**2022 Iowa Association Annual Meeting**

**January 12, 2022**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Agenda**

Attendees: Jim Walczyk, Scott Tjeerdsma, Eric Pingle, Ryan Elsbernd, Curt Broek, Emily Hansen, Blake Boldon, Jeff Richards, Al Geiger, Britta Wey, Dan Hostager, Steve Bobenhouse

Jim Walczyk welcomed/thanked everyone for attending.

2021 Accomplishments/Highlights - Chairs provided a brief summary of highlights and accomplishments

Youth: There was not an indoor championship this year because of Covid procedures. The outdoor championship was held, but not as a JO, the national office was not having the JO series this year. Numbers were down a little, but still strong. Cross Country was held, it was our biggest meet so far.

Masters: A strong masters year. We were not able to host an indoor meet (Covid) but had a strong attendance for the outdoor meet. We attributed this to the understanding that we were again hosting the National masters meet and that brings a few more out of staters that want to get a look at the facility. The national meet was a great success.

Open: season was pretty typical. A smattering of open athletes at the association meet. We did attempt to put together a sub-elite meet to be part of the summer series. We weren’t able to get everything put together timely to host the meet. Maybe in a future year.

LDR: we did not host any LDR championships this year

Officials: The certified officials count for Iowa remains high. We are working on getting everyone recertified.

2022 Goals/Hopes - Chairs provided a quick snapshot of thoughts for 2022

Youth: The hope/belief is that things will be back to normal in 2022. With that in mind the plan is to try to have at least the normal amount of development meets (or hopefully more) for both track and cross country. There are a couple of representatives that have contacted us about having a club in 2022.

Open and Masters – ideally we can grow the numbers that participate in the championship meets.

LDR: hope to partner with events again to have our LDR Championships

Officials: Our officials group is getting older. (just like every other association). We need to find ways to recruit, mentor, and retain new officials.

Financial Picture: The financial standing is strong. We continue to watch expenses to keep finances strong.

Association Projects

Bylaws: we need to rewrite the bylaws utilizing the USATF established template

Website Change: we are planning to move the information from our current web site to the website template provided by usatf. This will ensure that we are consistent with other associations and allow us to use some of the bells and whistles that exist.

2021 USATF National Annual Meeting: reviewed who was attending the annual meeting. The plan is for attendees to share information after the meeting. Planned Attendees: Bednar, Bolden, Bobenhouse, Broek, Elsbernd, Geiger, Gruenwald, Hill, Pingel, Richards, Walczyk