



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NIFS
250 University Blvd Indianapolis, IN 46202
February 23, 2020

Welcome & Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM. Today's meeting focused on the below agenda items:

Attendees: Richard Boyd, Terry Brahm, Sean Bruening, Chris Buckler, Stuart Goble, Latashia Key, Terry Lakes, Jalen Madison, Melissa Moeller, Paul Sargent, Randy Stafford, Robert Thomas, and Mike Trego.
Absent: Anna Weber

Old Business:

- Latashia informed the board that association accreditation items have been submitted, and that the Indiana association's grant proposal for a LED race clock was not awarded, as the establishment and growth of newer associations has taken priority among grant distributions.

USATF Annual Meeting-Recap

Reports from attending delegates were briefly summarized with highlights below:

- Cost of USATF membership intends to increase for both youth and adults.
 - There has been an on-going glitch for paying membership dues in which PayPal has not sent out confirmation receipts. Resolution is pending.
 - It was mentioned that there are financial delays at the national office.
- Use of CBD oil by athletes was ruled unlawful due to containing THC.
- SafeSport training was emphasized throughout multiple section meetings.
- The USATF Indiana association's use of social media was held as a model example.
- The number of officials has been declining.
 - Larry Henning of Indiana was awarded the Charles Ruter Award for outstanding work as an official.
 - In the present transition away from tape measurement, officials are being trained to use digital equipment as the primary line of measurement. Certification is required to operate Total Station equipment, and Indiana's use of Lazem is not yet certified.
- There is a tentative agreement among AAU and USATF to reduce meet scheduling conflicts
- There have been fewer site venues making offers for USATF events
- Two-year contract for the annual meeting in Reno remains in effect, and the 2020 Annual Meeting will take place in Orlando, FL.

Financial Update

- Robert as treasurer distributed records of association account information. Due to delayed billing expenses, details of the last couple months are not included. Financial standing was discussed and the association is doing well.
 - Issues with Athletic.net were discussed, as the site does not specify deposit information, making it difficult to discern details between event categories.
 - Membership slightly spiked during XC season.

- Melissa raised the question of incorporating 1-day licenses to increase involvement in association events. Discussion ensued about previous attempts by the national office with this practice that have been discontinued.
- Robert raised the question to improve our reimbursement check writing efficiency.

New Business:

Awards Ceremonu

- Terry Brahm reported that the Indiana Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at Ben Davis High School on March 7th at 7 PM. Directors were encouraged to attend and volunteer for positions such as set up, maître d' athletes to seats, maintain flow of award announcements, and clean up.
- There is currently no speaker, but it was discussed to include a panel of Olympic Trials qualifiers instead.

Upcoming Meets-Updates on Sites, Dates, Officials, etc.

- USATF IN JO Outdoor T&F Championships
 - Association Meet will be held on June 13-14th at Ball State University.
 - Regional Meet will be held July 9-12th at Ball State with combined events occurring on the 9th & 10th.
 - Officials are needed for both meets.
 - There was discussion of when and where to host the hammer and javelin throw at each meet with consideration for scheduling age group time blocks to improve participant experience.
- USATF IN Open/Masters Outdoor Association Championship
 - Meet will be held on June 12th at Ball State.
 - Indiana will host the 2020 Midwest Regional Meet.
- USATF IN JO XC Championships
 - Association Meet in Columbus, IN attracted approximately 525 participants, consistent with previous years.
 - Regional Meet in Nashville, IN attracted approximately 338 participants, fewer than previous years.
 - Indiana participants at the National Meet held in Wisconsin were provided with a heated tent and hot chocolate.
- LDR Events
 - Terry discussed bid events for 2020 as:
 - April 18: Trail Run will remain in Culver, IN.
 - June 4th: 1 Mile Race remains downtown Indianapolis.
 - July 11th: 5km Race at IUPUI.
 - October 3rd: Half marathon at Fort Ben.
 - There was discussion of the logistics to add a 10 km distance as well as outlets to promote the XC Grand Prix events, including WISH TV, social media, and communication with local running clubs and shops.

2020 Travel Grant-IN Olympic Trials Qualifiers-Discussion

- Olympic Trials will take place June 19-28th in Eugene, OR.
- Committee for Travel Funding will be formed consisting of 3 members to rule on a case-by-case basis of athlete and official application as outlined by the qualifying parameters. Collegiate athletes will not be considered in order not to violate NCAA rules.

- Paul Sargent moved to establish separate athlete and official funding pools of \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively. Motion was seconded and approved.

Bylaw Revision/Update

- Latashia distributed current Bylaw revisions and operating procedures with discussion following. Board members were encouraged to review and offer final revision edits to Latashia and Chris by March 15, 2020 in order to approve Bylaws by March 31, 2020, effective April 1, 2020.

Miscellaneous

- Mike announced that there is open recruiting of new officials, summarizing parameters and a drafted application for scholarship. Motion to eliminate age requirement was seconded and passed.
- Next BOD meeting was decided as September 20, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Melissa Moeller