

**USA Track & Field - New England Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
Association Offices, Brighton, MA  
January 7, 2019**

**Present:** Chris Pasko, Justin Kuo, Mike Travers, Dave Teszler, Scott Mindel, Stephen Peckiconis, Maggie Fox, Alexander Engel, Sarah Thornton, Amanda Watters

**Conference Call:** Paul Kirsch, Alex Ivanov, Dave Lapierre, Katie Adams, Jeff Rockwood, Larry Libow, Steve Viegas, Chris Wargo, Laurie Boemker

**Employees:** Steve Vaitones, Tommy Mazza (via phone)

The meeting was called to order at 18:31 with 19 board members in attendance

**President's Opening Remarks:** Last meeting was in Columbus, unofficial. Always tough to start with board turnover and the national meeting following so quickly on the calendar. Agenda items are: Awards banquet. Grants program review, Points Chase review. Two budgets, MUT & ATR.

**Secretary's Report:** November monthly board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Lapierre is on the phone as new Treasurer. He was welcomed to the board. Stephen Peckiconis gave a quick review of the preliminary 2018 year-end report that he emailed to the board. Net Assets are down from earlier in the year due to the 10% stock market drop which is reflected in real-time, otherwise very little drop year over year. Stephen's early estimate for 2019 net is again in the negative \$25K range, helped some by lower projected payroll costs compared to 2018.

Dave Lapierre gives quick intro, he is a member of Central Mass Striders (competitive) and GLRR (long-term), competes in Mountain and ATR series, volunteers in other areas outside of running. Dave & Stephen have met a few times to work on the transition.

Chris, Dave, and Stephen will work to get the Brookline Bank signature handoff done as soon as possible by meeting at a bank branch. Minute meetings for the board conference call to select a new Treasurer need to be completed first by the Secretary for presentation to the bank officer.

**Managing Director's Report:** Presented by Steve

**Marketing:** Presented by Tommy Mazza. Monthly report was emailed. Indoor Points Chase handout as displayed.

*Moved:* Maggie Fox motions to vote on the budget w/mods as noted by her. Travers moves the motion, motion passes unanimously.

[Stephen: Insert details on the budget & modifications or a link to it]

AOM: Only one nominee for December, Aiden Felty, youth shot putter who set Massachusetts and New England HS record. *Moved:* Approve Felty as AOM, passed unanimously.

**Coaching:** Level II school is supposed to be decided by first week in January. Not sure who the competition is. There is no Level I school scheduled as of yet NE this year. Chris thinks that one

Level I would suffice this year. Katie notes that school attendance was way down in 2018 but USATF goal is more schools. NE had the highest # of people per school in the country.

**Officials:** Laurie still getting recertification requests. Anyone who has expired background checks is being automatically decertified, has to be manually fixed to recertify them. NE had 13 officials apply for National Championships and 11 were picked for at least one. The system hasn't updated for background check updates in over 30 days.

### **Monthly Agenda portion:**

Chris still wants to have a board dinner.

Chris notes that the USATF board schedule does not include the conference call promised to review Vin Lananna's reinstatement.

Chris has reached out to the two other non-selected Treasurer candidates about being on a new finance or audit committee. There should be one other board member other than Treasurers and President to be on that committee.

*Moved:* By Justin to ???

Sent out a reminder on board policies. Social media should be supporting. Put USATF first, not try to look like a hero.

VP Roles. In the past each of the three Vice Presidents were assigned a targeted role. Marketing, Youth, and General Events. Both Larry & Barbara have lots of experience with Youth and are interested in that area. Larry is also good at Marketing. Maggie is more interested in Branding than Marketing. She believes branding and events go hand in hand. Chris decides on the following:

Larry Libow: Youth & Marketing

Barbara Hamilton – Youth & Events

Maggie Fox – Branding & Events

**Awards Banquet:** Doesn't make sense to do anything right now. Talked about doing an end of summer, Field Day type of event with picnic. Or something in the break between indoor and outdoor track seasons. We don't believe any idea has enough momentum yet.

**Grant Committee:** Travers gives an update of last review round. David Teszler, Sarah, and Amanda are on the committee. Suggest we talk to clubs to put the word out. Next deadline is April 15. Getting a lot of travel grant requests. Had only one awardee for Dec 15 period for \$300. We simply aren't getting applications and need to communicate more about the funds availability.

**Indoor T&F:** Jeff says that Points Chase sign-ups starting to roll in. East Region Indoor Masters meet at end of the month. Contact Mike to volunteer at the meet. Chris says we have secured Smith College for a western mass meet run by SMAC on Feb 24.

**MUT:** Budget. Request is \$2,500 lower than last years. Highlighted changes are:

1. Mountain Circuit – 8 races
2. Ultra – Ragged 50K for first time, was National Champs in 2018, will be NE Champs in 2019

3. Trail – Run with Beavers, same as in 2018, good turnout in RI

*Moved:* Viegas: To approve the budget as proposed by Paul Kirsch, MUT Chair. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

**ATR:** Budget. November: Board approved go ahead for the series in November. Specific budget is up for review at this meeting. Chris presented the 2019 budget. Prize money increases to \$600 from \$400 in 2018. Goal is at least 50 finishers. There are three new races in the 2019 series.

*Moved:* Travers: To approve the budget as proposed by Chris Pasko. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

**LDR:** Committee has approved changes to team scoring for Women’s teams for the 2019 LDR Grand Prix. Two major changes. Open category will now score 5 deep through 25K (previously only scored 3 deep in races longer than 10K). 40+ and 50+ will now score 5 deep through 10K (previously only scored 3 deep at all distances). Both changes move the overall women’s team scoring closer to matching that of men’s teams.

Also noted is that Global Athletics is hosting both Men’s and Women’s Masters Mile races at the NB Indoor Grand Prix meet. The women’s race is new this year.

**New Business:**

Membership cards are going out now from National office.

Dave Teszler has volunteered to be a “sponsor recruiter”.

Steve has generic USATF-NE board business cards available for board members.

The meeting adjourned at 20:08.

2019 Board Meeting schedule. First Monday of each month except September, excluding July  
February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, August 5, September 9