

2024 – Annual Meeting Report

Roll call – Board of Trustees – President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Youth Chair, LDR chair all in attendance. Not in attendance – Officials Chair

2023 Annual meeting minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report – Net increase for the year was \$12,422.27. Cost savings including included minimizing number of annual meeting delegates to required attendees only and association meet facility rental costs. Grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 was also received. For a review of the fiscal information, please see attachment #1. The only comment on the report was that the date of the report should reflect the correct year.

Communications Report was given by Matt Scott. Social Media has been very successful in our Association. When Matt took over Communications there were roughly 100 followers on all media platforms (Facebook, Twitter "X", and Instagram. That number is now over 1,000 followers and growing.

SafeSport Report – Haley Miller was not able to attend but submitted a brief report to the President. The biggest news of note is starting next year, all meet directors will need to ensure their meet volunteers have completed a volunteer release and have those on file.

Membership/Sanctions – Wade Lanum, current membership/sanctions chair reported that membership has increased over the past year. The major area of growth was in adult memberships. He believes contributing factors include the Association holding more masters events at track meets and the Thrower's Festival.

Youth Report – The Association hosted their two big youth track and field meets this year, one in Gretna and the other in Crete. Both were very well attended. There will be a meeting later for youth to finalize their cross-country schedule, however, at this time, there are four meets on the docket. LYTC, West Omaha and 402 Cross country hosting three meets and then the Association championship. A meeting for next year's track season will be held most likely in January. Of note for the next year, Gretna Public Schools would like to adjust some of the dates so that they can go under construction to build a hammer cage, a javelin cage and put in a steeple chase pit on the track. Gretna is doing this primarily for our Association as the city sees a financial benefit when hosting our meet. In doing so, they would like to see at least a five-year commitment to host our Association meets at the updated venue.

One tongue in cheek comment about getting a kickback from the sales at the Outlet Malls that weekend actually turned into a real conversation about reaching out to the mall and asking about possible sponsorship for the meet.

Officials Report – Mark Kostek was not in attendance due to some unforeseen circumstances however he did submit a report. There will be an officials Electronic Distance Measuring (EDM) training coming up November 5th at Boystown. This training will allow officials to be certified in

EDM processes and procedures. Also of note is this year is the end of an Olympiad, so all officials will need to recertify for the next Olympiad or 2025 year. In January 11th, there will be an Association Officials Training Clinic. This will be an all-day event, but the afternoon session will walk all officials through the Officials Test which can be taken online or on paper and submitted online at a later date. In 2026, the Nebraska Association Officials will be working both the Big 10 Outdoor championships along with the Region 8 Association championships. Heading into the 2026 season, a weights and measures certification clinic will be held in our Association as well.

Masters – No Report was submitted for the meeting. Mike Maryott, as a Masters athlete commented that we as an Association held several opportunities within our borders for our athletes to compete this past year. This was appreciated by our athletes. One thing Mike had heard during the season was they would like to see more Masters information on the website, including neighboring state's meets.

One comment was asked whether there would be Indoor Masters opportunities within the Association. At this time, the only known indoor meets that allow open/masters are at UNL. There has been talks with Steve Gordon at the College of St. Mary's to potentially host some Masters opportunities, but he is still new in his position and will need to take some time to get up to speed.

Long Distance Running (LDR) Report was given by Matt Scott. He has a few championship events still to run this Fall but is very excited about all the events that have been held since the last annual meeting including the Festival that was held down in Beatrice. The event will be held again this year, including getting the Governor to sign off on proclamation for Cross-Country Day in Nebraska.

Youth cross country meets will be decided at a youth meeting to be held at a later date.

President Mike Maryott introduced Dusty Jonas as the new Open Track and Field chairperson for Nebraska. Dusty spent a few moments introducing himself to the members in attendance while giving information on his background.

Comments were given about how the number of our International Athletes from our state have grown over the past few years and that it would be very helpful to have someone who has navigated that route once be able to assist our athletes who currently call Nebraska "Home". A notation in the budget was for such athletes where we assisted handful of Nebraska grown athletes to compete at the USA Olympic Trials this year. This travel scholarship will be worked on with the Open Track and Field Chair, the Treasurer, President to establish a Tier system for athletes.

President Mike Maryott introduced Steve Gordon as our new Para athlete Chairperson. Steve is a current coach of a para-athlete who competed at the Paris Paralympic games this past month. Steve was not able to be in attendance at the meeting today.

Grow to Impact Grants were then discussed. This is an annual \$5,000 grant that is used to grow association memberships. Matt has applied for this grant several times over the past few years and we have successfully been granted the award. The award has been used for social media coverage, equipment and signage at meets and the camps that were put on by Angee Henry earlier this year. Matt is able to successfully convert the funds to memberships as we have seen our social media audience grow as well as the numbers of memberships as well.

New Business included a projected Budget of 2025; however, Jim Clark was not yet ready to present the budget as he still has a few questions on some budget items. He has noted that he will present the budget later and we will post it to the website for membership review.

Elections were the next order of business. With the exception of the Vice-Presidential position, all current officers were re-elected by acclamation as they all ran unopposed. The acting Vice President, Nesi Ballow, noted that she would not be running for re-election. There were no nominations from the members in attendance. Mike Maryott indicated that he had talked to Steve Gordon, and Steve thought he could fill the position if nobody else ran. A verbal vote was taken to elect Steve Gordon (nominated by Joyce Grigsby, seconded by Shunta Paul). Steve Gordon has been elected as our new Vice President.

New items that were discussed for later action included the purchase of a timing system by the association that could be used by all clubs. (Potential action would be to have a timing company to come in and identify everything involved in the idea). Indoor Master/Open level competitions. (This seems to be contingent on colleges and universities in our Association). A Level 1 Coaching Clinic to be held in Elkhorn, which needed approval from Youth and LDR chairs. There was also a question proposed to the Association that for the Association awards ceremony that parents and coaches of athletes attend at no cost. A counterpoint to the request was brought up that to offset the costs of this and other newer items/expenditures, an association wide fund raiser should be held. Ideas included Association t-shirts, gear. A Pancake Man event. Corporate Sponsorship for events as well. The Board of Trustees will take these items into consideration and discuss them further.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Suzie Pierce

Secretary

Nebraska Association of USA Track and Field.

Nebraska Association USATF Treasure Report

9-13-2024

Our status as a non profit association with the State of Nebraska filling is current. Our Association IRS (2023) responsibilities have been filed. We are waiting for the IRS to write a determination that the Nebraska Association is a stand-alone Nonprofit. Our legal counsel and accountant's opinion is that we are and always had been since we have a separate EIN number supplied to us from the IRS. This is a requirement from the national office to prove that we are. We applied a year ago and did not receive a letter back from the IRS. Our accountant filed the proper documents again in 2024.

Cash in Bank:

First Interstate Bank \$53,186.42 Flat Water Bank \$3,610.07

Total Cash \$56,796.49

Net Increase from 2023 \$12,422.27

Total Cash 2023 \$44,374.22 Total Cash 2022 \$40,150.05

Deposits

USATF Deposits \$21,700.00 USATF Grant \$5,000.00 (Matt - communication)

Expenses:

2022 Annual Convention Expenses \$14,091.97 (savings of \$6,913.9 from 2023)

Club Support (working association championship) \$5,500

Storage: rental unit \$2,040.00

High School Scholarship: \$1,000.00

Support for National & Master level travel \$1,000.00 (New)

Timing: Association championships Track \$3,779.50 Cross Country \$1,250.00

Bank / CC dues: \$528.33

Sincerely,

Jim Clark

9/15/2024 - Nebraska Annual Meeting

NAME	Email Address	Chair/Athlete/Coach
Suzie Pierce	SuziePierce13@gmail.com	Secretary
Wade Lanum	lanum@mac.com	youth Chair
Brian Pierce	BRIAN PIERCE 45@GMAIL.COM	ATHLETE/OFF
Trent Franke	trentfranke@yahoo.com	Official/Coach
Jessica Franke	jesschristine1982@gmail.com	Parent/Volunteer
Matt Scott	COMMUNITY LDR @ USATF Nebraska.org	LDR/COMM
Jeff Coe	WESTOMAHATRACKCLUB@yahoo.com	LEADER
Lanese Ballew	LLB331@MSN.COM	
Nicole Lanum	nlanum@cox.net	
Mike Margott	mikedmargott@hotmail.com	
Jim Clark	jim.clark@nebraska.championship.meet.com	Treasurer
Dusty Jonas	djonas@huskers.com	
Shunta Paul	Shunta.Paul@gmail.com	Apollo
Nicki Paul		Apollo
Andante Lloyd	andante_chab@yahoo.com	Boys & Girls Clubs
Joyce Griggs	PEARL COACHES gym	PPZ
Terry Griggs		
Mary Rinn	maryrinn1@gmail.com	LYTC - Coach
Kahli Rogers	or Lincoln youth track.com	
	Kahli.rogers@gmail.com	unatch/coach
Amy Myers	amystarrmyers@gmail.com	Coach