USATF-Iowa Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 15

Via Zoom

Attendance: J Walczyk, L Lindaman, M Wenzel, R Elsbernd, D Whitaker, E Hansen, E Pingel, D McFadden, S Bobenhouse, C Broek, J Gruenwald, A Geiger, J Richards, J Schultz, and 9 at large members

Jim Walczyk welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for giving up part of their Sunday afternoon.

Lynn Lindaman remarked on this being an interesting year. That not having the ability to host meets and get together has a huge negative effect on all. Talked of hope for a better 2021.

Ryan Elsbernd/Dai Whitaker – provided a glimpse of the open division track meet that there is hope to hold in 2021. We need to strengthen our membership of the open age group. Trying to find various events that will entice them and get them to participate. One possible thought is a ex-college teammates relay challenge meet.

Emily Hansen – Youth Athletics is hoping to be able to return to some normalcy in 2021. There was a Youth Committee meeting in late October. The group plans to get together in early January and host a coaches/boards meeting for the clubs soon after. The cross country season was relatively strong with several club meets and a state meet.

Marek Wenzel – no activity for Masters Track this season. Hoping for a better 2021.

Duff McFadden – creation of 3 newsletters. Duff announced that he would be stepping down from his position.

Curt Broek – moving into the new Olympiad for officials certification and everyone will need to renew. There are plans in place to help our officials. Will do a zoom test training session, along with a few discussion sessions (also on zoom).

Jay Gruenwald – has been working hard on recruiting college athletes as new officials as they move out of the college arena. Together with Doug Johanson they have compiled a list of over 50 athletes that have a tentative interest.

Al Geiger – training for officials for this next period will focus on the testing for recertification. There is not any clinical training being prepared. Also added that 2 video training sessions for throws have been completed.

Eric Pingel – there was nothing done with coaching this year. Was not able to host any clinics. Hoping coaches training resumes in 2021.

Steve Bobenhouse – youth cross country was “solid” given the elements (Covid). Any division outside of that did not have any competitions.

Dan Hostager – LDR was non existent. Dan is working on events for 2021.

Membership – Scott was not able to be present. Jim reported that membership was down substantially. Most of the memberships that were renewed were done so prior to March.

Jeff Richards – will be attending the USATF Annua Meeting and will be involved with rules discussions

Joey Schultz – Initial conversations and meetings have begun on creating a stronger social media presence. USATF-iowa was awarded a grant for this and we need to determine how we will utilize.

Jim Walczyk – echoed the same as memberships. Barely any sanctions and those were all pre-April. Not sure what will happen in the near future. USATF has some pretty strict policies/procedures that must be followed to host a meet. While these remain in effect it will be difficult to have a meet.

Financials – Jim reported that financials took a little hit. While there was very little revenue coming in, there were still expenses that needed to be paid. Fiscally we are still strong though.

There was discussion afterward regarding the impact that COVID is having on our sport. However, safety to our members must remain the number one interest. With that in mind, there is still a lot of hope for what 2021 may hold (especially if it is indeed an Olympic year)

Meeting adjourned – 3:45pm

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2020 Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 15

2:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94002536734?pwd=QlAyMFdqcStvbDR4WTFjWE5oMnMxUT09>

AGENDA

* Welcome – Jim Walczyk, Operations Manager
* Opening Remarks – Lynn Lindaman, Association President
* Chair Presentations: (in no particular order, but listed here alphabetically by disciplines)

**Chair Discipline**

Marek Wenzel Athletics, Masters

Ryan Elsbernd Athletics, Open Men & Women

Daianera Whitaker Athletics, Open Men & Women

Emily Hansen Athletics, Youth

Eric Pingel Coaching

Duff McFadden Communications

Larry Bednar Communications, Masters

Steve Bobenhouse Cross Country

Mark Smith Law & Legislation

Dan Hostager Long Distance Running/Racing (LDR)

Scott Tjeerdsma Membership

Curt Broek Officials

Jay Gruenwald Officials, Recruiting

Al Geiger Officials, Training

Jeff Richards Rules

Joey Schultz Social Media

Jim Walczyk Sanctions

* Financials – Jim Walczyk, Association Treasurer
* Q&A