit" to "revenue" in reference to the youth association meet. A second comment was in regards to the executive meeting where the banking changes votes were made. The question was where was the meeting held and who voted. Motion was made to accept the report by the president. Motion was seconded by Wade Lanum.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship and Youth Awards Banquet by Keith Harris. Keith reported the 2018 Youth Awards Banquet was held Sunday, January 19th, 2019 at the Omaha DC Center in the Gold's Plaza. 270 persons registered for the event through EventBright. Athlete numbers were down from the 2017 banquet. In 2017, 119 athletes attended, in 2018, 110 athletes attended. The event brought in \$4135.00 in ticket sales. The location rental and food expense for the event was \$3,222.70. The earned revenue of \$912.30

goes toward future banquet and scholarship expenses. The next event will be held at the same place, same date, Sunday January 19th 2020. Tickets will be available through EventBright. Darwin is currently working on putting together the list of athletes who will qualify to attend this event including verifying records. The final list will be available at the youth meeting in October. Keith believes the EventBright registration site will up and available at this time as well.

In regards to the scholarship, two scholarships were awarded, recipients were Eboni Stingley of Peak Performance and Christopher Gray of Wings of Omaha.

Comments made on this report came from Joyce Grixsby asking why this report was given at this meeting rather than the youth meeting. The response to that was the scholarships are an association expense, not just a youth expense. Scholarships can come from any sports committee including LDR or Masters.

Law and Legislation Claude Berrickman was unable to attend the Annual meeting, but did submit a report to Scot Rainbolt, Scot read the report to the contingency. In the report, Claude introduced himself and how he came to the position. Claude then further stated that the Law and Legislative committee will begin a thorough review of the Association bylaws. Upon completion of the review, recommendations for updates and appropriate revisions will be made to the Board of Trustees. He is soliciting recommendations for changes from all members of the association.

Comments: Patty Mata questioned whether the bylaws that are on the website are the actual current bylaws.

Marc Cizek stated that he was the current National Youth committee delegate for Law and Legislation and that this is a Law and Legislation year at the annual meeting. He believes that a result of this year's national meeting will be that all associations will be mandated to operate using the same association bylaws. Patty Mata stated that she has two separate copies of the bylaws, each of them being different. One being the one on the website, another that was emailed to her. There is concern as to which set is the actual true bylaws. Scot Rainbolt asked to her to visit with Darwin Gushard and Wayne Smith after the meeting as to which set of bylaws are the current operating bylaws.

Mens & Women's Track and Field presented no report.

Clubs – Trip Reynolds presented a report for Wayne Reynolds. The hierarchy of USATF clubs is to perform autonomously, therefore there is no operating feedback received.

Masters Track and Field – Trip reported that in August, Dave Mlarck of the Nebraska Sports Council met to discuss the perpetual decline of Masters Athletes in Nebraska. A future meeting is planned to brainstorm for the 2020 and 2021 track seasons.

Officials report was presented by Mike Maryott. Nebraska currently has 44 officials, potentially up to 50 with a few still pending credentials from the national office, including updates to current officials. Mike has met with Roger Burbage regarding the credentials process. Safesport is current through 2020. Safesport will go to an online platform,

though the national office is afraid they will lose older athletes through this process. Mike has money to turn into USATF once the certification process is straightened out. A comment was made about “self-certifying” which the answer was no, due to insurance reasons. The officials certification clinic will be held either January 4th or 11th. Marc Cizek stated that the average age of officials is 63.8 years old. He also stated that the national office is trying to make the certification process “old people user friendly”. There were also comments on bringing in younger officials. The earliest age allowed by the national office for officials is 16 years old. The national office does provide 10 grants for 10 newer/younger officials. There were several ideas kicked around by the members in attendance on how we can “draw” in new officials. These ideas will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and presented at a future meeting.

Coaches Report – Jon McClung’s report was read by President Scot Rainbolt. The Association has 22 coaches on the National Coaches Registry. There are 120 members listed as coaches on the SafeSport compliance list. There are multiple different pathways to complete the educational requirement. Jon took this time to turn in his resignation as the Association Chair.

Webmaster-Communications– Darwin Gushard was not in attendance but turned in a report to the President. Per Darwin’s communication, there is nothing new to report. He has posted whatever was turned in to him. He would like to post more. When sending out the newsletter, there were 54 email addresses that came back as invalid. If a member is not receiving emails from the Nebraska Association of Track and Field, they should check their email address on their membership profile on the USATF.org website. Chairpersons, please note that Darwin can send targeted emails to contingencies upon request.

Records – Darwin Gushard reports that new association records for youth outdoor meets are being compiled for 2019. The compiled reports will be emailed to youth club contacts for review for approval at the October Youth Committee meeting.

Membership - Sanctions – Wayne Smith took the time prior to his report to thank everyone for the support received after Cindy’s passing. He stated that he hoped he could do half as well as Cindy did in the duty. The totals to be given today are as of September 6th 2019. (The report is attached to this report.)

Total 2019 Membership to date 1633, we are down from the 2018 total of 1736

Total number of youth athletes 1206, down from 2018 total of 1268

Total number of adult athletes is 186, down from 2018 total number of 208

Total number of clubs 36, up from 35 last year.

26 youth,

6 LDR clubs

3 event organizers

New clubs include the Papio Pacers TC, Omaha Titans TC, Quantum Athletics TC, and Edge Sports. Cozad TC restarted this year. Clubs that were lost this year

include Kearney Hornets TC, Nebraska Youth Sports, Waverly TC and Branched Oak TC.

Total Sanctions this year were 50. There were 54 last year, however we are still have cross country meets still pending for sanctioning. Wayne encouraged event organizers to not wait til the last minute to sanction their meet in case of problems with the USATF website.

A question was asked about how soon a new membership card can be purchased. The answer is November 1st. A card purchased in November is good through December of the following year. Nesi Ballow made a comment that she thought Wayne did a great job this year and should be commended.

Long Distance Running (LDR) No report was given for Tristan Nelson was not in attendance.

Youth Committee Wade Lanum. In 2018, we hosted 15 sanctioned track meets along with six cross country meets. There were 1260 memberships with 718 participating in the youth Junior Olympic meet. Wade is currently working on logistics and locations for next year's Junior Olympic meet. Nebraska will host the 2020 Region 8 qualifier meet. The meet will be held the week of July 9 thru the 12th. The 2020 Nebraska Youth Calendar will start May 9th. We usually start a week earlier, in order to get everything to align we will start a week later.

President's Report was provided. Scot noted in his report (actual document is attached at the end of this report) that he attended the 2018 Annual Meeting where he attended the Association Workshop. In this workshop, a presentation on SafeSport was provided to incorporate the program to all corners of our organization, especially Youth Athletics.

A \$2000 award was awarded to Nebraska recognizing improvement within the Association.

Scot also recognized the loss of Cindy DeSantiago this past year. In her place, Scot announced that he has appointed Wayne Smith to take over Cindy's duties. As Wayne was our Vice President, the position was vacated, and then the President filled the position with Bob White.

During the year, Scot Rainbolt attended the Nebraska Junior High State Championships in Gothenburg, Nebraska, armed with a USATF tent and a brochure to promote USATF Clubs and Membership.

Scot concluded his report with a report on the youth association meet, where he outlined that the meet was moved back one week in an attempt to attract more officials. He reported that there were 15 certified USATF officials and 14 Husker officials.

Comments were made regarding SafeSport certification and whether certification from another sport would carryover to track and field. There is conflicting beliefs on this and further information gathered will need to take place.

Bob White was introduced to everyone at the end of the report.

Old Business

Accreditations are currently being reviewed and Nebraska was found wanting in the Championships section. We are short roughly three of the 15 needed championships required by the national office. A Performance Improvement Plan (PFI) is in place to identify championships for the 2019 and 2020 year and moving forward. Suzie Pierce noted that if your event is a part of the championship series, you must indicate that in your sanction as well as notate "Championship" in the title of the event. Simply using the word "Championship" in your event title does not make it a championship meet.

Bylaws – bylaws were discussed during several committee reports including the comments from Patty Mata that she has two sets of bylaws and is unsure as to which set is the current set. L&L Chairperson Berrickman reached out in his committee report to members to provide input regarding the bylaws. Scott Rainbolt added an editorial comment and stated in his own words "the bylaws are all over the place and they need to be corralled in", which is why he is so glad Claude Berrickman as a practicing attorney is in place to help the Association.

New Business - 2019 Annual meeting delegates – Some of the delegates have been selected and their registration has been completed on the website. The delegates selected are Scot Rainbolt, Jim Clark, Suzie Pierce, Wade Lanum, Marc Cizek, Bonnie Cizek, Wayne Smith, Molly Lloyd, Brian Pierce and Bill Scarborough. TammyRa Jackson's registration is also paid for by the Association as a zonal representative, although the Board questions why one Association bears the burden of travel for a zonal representative, when the person answers to several other associations as well. There was discussion prior to the meeting about registering early so that hotel rooms could be reserved. Per the national office, Associations can no longer reserve blocks of rooms unless they have registered attendees. If others are interested in attending as a delegate, please see Scot Rainbolt after the meeting. There are delegate positions still available.

The Region 8 Junior Olympic meet will be hosted by the Nebraska Association in 2020. The venues are still to be decided. Clarification was made that the Youth Chairperson sets the site of the Nebraska Junior Olympic Championship as a part of his assigned duties, however the Association sets the site of the regional meet.

Scot Rainbolt was contacted by the National office regarding the Wyoming Association – The Wyoming association has been decertified by USATF. A letter was sent to border states to allow border athletes and clubs to join and compete as members of our association without having to assume territorial obligations. Discussion has held. Wayne Smith stated that one club was located within 200 miles of the Wyoming/Nebraska border, and that two of the three largest cities in Wyoming were within 150 miles of Denver. Wade Lanum made a motion to accept the Wyoming athletes. Wayne Smith seconded. A question arose after the vote regarding the potential of a Wyoming athlete potentially displacing a Nebraska athlete. Additionally, a

question arose wondering how a Wyoming athlete coming in to join our association is different than the Iowa athletes that joins our association. Scot indicated he would request further information on border state athletes.

In other business, the Association walkie talkies were brought up. The chargers seem to be the issue. The Association will look at purchasing new chargers.

Patty Mata addressed the need to have a special election for Bob White as the vice president per the bylaws. Wayne Smith stated that we did not need to have this election as the appointment last through the next election.

Scot Rainbolt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wade Lanum made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Wayne Smith. Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Suzie Pierce

Secretary