

## 2022 USATF Nebraska Association Annual Meeting

The 2022 USATF Nebraska Association of Track and Field annual meeting was held Sunday, September 18 at the St. Columbkille Church Social Level located at 200 East 6th Street (84th & Cornhusker) – Papillion Nebraska. The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m. by President, Scot Rainbolt.

Attendance was taken via sign in sheets. At the start of the meeting there were 23 attendees, and all who signed in is today is a voting member. A quorum was established.

The minutes from the last association meeting were posted to the website under the INFO tab > Meeting Minutes and Newsletters > September 12, 2021, with all subsequent reports that were presented also attached to the meeting. Nesi Ballow made a motion to accept the minutes as shown on the web. TammyRa Jackson seconded the motion. Minutes for the 2021 Annual meeting were approved. No Comments were made regarding the minutes.

Financial Report -Jim Clark, Treasurer, gave a financial report for the association. The 501C 3 paperwork is up to date at the Nebraska Secretary of State. All Federal filings have been made and are current as of the end of 2021. Total cash on hand at the First Interstate Bank is \$38,758.77. A minimal amount is kept on hand in the Gothenburg location off the Flat Water Bank to cover checks that have been issued from that account. The association funds in the account have been used most recently to offset club expenditures, youth club timing, and clothing expenditure for officials. Other standard costs are the scholarships, website expenditures, annual meeting expenditures. The financial report as presented is approved. Questions – Comments – We need to look at the funds we are getting back from the National Office. The numbers do not appear to be correct, and we are not understanding their numbers. (Appreciation was noted for the detailed reports that were provided. Nesi Ballew motioned to accept the financial report, Wayne Smith seconded the report. Financial records and report have been accepted.

Wayne Smith was selected to oversee the election of the board members. Monte Scheef, Mike Bickley and Brian Pierce were selected to serve as the three individuals to assist with the election. Mike Bickley is an active athlete within the association.

President - Nominations from the floor included:

Bonnie Cizek was nominated Scot Rainbolt, Wayne Smith seconded.

No further nominations were made.

Wayne Smith made a motion to re-elect Scott Rainbolt by acclimation. Suzie Pierce seconded. Motion carried. Scot Rainbolt was voted in by acclimation.

Vice President Nominations from the floor included the following:

Lisa Charles nominated Jen Carda for the position, Amber ----- seconded the motion.

Bonnie Cizek nominated Nesi Ballow for the position, Suzie Pierce seconded the motion.

Ballots were collected and counted by the three person team. Nesi Ballow was elected to the position in a vote of 12-7.

Secretary –

Nominations from the floor included

Jim Clark nominated Suzie Pierce. Mike Maryott seconded the motion.

No further nominations were made.

TammyRa Jackson made a motion to vote Suzie Pierce in by acclamation, motion was seconded by Nesi Ballow.

Motion carried. Suzie Pierce was elected by acclamation.

Treasurer – Nominations from the floor included

Mike Bickley nominating Jim Clark to the position. Mike Maryott seconded the motion.

No further nominations were made.

TammyRa Jackson made a motion to vote Jim Clark in by acclamation, motion was seconded by Nesi Ballow.

Motion carried. Jim Clark was elected by acclamation.

Board Election results are complete

- Committee Reports

President – Scot Rainbolt – The current actions include completing the process of completing the accreditation requirements for the annual meeting. President Rainbolt also covered the 2021/2022 Youth Financials, which is attached to these results. Please see reports for the documentation. In net total, there was roughly a \$5,000 increase in revenue this year.

Comments – Security should be considered for our association youth meeting, especially after this last summer at national meets. Possibility that off duty or retired officers could be asked to assist with security at the local Association meeting. The sanction paperwork does indicate security is indicated. Motion to accept the President's report was made by Bonnie Cizek. Wayne Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officials Report = Mike Maryott reported that the association currently has 39 certified officials. A youth focused officials clinic was held at St. Mary's campus in Omaha. Fourteen, 14, individuals attended, with 3 individuals completing all the requirements. There are 10 attendees who still need to complete some of the requirements. Mike will be contacting these individuals. Another officials training clinic will occur later this year with a possible EDM training with the Iowa Association. It is noted that anyone who would like to be a certified official can complete the paperwork, take the tests via the USATF website, and submit for review and approval. Zoom training for officials is being considered as well. Bonnie Cizek made a motion to accept the report, Mike Bickley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Youth – Bonnie Cizek – Bonnie reported out there were closing out 2021, there were 7 cross country meets with the state association championship were held at Walnut Grove Park. The national meet for cross country was held in Paris Kentucky with 31 Nebraska athletes attending and four placing in the Top 20.

The 2021 Awards ceremony was held March 13<sup>th</sup> at Millard North High School (special thanks to Monte Scheefe for arranging the availability of the facilities.) A new format was used for this ceremony, and the consensus was that this was a good shift. The awards were noted to be 'outdated' so these will be reviewed and most likely revamped for the upcoming years.

The 2022 Track Season opened on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Meets were hosted this year by the Cornhusker Flyers, Peak Performance, Wing of Omaha, Boys and Girls Club of Nebraska, Apollo, Wahoo Track Club and the North Omaha Bengals. The Midwest Striders hosted the Association championship meet. The Association meet held at Millard South (Millard West hosted the Multi-events competition) hosted 23 teams, 694 athletes and 1686 entries. 2022 Youth Outdoor Championships were held in the Ichan Stadium in New York. 9 Nebraska athletes placed in the top 13, with 2 national champions and 2 second

place finishers. The 2022 Junior Olympics National Championships were held in Sacramento, California. Eighty-one (81) athletes represented the Nebraska Association. Jaylen Lloyd, set the Association Long Jump record at this meet. The new long jump record is now 7.74 meters (25'4"). Twenty-nine (29) other placers brought home hardware from California.

There was conversation about why there are three national championships for youth track, possibly bringing back the age group standards. TammyRa mentioned she would bring this conversation to the national office.

In other news, Bonnie wrote and submitted a grant to the National office that was approved. The grant will pay for four (4) Sunday Sundays that will be used to garner new attention and membership for the association plus provide funds to cover the costs of timing costs for the youth meets.

Bonnie thanks all the coaches, parents and volunteers for their time and efforts to coach the kids of Nebraska. Motion to accept the report by Jim Clark, TammyRa seconded. Motion carried.

LDR (Tristan Nelson was not in attendance but did provide a report to be presented by Scott. The actual report is presented as a document, but briefly, Tristan noted that progress made, however, all meets were postponed or cancelled over the last 48 months. He stated that he was finding race directors that he talked to are unwilling to go through the process to get race courses measured, certified and sanctioned for USATF championships. He was told that the directors find there is no benefit. There is a race group, White Light Mile and Ridge Road Run 2 mile are willing Valley Days, Waterloo, Station to Station 8K. who are willing to go through the process.

Comments – A question was raised as to whether all runners in the LDR races have to be USATF members. The answer is 'no.' Another question was raised about do all of the races have to have courses certified/verified. The answer is yes and no, cross country, mountain, ultra and trail courses do not, while road races, such as marathons do require measured and certified. Wayne Smith made a motion to accept the report, Monte Scheef seconded the motion.

General Competition – no representative

Membership/Sanctions – Wayne Smith presented a report for membership. The actual numbers are listed in the attached report for details. Wayne stated that the website continues to be very difficult to operate. Verifications continue to be problematic.

Linda Hardy motioned to accept the report, Mike Maryott seconded the motion.

Communications – Darwin did not give a report, but did submit a letter of resignation to end at the end of the 2022 Calendar year. Mike Scott did offer his services to take over the website as he takes care of other websites and is very comfortable with the needs and requirements.

- Other Business

2021 Awards - some awards may have had names misspelled – Wayne will get the awards remade, and moving forward, will be updated moving forward to a more local vendor.

National Meeting delegate selection is being identified. The requirement is 13 members, with board members being required to attend. Other members that have offered to attend and represent the Association include: Jeff Marcuzzo, Coaches, Wade Lanum, Region 8 Assistant Coordinator, Leigh Officer,

active athlete, Brian Pierce, Masters coverage. If other individuals are interested in attending, please contact Scott Rainbolt.

Officials, LDR, and Youth will have elections all on the same day. Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Columbkille Church Social Level. The Youth meeting will be held directly after the voting processes for the three offices have been completed.

Note – only certified officials may vote for the Officials

The Youth clubs are allowed 1 vote per club.

Any adult (18 and older) can vote for the LDR chair.

Additional new business included discussion was brought up about potential changes to the Youth Scholarship and the requirements of the scholarship. Such changes to be considered would be allowing unattached athletes to receive the award, changing the requirement of the three consecutive years with the same team. This conversation will be continued as a part of the youth agenda. Any interested members who would like to be involved with the changes for the scholarship should attend the youth meeting.

TammyRa Jackson, zonal representative for 5, 7, and 8, addressed the crowd noting that she is the point of contact if anyone has any concerns that need to be addressed at the national level.

Nesi Ballow, the Safe sport coordinator, also added that anyone has any issues with safesport, please contact her. She is aware that there are some changes being made to the system, however, she has no details at the time of this meeting.

Wayne Smith respectfully motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 3:27. Monte seconded the motion. The meeting was concluded at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Suzie Pierce  
Nebraska Association Secretary