

## **Nebraska Association of Track and Field Annual Meeting**

**Date: September 10th, 2023**

**Brownell Talbot High School Library**

Mike Maryott, Interim president, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

The first order of business was the election of the President as previously elected Scot Rainbolt resigned the position in December 2022 and Mike Maryott was placed in the position by the Board of Trustees. Wayne Smith presided over the election of the President and Youth Chair. Jim Clark nominated, Angee Henry seconded. Mike was elected by acclamation.

### Committee reports

Suzie Pierce, secretary requested that minutes of the previous Annual meeting be approved. The Minutes were accepted as presented on the website. No other secretarial news.

Jim Clark, Treasurer presented our financial status. It is Jim's opinion based on the financial documentation that our association is in a better financial position than the last several years. It was also noted that we are current with our non-profit corporation IRS tax filings. We are still using two bank accounts to operate from, however one of the accounts acts primarily as a depository bank. There appears to be some issues with the other account after Great Western Bank was bought out by First Interstate Bank.

Jim also encourages clubs that can should ACH deposit information or VENMO options for reimbursements rather than depending on the mail system. This would speed up reimbursements for clubs, It was noted that the largest expense of the last year was the annual meeting costs.

Officials Report - Presented by Mike Maryott - The Officials Clinic will be held January 6th at the University of Nebraska. Other officials' clinics are still in the works. Details are still being worked out at this time.

Annual Meeting - Orlando, FL - November 30th, thru December 3rd. If anyone is interested in attending the annual meeting, please contact Mike or Suzie with your intent. The four officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer are required to attend. It is recommended that the Youth Chair and LDR chair also attend. Traditionally, the association has paid for the annual meeting registration fee plus hotel

and then reimbursed attendees for flight and food expenditures. Requirements to get reimbursed required a report to be filled out and an expense reimbursement document with receipts to be completed. Any others who would like to attend please see Suzie Pierce.

SafeSport Report: Haley Miller - No report. A question was received by Terry Grigsby of Peak Performance asking if Safesport certificates from other sports can be shared with USATF Safesport, reducing the number of times the videos need to be watched by one person. This request will be brought up at Annual Meeting by Association officers in their Annual meeting breakouts report and with Safesport Personnel at annual meeting.

Masters - report by Mike Maryott -There is a strong focus by the current board to work on getting some track and field competitions for our masters athletes. The LDR Masters community is working hard to get distance competitions identified, but a more concentrated focus will be for track and field athletes, including indoor training facilities, "spotlight events" at youth championships events and Master outdoor track meets. .Angee Henry has noted that College of St. Mary's is an open facility on the weekends and may be available for meets or "community activities". The Masters committee will be working and developing new events this upcoming year. On November 5th, the cross country championship will be held in Beatrice Nebraska.

Youth report by Wade Lanum- Upon taking the temporary position, Wade was tasked with getting the Youth Summer Track meet schedule put together, the youth banquet organized and getting the Nebraska Junior Olympic qualifier meet up and running. The Junior Olympic qualifier meet cost the Association about \$30,000 and after expenses were accounted for, the meet ended up with roughly a \$3,700 surplus. The 2024 Junior Olympic qualifier meet will be held again at Gretna with the metal javelin throws, hammer and discus throws along with the race walk competitions at the University of Nebraska. Stipends in the amount of \$2800 were handed out to people who worked the Junior Olympic meet These stipends were mainly for Youth Club volunteers . Mike Bickley brought up that USATF rules need to be enforced at our youth meets as there were too many disqualifications at the regional meet by athletes who stated they didn't know they were not following the rules. This was favorably met by most members in attendance.

Sanctions - Wayne Smith - total membership increased 5% overall this year. Sanctions need to get in for cross country meets. PWayne warns that late sanctions result in late fees which can be costly. Club Transfer requests (athletes who want to transfer from

one club to another) and age verifications are completed by National Office personnel, so please get the requests in early because they take time.

Wayne Smith has tendered his resignation for the Membership Chairperson effective at the end of the year. He stated he would not be attending the annual meeting this year. (Side note, Wayne has helped with membership for the last 19 years. He will be missed.)

LDR-Communications - New website is up, social media (Facebook, Instagram, X (formally Twitter) communications has greatly increased. Hits to social media sites have seen a significant increase in visits to the pages. Matt has been working with race directors and working to find , Fitness Series with 402. \$800 was earned as a part of this series, which will be donated to the Association. Biggest news for the LDR community is the Cross Country Festival 2023. which will be held in Beatrice, NE November 5th. Matt Scott

SafeSport - No report

Race Walk - No report

New Business

The Youth Junior Olympic Qualifier Meet will be held June 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th in Gretna. Matt Scott indicated that the Gretna Chamber of Commerce and the Sarpy County Visitors Bureau are anxious to help and assist with the upcoming track meet.

There is a request to create a presence for USATF opportunities at the Jr. High Championship, Metro Junior High Meet and other high level track meets so that we can capture athletes. It was stated that anyone who would like to 'check out' USATF equipment such as tents, flags etc to promote the organization should contact Mike Maryott or Wade Lanum.

With no other business, the meeting was closed by Mike Maryott at 2:08 p.m.