

USATF Indiana Board of Directors Meeting  
Launch Fishers  
September 24, 2023  
1:00 pm Annual Meeting & Board Meeting

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Board Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

- Executive Committee Membership
  - Secretary position is open for 1-year term
    - One candidate self-nominated (Sydney Meyers).
    - Sydney Meyers elected.
  - Executive committee position opens up with secretary election.
    - One candidate self-nominated (Denziel Crooke).
    - Denziel Crooke elected.
- Goals 2023-24
  - Board discussed goals and increasing profitability for JO and other events.
    - Notes below.
    - Upping the credit card usage - \$7.00 vs \$6.00
      - Adding gate fees back to 7 years and older (7+)
    - Printing 3-prong coach list day of the Youth Meet – can't give out coach bands without being on the list
    - Do we consider doing pre-purchase tickets for the youth JO, etc. meets?
      - Concerns would be waiting in line, sharing the pass, need sufficient volunteers for extra lines, etc.
      - Pros would be getting additional revenue, etc. – skipping the line, etc.
    - Robert is talking to IU – if we're not sold on Wabash, etc. – there would be only 1 gate.
      - Talking association or regional, etc.?
      - Indiana State wants the regional meet bad – Paul Sargent is working on it.
        - Director of Tourism & Sport is retiring in December, they want to get everything organized by 2024 now.
    - Discussing two-day meet schedule
      - Can we move things around to include field/long events on Friday and remove the extra \$1,000 - \$1,500 from the timing company? No need for automatic timing.
    - Discussion of timing, venue, etc.
      - Planning dates based on people who don't exist, who are we catering to?
      - Weekend of the 14, 15, 16<sup>th</sup>

- Volunteers
  - Club parents
  - College students – Sport Management majors & Football/Track teams
- Adding security back to youth meets?
  - Putting bids out for security firms, etc. – help with unruly parents at gate
- Creating and adding a youth budget – Robert to share with youth committee.
  - Budget to be approved by the board.
- Denziel – to set up a meeting, etc. to pull together youth committee
  - Set dates, etc. for the meet
  - Robert Thomas to talk to IU
- Fully Accredited for Annual Meeting
  - As of now, we're accredited based on events sanctioned, etc.
  - Association is still missing the 10-year USA athlete representative.
  - Candidates have been confirmed, awaiting who is already attending. National office may waive the requirement.
  - Requirement Review
    - Number – 8 delegates
    - Cover important meetings
    - International (10-year) athlete?
  - Who is registered and what is the hotel, flight, and registration status?
    - Only those that have met requirements will have pre-paid
    - Robert still to book hotels and purchase conference registration for attendees.
- Youth Chair
  - Shane and Denziel have been a part of the youth committee, and Becky from Body In Training track club.
  - Randy Stafford, Sydney Meyers, & Adriene are willing to be on the youth committee.
  - October 15<sup>th</sup> – dates have to be out
  - Paul nominates Denziel Crooke to be Youth Chair.

#### New Business:

- Legislation Updates
  - Change in associations – up on the docket again (regional changes)
    - Indiana could potentially move into Regional 12 – it would combine with 4 other associations
      - Ohio (#1 & #2), Michigan, Kentucky
      - Illinois would go Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota
    - Our problem – 2 association region, every other year we host the regional meet & more of our other athletes qualify for regionals.

- How officials will be selected for youth meets? An application processes.
  - Not including masters, etc.
  - Youth wants it to be a selection process.
  - Travel grants for officials?
- Supporting Shelbyville - \$2,500 to support Club Cross Country Championship bid for December 2024 (emerging athletes grant)
  - Paul Sargent proposed, Dick second. Approved by board.
- Supporting officials
  - Emeritus officials – retiring, get them a little \$9 acrylic recognition – Mike pitching ideas to board
  - Do not have USATF officials Hall of Fame – most associations do. It would be at IATCC or online.
  - Board emeritus for Keith Mitchell – non-voting member for life.
    - Dick proposed, Stu second.
    - Need to add process into bylaws.
- Third Monday meetings – Chris
  - Need to have one key agenda item
  - Parking lot – solid focus on what we’re going to accomplish during the meeting.
  - Robert to outline areas that we need to cut costs, increase profit, etc.
    - January to December budget
- **Monthly meetings – third Monday of every month – 7:30 p.m.**
  - Sydney to send a reoccurring meeting invite out to folks.
- **Send first executive board meeting invite.**
- **Adjournment – Move to adjourn by Dick – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. Approved**