



USATF Colorado Association

*President: Elaine Keel, Vice President: Quinn Pack, Secretary: Annica Roberts, Treasurer: Thomas Southall*

**Meeting Minutes**

January 6, 2018 \* 12:30 p.m. \* Philip S. Miller Library, Castle Rock, Colorado

Presiding Officer: Elaine Keel

1. Welcome
  - a. Quorum
    - i. Established.
  - b. Agenda
    - i. Approved with flexibility.
  - c. Minutes
    - i. Tabled to next meeting
2. Correspondence
  - a. There was no new news presented at this meeting.
3. Reports of Officers and Board
  - a. Financial Officer
    - i. Absent.
  - b. President
    - i. Explained the report sent in by the financial officer.
  - c. Vice President
    - i. No update.
4. Reports of Committees
  - a. High Performance: Men's T&F, Women's T&F, RaceWalk
    - i. Kenneth O' Neil discussed the meetings he attended at the national meeting.
    - ii. Ray Brown asked for assistance in understanding the duties of the Women's Track and Field Chair. The point was made that any chair may assist another chair in their duties and as an association we are better when we are able to help everyone reach the finish line.
  - b. Long Distance Running: Men's LDR, Women's LDR, Masters LDR
    - i. Kathy Butler mentioned that there was a possible program that will allow athletes to earn money from their races. Brett Stevens briefly explained how money is earned based on placing in different LDR races. The 2020 marathon will take place in Poland and the half marathon in Spain.
    - ii. The Grand Prix schedule for the upcoming year is being worked on and the hope is to have 4 or 5 races in them this year. Brett Stevens explained how beneficial the Annual Meeting was for gathering information from other associations and reported that there are chances for athletes to earn prize money at the national level.

- iii. Overall LDR did an excellent job this year and was even able to put on great meets at the last minute.
- c. General Competitive: Masters T&F, Youth
  - i. Masters will have a meet on February 18th at USAFA sponsored by colorado association, midamerica region masters and open indoor track and field championships. There will be no youth events at this meet. USAFA's facilities are now being held by a foundation that has set a flat rate for rental fees at \$3.500, this may be subject to change but it does include everything necessary for the meet. Outdoor meets are currently being scheduled and are awaiting approval from CU and CSU.
  - ii. Youth Cross Country had 5 meets along with the JO's and 5 individual club who hosted their own meets with support from the association. The Annual Meeting discussed topics such as lengthening the exchange zones from 20 to 30 meters to minimize the number of disqualifications. This change will be applied to high school in the future. Other rules such as assisting athletes in races and ring violations were discussed at length. As it stands, Youth Nationals will be held in the Rochester area on July 4 and the national JO's will be held in Greensborough. Other possible locations were announced for state and regionals.
- d. Officials
  - i. Though it was not a rule change year the following were changed: time limits, excluding youth, exchange zones, and throwing rules. Nationals is picking up the liability insurance for all officials.
  - ii. There are currently 98 certified officials in Colorado as of November with the next certification training on January 28th. If there are 100 certified officials in Colorado, the association is awarded another delegate at the Annual Meeting. Currently working with National about dealing with underage officials who need a background check but are not able to get one due to their age.
  - iii. A quick reference book was made as a possible idea to give to all officials as a best practice reference guide during meets. The hope is that this goes to press and is designed specifically for USATF.
- e. Development Group: Coaching Ed
  - i. The next level one may be scheduled in June or November and may be in Boulder in order to change up the dates at times. The next level two will be in Indianapolis.
- f. Paralympics (formerly Athletics for the Disabled)
  - i. Absent. See attached report.
- g. Coaches Advisory
  - i. The national website has the set of standards that are being adapted by coaches next year. Volunteer coaches should get a signature from the facility's athletic director or coach as valid documentation.
- h. Board: Budget, Grant/Scholarship
  - i. Absent. See attached report.

- ii. All chairs must submit their budgets to the treasurer for accreditation. Please account for meets, sanction fees, facilities, volunteers, meals, awards, officials, and the annual meeting in all of your budgets.
    - iii. Patrick Rizzo is working on grants for the association and Steve Bethke is working on scholarships. Both committees need help if you are able to lend a hand.
- 5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Accreditation
    - i. All documents must be sent in BEFORE the end of the month.
  - b. Website
    - i. The association must release two newsletters each year and the first one is out. The goal is to have these newsletters be the go to place for association news, safety/security improvements, and background and safesport checks for the officials and coaches.
    - ii. Vice President Pack suggested a hold on moving forward with the private company to redesign the website in order to see what other options are available. There are no specific rules/guidelines regarding how the website should be done therefore there are cheaper options the association can pursue. Also as a result of being chosen as one of the associations in the Association Assistance Initiative there are ways for us to receive help that way as well. No formal motion was made, however in order to comply with accreditation standards Vice President Pack will create a temporary website and the association will decide if we want to continue with that one.
- 6. New Business
  - a. Sanctions
    - i. Christopher Quetant from National gave a presentation on Sanctions. See attached.
  - b. Accreditation
    - i. All chairs must submit their championships that meet all of the requirements BEFORE the end of the month in order for the association to be accredited.
  - c. Legacy Accounts
    - i. All chairs should have a legacy account and use those as the main form of communication. If yours is not set up you must reach out to Luke at National. Once it is set up a Google Calendar will be used to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts.
  - d. Awards banquet
    - i. Looking for a restaurant and facility for the banquet. Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning otherwise there will be no banquet this year.
  - e. Associations Assistance Initiative
    - i. We were chosen to receive this free assistance from National for two years. More details to come from this.
- 7. Special Presentations & Acknowledgements

- a. Visiting Members/Guest
  - i. Kathy Johnson and her husband.
  - ii. Christopher Quetant
  - iii. Randy Hopkins
- 8. Birthdays & Milestones
- 9. Closing
  - a. Adjournment at 3:30.