

September 11, 2016
USATF Meeting notes
Notes started at: 2:45 pm

Questions were raised about a line item of \$40.41

- Response was – we were sued ~ 15 years ago and the decision was made not to move the money because we were sued and may need to get our hands on the money with a quick turn around
- The question may need to come up again about moving the large sum of money to a better making account
- Regional years money needs to be available with a quick turn around
- The suggestion was made – approach a bank to discuss sponsorship for keeping our money in their institution (youth meet, regional meet, etc)

Open and Masters Track and Field didn't appear on the balance sheet

- There were low numbers
- There was a line for expenses but no notation for profit
- The meet entries were low and generated approximately \$300 or so

Membership

- Cindy reviewed the numbers that were sent ahead of time
- Background checks were down this year and last year
- Officials were only required to SafeSport
- There were 4 new clubs and not all had background checks – they were not approved
- The information is available on the USATF Three River website
- Background checks were difficult this year due to combination of PA and USATF checks
- A new background check company is in place (NCSI)
- PA officials – the checks are good for 5 years (PIAA)
- Volunteer checks are good for 5 years
- NCSI background checks are available on the website – USATF

Timing system/crew was bare minimum his year and we need assistance

- Chelsea, Lauren Carter, Cindy were the main volunteers this year

Officials

- Bruce gave an overview of what races are coming up and what still needs to be covered
- We need to secure officials for the youth cross country races
- We have 95 officials and there is a discrepancy with the count (95 or 96)
- There will be some positions up for vote at the annual meeting
- No news on uniforms for the officials
- Navy blue will be the new uniform color and all officials will be comped a shirt

- Recertification will happen soon and 3 clinics will be planned to have a group test
- SWOT – encourage new officials
- Background checks – the assumption is that in 2017 all officials will need background checks
- An award for 2 officials went to: Oronde Sharif and Latonya Sharif – outstanding service

Youth update – Chuck Davis

- A vote occurred for an interim youth chair
- Chuck voted for Tricia Myers
- Athlete and coaches of the year are on the website
- We need a format for next year so we have information collected on the nominees
- Totals – commission t shirts \$795, Italian ice \$400 for a total of \$1195
- We need to look at a different print vendor for next year
- Sold \$465 collected for programs and they cost \$481
- \$3590 collected from admissions
- \$4555 up from last year
- Suggestion was made to move packet pick to inside the gate to require
- \$10,432 admission fees collected
- Stadium rental cost went up from \$2800 to \$3500 this year
- Officials were paid \$1710 food \$514.05, 18 hours \$270 for athletic trainer (access to ice)
- Novacare was utilized 18 hours \$720 (rate was \$40 per hour)
- Tent rental \$583 for 2 tents
- \$9083.29 in expenses
- The travel fund is supported by the Association meet
- All meet hosting fees have been collected and deposited

Cross Country – Robert Williams

- The only available date is in the middle of **October 15**
- Association Championship is at Slippery Rock/Cooper's Lake) – November 13 (Sunday)
- New Jersey – regional meet Central Park in Morris Plain NJ – **November 20**
- Hoover, AL – national meet
- Request for all officials at the cross country meets
- Thank you to Cindy for working with Tricia Myers on cross country honors
- There is a tent on the line this year as a prize and it will be personalized for the team that wins
- Second place is team renewal and 3rd place is money for travel
- Rule change – older members 15/16 and 17/18 will run individually and scored together as a team (they may place in their age group)
- Advancement is 10 teams from the older age group – it will be written in at the annual meeting

Some people are having trouble completing the sanctions – they need to discuss it with Frank after the meeting

Oronde will forward the code from last year to upload the information for this year

Open and Masters – Mark Schwartz

- Wolf Creek Track Club approached Mark for reimbursement for travel to national meet
- Indoor championship series was hosted by Slippery Rock
- Several teams came down to host their association meets in conjunction with the all comers meet
- Slippery Rock did not charge USATF Three Rivers
- The association will attempt to make the same arrangement for the upcoming year
- The results are on the website
- 15 athletes competed
- Next year there will be a fee assessed for each event
- Suggestion was made by Donna
- Slippery Rock University will host the national combined events in August of 2017 – we will have to provide officials as an association
- National and international events are sent to the association website for recognition in local media

Question – is next year the last year for the World Youth Games atmosphere for the younger athletes YES it is not the right

LDR – Joe Sarver

- An association member won the age group LDR athlete of the year
- Working on a Grand Prix series for next year
- Recruitment on the national level in LDR is driven by Grand Prix series
- Joe is hoping the Grand Prix series will drive numbers up
- Question – what are the numbers for road races? Are they up or down than in earlier decades?

SWOT Analysis – Bill Phelps

- Bill gave an overview of how the SWOT process took place and why
- The SWOT will not expire – it will be an ongoing process
 - It can be added to , adjusted for completion, etc
- Keep the SWOT on the plan and in the minutes
- From the SWOT a Strategic Plan was developed for the association
- It is on the website and was emailed to membership
- We lack a strong indoor track and field program and partially because of facilities
- If any of h membership (coaches, parents, athletes, etc) know of a facility that could be used for the development of an indoor track, please let a board member know

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm

Name of Attendee	Team/Position
Frank Rodenbaugh	President
Noel Webb	Treasurer
Oronde Sharif	At-Large Athlete/NADIA Coach/Official
Lowell Wetzel	At-Large Executive Board member
John Knabb	At-Large Executive Board member
Robert Williams	Second Vice President
Robert Shaviss	Penn Hills Eagles
Steve Meddings	Pacers
Angel Williamson-Wheat	Athlete representative
Lois Smith	Mt Top TF Club
Kristina Karabinos	
Richard Rouse	East Allegheny
Gloria Rouse	East Allegheny
Caleb Miller	Athlete Representative
Mark Schwartz	Open and Masters TF Chair SCTC
Brian Brown	Athlete Greensburg YMCA
Maurice Lucas	Coach Midas Track Club
Latonya Salley-Sharif	NADIA Track/Official/Secretary – Executive/Youth
Nicole Logan	Coach/Youth Committee
Becci Carter	Coach/Administrator/PHETC/Youth Committee
Linda Phelps	Visitor
H. William Phelps	Official and Board of Directors
Joe Sarver	LDR Men and Women
Cindy Long	Membership
Chuck Davis	Youth Chair