

## USATF Spring Meeting

Brownell Talbot Library

Omaha, Nebraska

April 2, 2023

Attendees: In Person: Mike Maryott, Mark Kostek, Amy Myers, Jeff Marcuzzo, Spencer Stednitz, Brian Pierce, Tony Reinke, Terry Grigsby, Joyce Grigsby, Mike Bickley, Colette Hughes, David Pollock, Shunta Paul and Suzie Pierce. Via Zoom: Jim Clark, Brian Kujath

Meeting called to order by Mike Maryott, Association President, at 1:44 p.m. Mike opened the meeting with thanking Bonnie Cizek, previous youth chair and Scot Rainbolt, previous president, for their time serving the association over the last few years. Mike also took time to thank Nesi Ballew-Holt, Mike Scott and Wade Lanum for all their assistance and drive behind the Youth Banquet that was recently held.

Nesi – Association vice-president and current Safe Sport Coordinator - no report

Suzie Pierce – Secretary, no report

Jim = Clark – Treasurer, no report

Wayne – Membership and Sanctions Report - clubs are most automatically renewed however, there are a few that still to renew. Sanctions are slow in coming. Club transfers – anyone can do their own requests, but do need to be reviewed by national office. IF you need to reach him, he is on the road, so call to contact him.

Mark Kostek – officials chair report the number of certified officials has dropped from nearly . Nebraska has 41 certified officials. If interested becoming an official, people should contact Mark, or go through the USATF connect login and go through the process to become certified. IF anyone has a contact with collegiate coaches,

Matt Scott – LDR Chair and Communications - Matt thanked Darwin Gushard for working with the website for so long. Darwin has done a great job and we are all very thankful. Matt and the National Office team have got the Nebraska USATF website updated. [www.NebraskaUSATF.org](http://www.NebraskaUSATF.org). The Nebraska website does have links to the national USATF website, PrepRunningNerd's website and Athletic.net. Our social media sites have been updated/created including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube. A \$5,000 membership growth grant was awarded and is being used to attract and grow membership. Targets include Road Races. Social media including Future Stars. Track and Field clinics around the state. (State track and Junior High meet?) Anyone interested in interning with the social media please contact Matt.

LDR – Road Races- set up a presence at the races in hopes to attract more athletes, The Winter Fitness series, meeting with multiple directors, amendments for funds to operate and the xc championships (Youth Open and Master's) will be held Beatrice, Nebraska. A goal to create the Cross Country Festival.

Youth – Wade Lanum – brief meeting after this meeting. However, meets are listed on the website. The Cornhusker Flyer's meet has been moved to Sunday.

Jeff Mancuzzo – Masters Track and Field Chair - Jeff introduced himself as the newly chair. This is his first meeting and just wanted to make sure that his name is getting out there and that he wants to capture our athletes and provide them opportunities to compete.

Collette Hughes – Newly appointed Parliamentarian (Seargent of Arms)– introduced herself to the group. She will be attending our meetings and will help keep our meetings moving forward in a business-like manner.

Additional information: Mike Maryott addressed the group again to discuss the Disciplinary Board is being established as mandated by the National office and our bylaws. Article 14 Bylaws covers the suggested membership of the Disciplinary board.

John Wissler's passing was brought to the attention of the group in attendance.

The Nebraska State Junior Olympic Qualifier is being held in Gretna, Nebraska. Officials and Volunteers will be needed for this meet.

Suzie Pierce - brought up Nesi's request to have someone have someone offer to take over the Safe Sport Compliance Officer position.

With no further business, Mike Maryott adjourned the meeting 2:27 p.m.