

Roll Call: Board of Directors in attendance: Kevin Brandon, Kenneth Kapner, Thomas Jennings, Lauren Siegel, Robin Jefferis, Tom Steenkamer, Earl Edwards, Kirsten Tallman

Kevin opened the meeting via Zoom at 7:08 PM, and informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded. There were no objections. Kevin shared the Agenda, and said the Board would share their Committee reports.

A Motion was made to approve the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes, Kevin asked for any objections, Earl replied that not every discussion was fully recorded in the Minutes. He requested the recording be reviewed. This will be considered Old Business and will be resolved by next meeting,

Note: According to USATF guidelines, Minutes are to be a general outline, not a transcription. Special Election: Since the nominees are unopposed, the Election is to be placed in the Chat. Earl expressed concern that the entire Association had not seen the Election notice, and only seventeen members were in attendance. Kevin explained that the Election had been announced on the MAUSATF website, and on social media. Emails cannot be sent through National, as in the past, they are now to be sent through local levels, and the new system is still not operating efficiently. Kevin voiced the election is uncontested, and should move forward in order to fill Committees, as events are planned in the near future. Tom J. said the process to fill vacancies is not specifically spelled out in the By Laws, and the President can appoint these seats without an election. Ken asked if another process should be used to fill the vacancies, if that would satisfy those opposed. Cynthia said the National Office could get involved if the election is not a fair one.

Kevin said that Paul M. and the two interim members would like to be full members, and per the By Laws these vacancies must be filled by the next quarterly meeting. The Youth meet needs a committee for the planning and execution of the event. Ken suggested a General Election in 30 days to elect the Youth Committee. He invited Cynthia and Earl to suggest a process that they would accept the results from. Kevin informed the group that when Elections were held last year, there were few Youth candidates, and that election notice was sent to the full membership. The Youth committee resigning abruptly has created these vacancies.

According to Article 8, General elections require a 30 day notice, Special Elections have no time line for notification. Kevin said to bring clarity to the By Laws, the vote can be through email, with a period of application, a period of voting, with ten days elapsing once the announcement is made public. Earl asked if ten days was enough, but Kevin reiterated that Special elections do not have specific timelines. Ken wants more than ten days to avoid conflicts, and be conservative. If there are still only three nominees, fill those spots with another election, to get the committee started. There are ten available positions: Treasurer, and nine Youth positions. Kristine L. said if no committee is formed, it will be difficult to hold the Youth meet. Tom J. suggested an email be sent with current candidates, and elections for additional candidates be held in thirty days as per By Laws. This was formed into a Motion, which was passed and seconded.

Michael Gross, Alan Painter, and Paul Montini will be candidates, with Jennifer Painter as interim. Jacob Dinnerman was introduced as an interim member. Jacob founded Moody Park Track Club, is involved with Students Run Philly Style, is a High School coach, and a coach of South Jersey Track Club. He coaches ages 4-24, and is excited to become involved with the Youth committee.

President's Report: Kevin explained there will be a full website redesign, with the completed site to be usable within a few months. The Grow to Impact Grant will help the Association grow membership. Meetings were held with the National office and Board members to develop the Grant. A stipend for a Communications person will be available, as well as funds for Youth apparel. These items generate excitement and enthusiasm, and will be good marketing to grow membership. The Inventory of the storage unit was completed by Tom J., the items to be replaced or are needed were noted. The \$500 Grant award will be used for branding materials such as finish line tape and step and repeats. Kevin thanked the Committees for their hard work and accomplishments.

Vice President: Ken attended the Grow to Impact meetings with Kevin, and the Presidential brainstorming session on March 4, 2022. The topics included how to attract Championships, and utilizing local world class athletes on social media to promote USATF.

Budget and Finance: Ken reported the Committee has been formed, and developed Budgets for all committees. The experience and knowledge of Earl, Robin, Rogers, and Tom J. helped develop the budgets. The April meeting will be to form a system for oversight and compliance with National. Ken asked for a qualified person to assume his role as Chair, and he will step aside to concentrate on other duties. Kevin thanked this committee for their efforts.

Financial Secretary: Tom J. reported the TD Bank account balances total \$104,138, \$67,260 in checking, \$36,878 in Money Market. Vanguard:\$72,000. Updating the users continues to be a problem, Kevin and Tom are now signees, with Ken having viewing capabilities only. Mail is arriving at the new PO Box, and the missing Q3 and Q4 statements have arrived. The 2015 Tax Return penalty is \$8000, the IRS finally responded that the appeal was received, and they will respond with a verdict in sixty days. Hopefully a reduction or elimination of the penalty is achieved.

The 2021 budget ended with a surplus of \$29,941, a deficit had been expected, but expenses were reduced by Covid. Income increased in Q1 from \$120,136 to \$176,138 due to a membership increase, and high participation rates in events:

HP 140 participants, 2 events

LDR 880 participants, 19 events

Youth 450 participants, 2 events.

Ken asked how membership numbers compare with pre-Covid years, Tom said they have not caught up yet.

Membership: Robin reported two large Sanctions being approved, Broad Street Run with 25,000 runners, and Penn Relays. The total number of Members currently is 1657, with 625 Youth and

1032 Open and Masters. The Youth numbers are expected to rise with the Meet being scheduled, as well as the National Championships being held in NY. Past peak number of members was 3800, with 2284 in 2021.

There are 57 Clubs currently, 30 Youth and 27 Open/Masters. There are 58 events sanctioned for 2022 so far, Robin is finding the Sanction process to be more efficient and quicker this year.

LDR: Tom S. reported there is a full season of racing. There were 114 members in 10 clubs competing at Frostbite. Haddonfield Adrenaline 5k was canceled due to Covid restrictions. LDR is looking for another 5k to replace it, but with the high standards set for races on the Grand Prix, it is unlikely a replacement will be found. The first Off Road race was the Looney Looper, which was reduced to one loop due to ice, rain, and wind on the course, making it unsafe. The Big Woods Half was the second race, and a great success. Results are pending. The Tyler Arboretum Trail 10k was scheduled for April 2, and the next road race will be Valley Forge Rev Run 5 Mile Race on April 24.

HP: Rogers said their focus is on the Association Open/Masters Championship which is scheduled on June 4, at University of Delaware. He is hoping notification to members will be in early April. The next meeting will have a firm event schedule, Officials will be assigned and secured.

There is a joint venture between LDR and HP, the Delaware Mile on April 9 at Tatnall School in Wilmington. There will be Mile races from High School to Masters, and a State Record is expected to be set.

Youth: no representative was present. Elizabethtown and Alvernia are possible venues for the Meet. Getting Officials assigned is essential. The following dates were shared: June 11-12 for MidAtlantic, June 18-19 for AAU, Last week in June for Nationals.

Officials: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM. Kevin thanked all those in attendance.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Lauren Siegel
Secretary, MAUSATF