

**USATF INDIANA**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Sunday, February 10, 2019  
NIFS

Attendees: Dick Boyd, Terry Brahm, Latashia Key, John Maley, Alfred Mendel, Melissa Moeller,  
Paul Sargent, Randy Stafford, Robert Thomas, Mike Trego, and Anna Weber

BOD Absent: Chris Buckler, Stuart Goble, Terry Lakes, E Shane Lee, and Keith Mitchell

*Welcome & Call to Order*

Latashia Key

Meeting was called to order at 12:13 PM. Today's meeting focused on the below agenda items:

*Approved Minutes from October Meeting-2018*

Melissa Moeller

*Officer Reports*

- Vice President Dick Boyd, presented on the appreciated attention USATF IN has received from various sources for our efforts. Further he encouraged club membership, SafeSport certification, and background check renewals, as well as how he is overlooking the bylaws for revision.
- Treasurer Robert Thomas distributed the Profit and Loss spreadsheet for the 2018 year. He updated the board to the current account balance. He raised the issue of account deposits having unidentified sources, so that he is currently unable to see which funds are coming from which events.

*Committee Chair Reports*

- Masters Robert Thomas
  - Indoor meet scheduled for next weekend may be cancelled/postponed due to flooding in facility and mold in LJ pit. Facility personnel will contact Robert by Monday February 11 regarding meet status.
  - Outdoor meet scheduled for June 22, 2019 at Ball State Univ..
  - Midwest Regional meet scheduled for June 9 at Olivet College.
  
- Race Walking Latashia Key and Melissa Moeller
  - The Jeff Salvage Race Walking Clinic has temporarily been tabled until adequate interest can be generated.
  - Discussion of grass roots campaign reaching out to clubs and schools to promote the event of race walking and engage youth.
  
- Youth Latashia Key, Paul Sargent, Randy Stafford
  - Discussion of information disclosed at the USATF annual meeting, including:

- i. Determining finals advancement at meets to be the same for sprints and distance that all be based on qualifying time rather than heat placement.
    - ii. Enforcing rules by officials and event management/organization.
  - Discussion of attendance at youth meets and events and how to better promote and encourage youth track clubs in the state.
  - Discussion of XC meet schedule and conflicting events that may limit participation; Possibility of hosting a meet on a Sunday or Thanksgiving weekend to limit meet overlap.
  - Suggestion to create Survey Monkey with associations for input and feedback on competition dates
  - USATF Indiana will be hosting XC Regionals this year.
  
- Para Athletes Mike Trego
  - There has been a change of leadership in the national committee regarding Para athletes. The movement is growing to include a series of adaptive national championships, including the Endeavor Games in Ft. Wayne. There is potential to include Para events at some association meets in the future, as LA will be hosting the Para Olympic Games in 2028.
  
- LDR John Maley
  - Currently comprised of 4 events.
  - Discussion of 10-Miler in Tippecanoe State Park for trail running event.
  - Discussion of Grand Prix series concept; BOD committee chair will be responsible for concept developments and Andy Martin will consult further. Prize money has come from USATF-IN in the past, but there is potential for sponsorship opportunities to grow. Currently XC is only offering merchandise prizes at this time, but with more traction may be able to offer prize money in the future.
  - Planning to get bids out this month on locations for 2019 through 2020 to get locked in before September meeting.
  - Fast Freddy in New Albany, IN getting 790+ participants in 5mi race Nov. 24, and organizer is open to communication and discussion of race marketing
  - Current goal with our LDR events is gaining exposure.
  
- Coaches Education Paul Sargent
  - New Coaches registry is supposed to parallel new site.

- Marian has hosted the past 4 years, but has not hosted through USATF-IN; Events have been well attended by high school coaches.

- Officials

Mike Trego

- Officials award celebration & clinic (clerking & mentoring) occurred Dec 9, pins were awarded for longevity as officials.
- Reminder to renew background checks.
- Discussion of developing curriculum for identifying 14-17 year olds that are interested in pursuing official's certification and identify mentors in each state for young officials (Mike Trego as Indiana mentor).
- National committee will notify officials to renew SafeSport, but regular club members and BOD are not currently reminded of renewal.
- There are four levels of official's testing, and the first two are set to be available online for immediate testing soon.

- Sanctions

Randy Stafford

- Discussion of technical difficulties on the USATF Indiana website with applying for sanction and repercussions impacting youth events in particular

**Old Business:**

Latashia Key

Association Accreditation for 2018

- USATF IN is able to vote at the Annual Meeting and items submitted and awaiting first review from Accreditation Committee.

Association Grant Application

- USATF Indiana did not receive a grant with suggested proposal, but can reapply in August if BOD is interested in resubmitting same application.

Marketing Kit-Items Received

- Latashia has ordered a new tent, blue tablecloth, standing banner, and 6' banner to replace damaged inventory.

USATF Annual Meeting-Recap 2018

- The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held at the airport in Reno December 4-8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

*USATF IN Awards Celebration*

Latashia Key

- Volunteers will be needed for set up, clean up, and seating for the banquet. BOD members strongly encouraged to be in attendance.
- Food will be desserts & coffee/hot chocolate due to the late evening nature of the event. Gluten-free and vegan options will be available.
- Speaker-Larra Overton, IU graduate, FOX59 correspondent and ESPN/B1G commentator.
- Event will be held this Saturday, February 16, at Ben Davis High School.

**Youth & RW Chair**

Latashia Key

- Discussion
  - Latashia Key appointed Melissa Moeller as the new Race Walk Chair.
  - Youth Committee Chair has been vacant since September. Discussion ensued about forming a committee to equally distribute the workload involved. Latashia, Robert and Randy would assist in meet logistics and assisting for a smooth transition. Volunteers for can not be involved with a competing organization. Further discussion occurred on improving the registration processes for track and cross-country.

**Upcoming Meets-Updates on Site, Dates, Officials**

- USATF IN JO Outdoor T &F Association Championships Latashia/Mike/Randy
  - Ball State University for both events
  - Assoc.-6/15-16 2019
  - Update on Officials
  - Volunteers – Terry Lakes will be announcing
- USATF IN Open/Masters Association Championship Robert Thomas
  - Indoor-IPFW on 2/16/19
  - Outdoor-BSU on 6/22/19
- USATF IN JO Assoc. & Regional XC Championships Randy Stafford
  - Bids have not yet been placed
  - Discussion of possible dates that will not interfere with other local events and allow for Illinois athletes to compete with their High School State schedule. [See Youth Update]
  - Possible Locations include Brown County State Park and Terre Haute
- XC Grand Prix-2019 Latashia Key
  - Dates and Locations-only update is to reserve Sunday's in October and the first Sunday in November.

**Budget**

Robert Thomas

- Budget Discussion for 2019: Robert will contact Stu if interested in being on the committee and Terry accepted the invitation to join the budget committee.

**Other Events**

Latashia Key

- USATF IN Annual & BOD meeting
  - September 8, 2019 @ 12:00 PM and location TBD
- IATCCC Clinic
  - Water bottles were huge hit at expo
  - Suggestion was to have an info or brochure about USATF IN
  - Speak to Attendees about USATF IN as many are HS coaches, etc.
- USATF Cross-Country Camps
  - Colorado Springs July 1-4, USATF Indiana will send 1 male and 1 female athlete based on essay application.

**Misc.**

Latashia Key

- Background Checks & Safe Sport-Update
  - Meet volunteers may do two events in a calendar year while supervised by SafeSport certified member.
- Membership- Brand Ambassadors Anna Weber
  - Social media has an increased presence with promotion, and USATF Indiana could be doing more to utilize these means through use of brand ambassadors and blogs.

Latashia Key
- The Gleaners canned goods donations from cross-country meets were at an all-time association high this past year, totaling 153lbs of food equaling 128 meals for families. There was discussion of growing this new tradition to be incorporated at track and field events as well as cross-country, and better informing participants to bring donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Melissa Moeller