



Minutes for Board Meeting held on December 5, 2016

Meeting started at 7:45 pm

Attendees: Alex Cuozzo, Rob Lemke, Sheryl Hall, Bridget McCann, Gabe Hickey, Ron Nardo, George Erker, Fred Benlein, Rich Degan, Vicki Fox, Kevin Arloff, Carl Grossbard, Dwayne Johnson

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes by Bridget McCann seconded by Carl Grossbard

Budget & Finance: Bank balance 11/29/16 = \$9,264.00; book balance \$5,444.00. Checks not cleared \$2,361+ invoice for medals for indoor meets. There is a need to put a cap on the dollar amount of checks written without approval; there should be checks and balances in the Association's financial management.

Suggestions – * 2 signatures, * limit on amount (without Board approval) that can be withdrawn, * buy a bond to cover losses

Membership: 448 individuals

President's Remarks: Challenging Year Ahead – Long Island will be hosting the JO Regionals, both Track & Field and XC Requirements for 2017: (1) Nat'l Office will not respond to personal emails – all Association officers and Committee Chairs need to activate their Legacy email accounts. Deadline is January 31, 2017. (2) As of January 1, 2017- Background check and Safe Sport for all coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers. Marketing Kit – will not go over the \$500, will just get XC flagging; Sanctions – must follow all the rules of the insurance that goes with the sanction. Alex will write a sample of the participant waiver for road races. Eastern Awards – Alex will write a sample of the participant waiver for road races. Jackie Joyner Kersee pulled out of the election as USATF President and Vin Lanana won by acclamation.

Old business:

1. Harry Penny – likes his 2 therapists and very upbeat.
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3. Grievance Procedures – understand the process; dates to follow; Association needs to make sure the By-laws are tightened up. The current grievance re We Are Athletes, has gone through 2 informal attempts at resolution. Alex will meet with Glen on Wednesday.
4. LITF Awards Brunch – Set for Sunday, February 12th from 10 – 2 at the University Club

Committee Reports:

Track & Field (Rich) – There will be 3 meets – 2 @ Suffolk CC - Jan 15: 5pm to 9pm, Feb 4: Youth Association Championships 6pm – 10pm; and one at St. Anthony's Feb 25: 9am to 1pm Open & Masters Championships. Youth teams will need to apply to attend this meet. There will be Pole Vault and Weight Throw at this meet. Will continue with All-Long Island Teams.

LDR (Alex) – The Olympic Trials in CA, which was not well run, was the main topic in the Men's LDR at Annual Convention. IAAF qualifying for the full marathon begins Jan 2018 and the ½ begins Sept 2018. Junior Awards has a minimum age 16-19 for the marathon and up. In Women's LDR Kim Fitzpatrick was re-elected as Chair, distance in XC Championship changed from 6K to 10K

Race Walk – Clinic at St. Anthony's went well.

MUT (Carl) – National Championships should get prize money which is good for Long Island's Caumsett Race; Discussion at Annual Convention: Transgender athletes – until complete medical and chemical change athlete will be the gender of birth; Camille Heron – top female USATF athlete – was invited to Caumsett.

Masters (Rob) – Bill Benson to be inducted into Masters Hall of Fame in February 2017.

National meets: 2017-Winston, Salem, 2018-Spokane WA, 2019-Ames IA

Kathy Martin – age group award winner for Track & Field;

Men's XC Championship for 70+above changed from 8K to 6K

Youth Athletics (Sheryl) – Nat'l this weekend in Alabama – 8 athletes & 1 team qualified, only 1 will compete.

Zonal meet in Staten Island @ Ocean Breeze on 2/19/17; National also in Staten Island 3/10-3/12/16

Officials – recertification information was sent out. 2017 competition rule books will be ordered.

Outreach – should start up by March.

Para Athletics – XC Championship coming to Long Island in the Spring at Stony Brook.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:05

Next Board meeting January 2, 2017