

In attendance: Robin, Kevin, Tom J., Lauren, Ken, Paul, Rogers, Anabelle, Frank, Alison, Earl, Kirsten

This meeting is on Zoom.

Kevin opened the meeting by thanking the Board for full attendance. The Meeting celebrated the Open and Masters meet held at Universal of Delaware on June 4, 2022. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and the group was pleased with the results.

Alison reported there were 21 teams, 160 athletes, most from MAUSATF, but quite a few from outside our Association, from other states and regions. A special thank you was given to Blaze Schmidt, who is the son of HP committee member Aliza Schmidt. Blaze very generously gave his time and talents as an aspiring photographer to photograph the Meet.

There were challenges and learnings from the Meet, mostly the inability to secure Officials. Thirty were needed, 21 worked the Meet. Officials were offered \$250 and travel reimbursement, this caused a boost in Officials. Although many HP committee members worked very hard before, during, and after the Meet, more consistent help was needed from the entire Committee. Templates and outlines were created which can be used for future meets, project planning is in place.

Rogers offered that Alison's diligence and hard work made the Meet a success, and Robin was thanked by all for her heavy contribution to any duty that needed to be accepted. Tom J. and Ken may have new careers as announcers, they were informative and witty! Kevin's assistance with Registration was very appreciated.

Kevin especially enjoyed seeing athletes from Central Park TC and other clubs outside MAUSATF, as well as Officials, who traveled far to compete and officiate.

Robin praised Lorraine Jasper, who drove to Indianapolis with a truck to pick up a free set of 27" hurdles. This was very appreciative, as there were no hurdles of that height available locally. Robin also noted the professionalism and talents of the Pole Vault officials, who came prepared with tools, knowledge, and implements to adjust the equipment.

Earl advised to schedule future meets as quickly as possible, so Officials will mark it on their calendars and commit to work the meets. Youth is attracted to the best deal and will book all dates to secure a low rate. Delaware may be too far for some teams to travel, ex. Hershey Blaze. Rogers said University of Delaware is looking to partner with USATF for other meets, including Youth and Regionals. The venue is convenient, clean, and well appointed. Robin said Youth meets can be expensive, there is sticker shock post Covid. High School facilities are cheaper, but may lack facilities to hold some events, such as Steeplechase. Rogers said Widener U. has been popular, it's a great venue at a good price, so it's getting booked up.

The next topic on the agenda was to discuss the new MAUSATF website. An email was sent to all members, and Facebook posts alerted all about the new site. At

Thursday's General Membership Meeting, Kevin will show features to those in attendance. The address MAUSATF.org has been reclaimed, and there will be redirection to that address from the current MAUSATF.com. Kevin will remind everybody to update their bookmarks. Chairs need to look at their sections for additions and revisions that are needed. Training is available for 2-3 Board members to have website access, Wordpress is still being utilized.

Earl is concerned about the lack of access, and the difficulty of others not being able to update content. He feels the Chairs had access in the past, but it was debated if this is accurate. Paul said one designee is to be in contact with the Web developers to keep costs down, and one person will have editing rights. There had been a meeting to discuss this, only Paul and Kevin attended. The Association can designate who has access, Paul offered to all to submit one's credentials to apply for this role.

Kevin asked who can be Communications lead, and he is sending an email to Members to ask for volunteers for all open positions.

Planning for next six months: Kevin has felt that he is struggling in his role, and asked Ken to assume his responsibilities and act as President. Kevin has been talking to Dave Schrock about the transition process. Ken is very reluctant, he feels inexperienced in leadership in the Association and will be leaning on the Board for assistance. This will be kept confidential until the Meeting, when Kevin will present his plans to Members.

Kevin can assume the role as Communications lead until a permanent person can be found.

There was a lengthy discussion about the Youth issues, 2022 Elections, vacancies in committees, and By Laws, all which Kevin will address at the General Membership Meeting. Robin and others expressed concerns that the Election be held according to By Laws, with no errors. Tom J. said most roles will be unopposed. Kevin is sending an email about the election, before the Meeting.

Another discussion was concerning the Youth meet, and how to advance athletes to Regionals and then Junior Olympics, with no qualifying meet. Many ideas were produced, the goal being advancement of Youth to qualify.

Earl informed the group that Officials and Umpires are being replaced with technology, adding to the lack of Officials.

Kevin reminded the committee Chairs to submit their reports.

Tom suggested voting on the contribution to Three Rivers Association, Earl made a motion to approve reallocation of funds, all approved. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
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Secretary, MAUSATF