

2021 Nebraska Association Annual Meeting
St. Columbkille Church Social Level, lower level
200 East Sixth Street – Papillion
September 12, 2021

Scot Rainbolt, President, called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Attendance: Wayne Smith, Alex Czeranko, Brian Pierce, Bonnie Cizek, Mike Bickley, Rebekah Way, Monte Scheef, TammyRa Jackson, Joyce Grigsby, Nesi Ballew, Sheila Holloway, Terri Blackburn, Nicki Paul, Shunta Paul, Mesha Marks Scot Rainbolt, and Suzie Pierce Zoom attendees included: Adante Lloyd, Jim Clark, Bob White, Patty Mata, Tony Welchen, Lisa Charles, Matt Scott, Jerry Wegiel.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Clark presented via Zoom. Membership was down this last year, thus income from Membership deposits to the association were lower.

New expenses this year included the Club expense offset was \$2,000; Timing for all of the club meets for an expense of \$8,100; hip numbers and a reimbursement for clubs that asked for track season cancellation. Bi-annual licenses are up to date and the association taxes are with the

Comments: Joyce Grisby requested 2020 funds club reimbursement but did not receive reimbursement, this request will be addressed. The Flat Water Bank should be closed as soon as we can guarantee funds will be deposited into our Great Western Bank.

Scot Rainbolt discussed the Association Club Report. It is initially thought that Timing fees will be continued moving forward. Comment was made regarding one timing company. Black Squirrel has asked for all of the meets this next year, and it is the intent that Black Squirrel Timing will be our timing company moving forward.

Scot Rainbolt then covered the Region 8 meet expenditures. The next time we host meets, we will take more bids of facilities as this year's facilities were expensive. Comments were taken regarding letting people know when activities are not going to be held. Monte Scheef, retroactive request for timing expenditure. The Board will take that into consideration.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report Bonnie Cizek, Brian Pierce seconded the motion.

President's report (2:40 p.m.) The 2020 Nebraska Association USATF meeting was held in a hybrid format: zoom and in person with social distancing. The Association accreditation requirements were fully met for the 2020 accreditation year. Wade Lanum, elected youth chair resigned his position, Bonnie Cizek was appointed to serve out the remainder of the term. Youth clubs had FAT timing paid for by the Association. The Valley One marathon handed out two \$600 awards to Nebraska Association competitors. This meet was the Nebraska Marathon Championship. The National office launched the USATF Connect website, which was to be a one stop service point. The website change has not been a smooth transition. The national office has also dictated that our association website must align to their web design. Darwin Gushard is in the process of making that change, so look for the changes to be coming in the future. The 2021 National meeting is scheduled December 2-5th in Orlando, Florida. There have been no updates on this meeting, but there have been requests that if the meeting is held in person, that a virtual attendance capability is available.

No comments were brought forward.

Motion to accept Wayne motion to accept; Bonnie Cized second

Mike Maryott's Officials report given by Scot Rainbolt as reported by Mike Maryott. There are 28 certified officials in the Nebraska Association, which is a great concern. UNL Officials Training will occur January 8th 2022; a summer clinic for youth clubs given in early spring in or near Omaha. Either of these meetings will suffice as the required annual training clinic for officials. Motion to Accept the officials report by Wayne Smith and Brian Pierce second.

Bonnie Cizek, provided the youth report; Fall 2021 held 5 cross country meets held by 402 Cross Country and Track; LYTC and the Cornhusker Flyers, with the national meet held in Franklin, Kentucky. The 2021 track and field season started with the threat of COVID Sanctions, however meets were held starting with the Flyers meet in April and continued throughout the summer. FAT timing was paid for by the Association along with clubs receiving a stipend to help offset meet expenditures. The association meet was held over four days at Papio South High School in Papillion, with the main portion of the meet was conducted on Friday afternoon and was completed by Saturday evening; keeping athletes, coaches, and officials free for Father's Day. The meet had 731 athletes and cleared \$2,000. The Nebraska Association hosted the Region 8 meet. The biggest issue was weather with 100 mph winds that knocked out electricity, destroyed tents, blew down fences and relocated high jump pits over 100 years, one actually ended up on the softball field. There was no delay in the meet schedule as Black Squirrel Timing was able to operate the timing system on a generator. There were no advancement requirements this to the National meet this year due to the uncertainty of meets nationally. The Youth Outdoor Championships were held in Rome Georgia with strict covid guidelines. The National Junior Olympics were held in Jacksonville Florida. There were around 7,000 athletes that had to COVID test each day of competition. COVID protocols were very strict (wiping down mats after each high jumper/pole vaulter; masks covid testing, gloves etc). This caused issues with the competition along with the Florida weather. The Nebraska Association had 4 national champions, 8 silver medalists and 5 earning bronze medals. The 2022 Cross Country is posted to the web. The annual Youth meeting will be held October 31st at 1:00 p.m. at

Comments: whomever is hosting a meet should send start time to Darwin to post to the web. Another comment was in regards to whether the conditions from the JO National meets can be addressed at the national level. TammyRa noted that the concerns regarding the national meets will be addressed at the national level. Motion to Accept Wayne Smith; Mike Bickley second. The Association youth meeting will be held October 31st 1:00 p.m at St. Columbkille Church Social Level (Lower level), Papillon, NE.

LDR - Tristan Nelson - no report at this time.

General Competition - Derek Fey - no report at this time.

Memberships - Wayne Smith, total memberships are up this year over last year; 1515 registered members, of those, 1311 are youth memberships. As of 9-11-21, there are 28 registered clubs or event organizers. These numbers are still down as several clubs did not renew this year.

Sanctions - As of 9-11-21, there are 36 sanctioned events for this year, compared to 27 last year. The increase in events is attributable to not having youth track and field meets scheduled last year. There are 0 cross country meets sanctioned this year. Mr. Smith was happy to report that he is now able to process club affiliation transfers and enabled club contacts to enter birth certificates online. These are still subject to national review, which can still take 5-7 days. Motion to accept both the Membership and Sanctions report was by Nesi Ballew, Shante Paul seconded the motion.

Law and Legislation Claude Berreckman- no report at this time.

Communications Darwin Gushard - no report at this time.

New business

Nesi questioned whether scholarship checks have been mailed. Jim Clark said they would be mailed the following Monday.

The certified officials shortage for the association/regional 8 meeting was a concern. A suggestion was made that in order for a club to receive a stipend, they would be required to have a certified official to have the stipend received.

Shunta Paul wanted to comment that she wanted to acknowledge Scot Rainbolt and all the time and effort that he put into being at youth meets and all the work that he put in at the meets. She thought he did a nice job this summer.

A comment was raised regarding the meaning of board oversight in Nebraska Association Bylaw Article 12 A 1 a. What does "board oversight over association championships" actually mean and what actions are a part of board oversight over championships.

Meeting Adjourned 3:16 p.m.