

**USA Track & Field - New England Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
Association Offices, Brighton, MA  
October 1, 2018**

**Present:** Chris Pasko, Barbara Hamilton, Mike Travers, Stephen Peckiconis, Justin Kuo, Alex Ivanov, Alex Engel, Dave Teszler, Amanda Watters, Scott Mindel, Steve Viegas, and Maggie Fox

**Conference Call:** Chris Wargo, Jeff Rockwood, Katie Adams, Laurie Boemker, Paul Kirsch

**Employees:** Steve Vaitones, Tommy Mazza

**Also Attending:** Young runner Ali Moussa came with Larry Libow. Vin Lananna, USATF President (suspended) sat in after 18:45

The meeting was called to order at 18:33

**President's Opening Remarks:** Chris welcomed the many new board members and had them make quick introductions. New board members are: David Teszler, Larry Libow, Amanda Watters, Barbara Hamilton, Steve Viegas, Chris Wargo.

Marketing announcements: Tommy Mazza announced that he was moving from summer intern to part-time marketing coordinator during his senior year at BC. He thanked us for the opportunity. He runs for GBTC and the BC Running Club.

Tommy Mazza presented an update on marketing activities. See also his marketing report from the annual meeting. He was happy about his reporting on the Codfish Bowl with Coach Squires in attendance. Liberty AC had its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. NIRCA update. He made a Youth flyer which is in Steve's hands.

AOM: Victor DeMarines & Nat Larson were nominated. DeMarines won by unanimous vote

**Secretary's Report:** September monthly board meeting minutes were tabled.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given it is first of the month and a detailed annual report was issued the week before at the annual meeting, Stephen Peckiconis said that annual report can stand in as the report. No new info to add.

**Managing Director's Report:** XC started up at the Elm Bank meet. Franklin Park trailer is loaded up for the season. We had the LDR 5K & 10K last month. Steve officiated the Lynn 1 Hour Run where two Masters ARs were set. Codfish Bowl had 247 finishers.

**Coaching:** Katie Adams reported there was not yet a location for November's Level 1 clinic. (Since then Emmanuel College in Boston was selected.) The upcoming Level 1 in Portland has only 10 people signed up. There will be a site visit for next year's Level 2 school.

**Officials:** Laurie said we have 172 or 173 officials. Higher demand than ever with lots of manual paper work. Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM) and Race Walking (RW) clinics are under discussion.

**Cross Country:** Participation is up slightly over 2017 for adults. Western Mass meet numbers were way down. Series info was out late and not on a lot of club calendars. Chris says he will have an XC Committee next year.

**MUT:** Paul mentioned that there is some frustration on series coordination as Bretton Woods and Lone Gull had a date conflict. There were 130 Mountain Goats this year. UltraRunning Magazine had a big article on the Ragged 50K US Trail Champs. Helps to have a great photographer at an event to promote it afterward.

**LDR:** Lone Gull 10K was extremely deep at front of pack. There are 70 ironrunners after 6 events.

**ATR:** Going well. Will contact participants individually for sizing.

National Annual Meeting, some costs are up so may do \$850 for reimbursement amount, including 4<sup>th</sup> night for some.

Maggie Fox motioned to budget an \$70 for an additional night. Chris seconded. Passed unanimously.

Larry Libow wants to promote T&F to combat other new sports. Concept of athletics seems to have been lost. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Mile is great example of promoted event. Mixed relays are popular as are elimination races and street meets. Larry would like to bring elite athletes into the community to take questions. This would include recently retired athletes. We would pay appearance fees.

Vin spoke. He visited 31 associations last year. He stated that we have an opportunity and imperative, with 2021 World Champs in US plus 2020 Olympic Trials, to tap into the associations. New England is considered a model association. See <http://Oregon21.org> to keep updated on the WCs.

Dave Teszler mentioned complete lack of sponsorships, comparing to his little league board which gets over \$5K each year.

Steve is working with Rebecca Breslow on her health initiative. Rebecca is putting together a composite list of healthcare providers for athletes. Steve reported that Associations rep Dave Shrock spent 1.5 days at SafeSport HQ, and SafeSport is still in flux.

The meeting adjourned at 19:58.

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