

Meeting was held via Zoom, 7:30 p.m. start.

In attendance: Kevin Brandon, Ken Kapner, Tom Jennings, Lauren Siegel, Robin Jefferis, Alison Schwalm, Anabelle Broadbent, Kirsten Tallman, Rogers Gilspy, Paul Montini, Frank Palombaro, Earl Edwards

Kevin opened the meeting by thanking Ken for conducting the previous meeting while Kevin was out of the country for family reasons. Roll was then taken.

A Motion was made to approve the November 2021 and January 2022 BOD minutes, both were approved, and seconded.

Kevin talked about the Accreditation process, which was completed and submitted today, February 4. Dave Schrock approved the filing being a few days late.

The USATF Grant is being formulated and submitted, a meeting was hosted by National to assist Associations with applying, all who submit a thoughtful application are expected to be approved for the \$5,000 Grant.

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice President/Budget and Finance Committee: Ken Kapner attempted a B&F meeting on January 13, but the Zoom link did not send properly to all invited, so the meeting is rescheduled for February 26. Rogers has since joined the committee as the representative from HP, Earl was appointed by Kevin, representing Officials since Officials are not members per the bylaws. A rep from the Youth committee is still needed. The Board is anxious to resurrect this important committee.

Secretary: Lauren has been busy compiling Minutes from meetings, otherwise, no report.

Financial Secretary: Tom was pleased to announce the strong financial position of the Association, with a surplus of +\$28,741. Revenue for 2021 was \$82,000, while expenses were \$53,400. Ken was the only Officer to attend the National Meeting, resulting in a reduction in expenses. Every event operated with lower costs than had been projected. The Youth budget had reflected a two day Regional Track and Field Championship, which was changed to a one day event, also reducing expenses.

Total accounts are ahead of 2021 by \$40,000, with a total Vanguard balance of \$160,823. There are possible outstanding debits: an IRS penalty of \$8,300 from 2015 returns. An appeal has been submitted to the IRS to reduce the penalty. Sanctions and refunds from 2021, and cash awards to Clubs are still outstanding. There is a \$7,500 payment from National due for January.

Treasurer: A total inflow from Membership of \$23,720. Total outflow of \$11,384, for Annual Meeting register fees, a website maintenance charge, LDR and Youth awards, and a storage facility has been rented to store T&F equipment. The storage facility is located on Chemical Road In Lafayette Hill.

Membership: Robin reported there are currently 1194 members as of 1/31/22. Fifty two clubs, 45 are multiyear clubs. Sanctions: 42 total currently. There are still challenges with Members joining and renewing, due to the platform. Robin is encouraging members to participate in the Tatnall Mile in Delaware on April 9. A mile on the track, open to all. There is a Track meet at Monmouth College July 1-2. The College will be opening the dorms to competitors for this National Club T&F Championship, for Open and Masters.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

LDR: Tom J. reported for Tom S., who was out of town.

The Awards luncheon was canceled due to Covid. All awards will be distributed at the Frostbite race, winners will be notified. The Grand Prix Road and Off Road schedules have been posted and publicized. There are 13 GP races, with Haddonfield Adrenaline 5k still pending with a 3/26 tentative date.

There are nine Off Road races, with two new races: Big Woods Half Marathon in Elverson, PA, and Run for the Ages in Reading, PA.

The 70+ Age Group is now a new AG, eligible for awards.

There will be two XC races, the Hall of Fame Classic at Belmont Plateau in August will be the Masters Championship, and the Open Championship at Belmont in October at the Jack St. Clair race in October.

LDR is working on a new club/team XC race at a new location. There is no increase in the budget, funds have been reallocated between line items and categories. Rules for the GP were revised before the schedules were made public. Philadelphia Marathon weekend rules have been changed to allow scoring in all races to encourage participation in all three races. Typically Rothman has been registering the most USATF members who have their best chance at scoring well, LDR wants the other races entries increased with Association members.

HP: Kevin welcomed the new Chair, Alison Schwalm. The Vice Chair is Rogers Gilspy. The first meeting had nine attendees, the Committee has lost two members, and are actively looking to replace them. Rogers asked if the original list of nominees for HP can be shared in order to ask if any are still interested. Alison has shared the Slack app for planning and discussion. The Committee is planning an Outdoor T&F event for either 6/4, 6/11, 7/16, or 7/23. A Race Walk event is also planned, but NJ is being consulted so there are no conflicts with their meets. An important task is to identify and secure venues for RW and T&F.

There was a request for 27" hurdles added to the Budget. With possibly only two Members using them, the \$10,000 needed to buy eight lanes of hurdles may be impractical, and a larger storage space would be needed. Rogers said a Hurdles subcommittee should be formed to present this request to the Board. Earl said it would be more cost effective to pay those athletes entry fees at other events that have 27" hurdles. Potomac Valley may lend out their hurdles, but eight lanes of hurdles would have to be transported. Robin said Tatnall Track is offering to host events, Rogers will contact the school for availability.

An Indoor Meet is not feasible this Spring, six months is needed to plan and execute a quality meet. It was noted that Philadelphia Masters Developmental Meets have been canceled by the venue, with no other venues renting their facilities at this time.

Youth: Paul asked that all Committees share dates of events to avoid conflicts. Robin has provided each Committee member with requirements for being on Youth. Paul expressed concerns about equipment, which is in 3-4 different locations now, with no clear Inventory list provided by the previous Chair and Committee members. There are concerns with the return of inventory, and which equipment exists, along with what may be needed. Kevin asked when the first meeting will be scheduled. Lauren and Kevin will send out notices for Youth elections, which will be in March. Paul said the five nominees are all very experienced and knowledgeable, all being a Coach or leader of a Youth organization. Mike Gross and Alan from Hershey are enthusiastic to join the Committee and formulate a June Meet. Kevin will ensure that the election process is smooth and properly conducted. Paul has had good feedback from other Youth organizations, such as CYO, that will encourage their Youth to participate in USATF. Paul expects to contact other Youth contacts to keep already established relationships. Robin said the Youth National Championships are in NYC in 2022, and may increase MidAtlantic membership. Kevin said the Committee must be rebuilt to move forward.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Vanguard resolution naming Kevin, Wayne Sadowski, and Tom J. as signatories was voted on and approved November 21, 2021. Since then, Wayne has resigned, Kevin and Tom will be the signatories. With the Treasurer role being vacant, Tom will perform the duties of both offices temporarily until a replacement can be found. Tom stressed the importance of having full access to all accounts in order to fulfill his duties. Earl is concerned that there is not enough oversight with only two signatories, Kevin explained that in his role of Budget and Finance Chair, Ken will have oversight capabilities, but cannot execute transactions.

A vote was taken to retain Kevin and Tom as signatories, all except Earl voted in favor. Earl voted to oppose, as he is still concerned with how finances are exposed to Membership. Earl would like to view the expense ledger, Tom said he sent Earl what he asked for. There was further discussion, Kevin stated there is a formal process to resolve this, and wished to continue what he said was a productive meeting so far.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The USATF Association Grant was due to be submitted on Sunday, January 31, 2022. Kevin placed the Grant link in the chat for BoD members to submit ideas how to allocate the \$5000 Grant funds. Kevin will email the Board for further suggestions. Ken suggested a Run, Jump, Throw event for Youth, Kevin agreed with that idea. Robin thought that event would be good marketing, even if it wasn't successful in other ways.

The website needs to be updated, either by updating and utilizing the current provider, or adopting National's platform. With transferring to the National platform, the Association would lose flexibility and individuality, but gain uniformity and security. Kevin feels the website is at a crossroads, and is seeking input from the Board on which option to choose. The current platform is outdated, Marcus has submitted a proposal and quote for the update he could provide. Robin said historical data cannot be securely kept on National's site, but it is constantly being improved. She suggested looking at other Associations sites to see how seamless it is to jump from the Association to the National page. Each Committee can assign a member to assist with maintaining the website. Alison asked if a pro/con matrix can be formulated so BoD can make an educated decision. Kevin is concerned that if Marcus is paid to do the updates, National may eventually require adopting their platform and those funds will have been unnecessarily spent. A committee may be formed to address websites independence or migration, and to explore other providers besides Marcus.

There is an Associations workshop on February 27, all are encouraged to attend.

Ken made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Lauren.  
Kevin thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Lauren Siegel  
Secretary, MAUSATF  
February 7, 2022