

# USA Track & Field - New England Board Meeting

PJT Partners, 53 State Street, Boston

Monday, February 5, 2018

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Board members present: Tom Derderian, Shaun Dever, Alex Engel, Maggie Fox, Justin Kuo, Gordon MacFarland, Michael McGrane, Sasha Mindel, Scott Mindel, Jen Mortimer, Chris Pasko, Stephen Peckiconis, Mike Travers.

Present via conference call: Katie Adams, Laurie Boemker, Alex Ivanov, Paul Kirsch, Jeff Rockwood, Sarah Thornton, Amanda Wright.

Employees Present: Sarah May & Steve Vaitones.

**6:30 President's Opening Remarks** - Overview of agenda. Great job on the East Region and USATF-NE Masters Championship.

## **Treasurer's Report** Stephen Peckiconis

See financial report. Some numbers from last year are currently plugged in, so anticipating them changing marginally. Sanctions are down by \$12,000 over the last 12 months. Not looking like it will increase from here so we will be a little tighter on income from here on out. We have \$250,000 in stocks and \$100,000 in cash at Vanguard.

## **Managing Director's Report** Steve Vaitones

See report. Payments from the national office are starting to get later and later in the month. Payments were generally received around the 15th and now are around the 31st of the following month. Steve had a conversation with Vin Lannana and noted this payment delay. We shall see how long it takes to receive the grant that the New England Association was awarded. Northeastern Head Coach Catharine Erickson has taken a position as program director of Paralympic Track and Field for the US Olympic committee. Access to facilities on all levels (youth, masters, clubs) is becoming a bigger and bigger problem. Discussion with other association presidents and chairs on creating a comprehensive track and field meet calendar for the New England states and New York. New track facilities have opened at Merrimack and at Southern New Hampshire University, and those sites may be options for holding meets in the future. New Balance Headquarters track does not have a completion (or start) date. We have an offer to hold any meets we want up in Lynn.

## **Marketing Coordinator's Report** Sarah May

See Report. She found a photographer for the USATF-NE Championships who will take photos for free. The photographer will take photos of the Indoor Points Chase winners. Meeting tomorrow with a printing company for branding materials for the meet. Great feedback from East Region and USATF-NE Masters Championship, athletes loved getting medals. Will be at the 50k expo this weekend to market USATF-NE. The two nominations for January Athlete of the Month are Rosie Donegan of Battle Road Track Club and Sam Ellison of the B.A.A. Donegan won the women's 3000m in 9:17.15 (a personal best) at the BU Terrier Classic. Ellison won the 800m at the BU Terrier in 1:47.87, and won the 1000m at GBTC in 2:23.23.

Vote: Donegan - 9

Ellison - 7

### **Awards Banquet** Sarah May

New options: Wellesley College Club \$30-46/person. Bar \$150 to set up. Harvard Faculty Club is another option. Breakfast/brunch on a weekend. Or cocktails. Gordon and Jean suggest not having the banquet this year, or maybe not this time of year. Suggestion to have awards in October for this year and going forward. Potentially giving all 2017 awards at New Bedford Half Marathon. Sarah in charge of making a template for Athlete of the Month awards to be printed on 5x7 high quality paper and framed. Jenn will reach out to Jason Ayr to get info on the company that awards were purchased from last year.

### **Coaching Education Update** Katie Adams

Three upcoming Level I schools in the area. National is targeting a particular week in July 2019 for the Level II school, but they are waiting until they set the national championship date.

### **Officials Update** Laurie Boemker

New USATF website has been down frequently which is hindering officials certifications.

### **Indoor Track Update** Jeff Rockwood

Asking members what they want out of USATF-NE at indoor meets. He has been pushing the Indoor Points Chase (currently have 65 athletes participating). The top 6 placers at this time includes 3 men and 3 women. There are people who have better performances but they have not submitted them yet. He will need some volunteers to calculate last minute scoring at the USATF-NE Indoor Championships. We will send out a Google Doc spreadsheet for volunteer signup. GBTC made \$3,000 by charging \$5 spectator admission at their meet. Discussion to charge \$5 at our USATF-NE Indoor Championship meet as well. We will have signs on doors for "Athlete & Coaches Entrance" and "Spectators". Signs for suggested donations signs and table at the door.

### **Indoor Track Budget** Jeff Rockwood

Increase on Harvard rental fee to \$4000. Total expenses of just over \$9,100. Does not have all numbers yet.

- Motion was presented by Scott Mindel

To approve the Indoor Track Budget as presented in Jeff Rockwood's proposal.

- Motion Seconded by Gordon MacFarland
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

### **LDR Update**

Great Championship Race Director's Luncheon, good turnout and feedback. Big push to have people sign waivers when registering their teams. Discussion about implementing club entry discount codes for championship entry and allowing clubs to be billed after the entry process.

### **LDR Budget**

Requesting \$125 more than last year. We will not have an LDR assistant, but will add to the prize money, \$1,800 for individual prize money (\$200 to top man, woman, and age graded people 3 deep). Goal to get some sort of sponsorship, potentially to get someone to sponsor the Iron Runner jackets. With the exception of the marathon, championship races are getting between 350-500 USATF members competing at every event.

- Motion was presented by Michael McGrane  
    To approve the LDR Budget.
- Motion Seconded by Jen Mortimer
- **Motion Passed** with 1 abstention.

### **Executive Session**

45 minutes of conversation discussing feedback on employees and how we will try to improve things moving forward.

- Motion was presented by Scott Mindel  
    To give Steve Vaitones a 3% raise of \$1,800, \$6,000 into his SEP-IRA, and \$500 as a Merit Bonus for 2018.
- Motion Seconded by Justin Kuo
- **Motion Passed** with 1 objection and 1 abstention.
  
- Motion was presented by Scott Mindel  
    To give Sarah May a \$1,500 raise with a \$3,000 bonus (\$1,500 if she stays for another year, and \$1,500 as an incentive) for 2018.
- Motion Seconded by Sasha Mindel
- **Motion Passed** with 2 abstentions.

**9:08** Meeting adjourned.