

MINUTES OF THE LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Seifert at 1:25PM at the Independence Library. He welcomed everyone and thanked them all for attending. A sign in sheet was passed around and we have 26 members in attendance.

He mentioned that we have not been getting too much information from the National Office and would like to see that happen. Seems to be a lot of position changes going on. He was glad to see that USATF did have some good TV coverage and attendance at some of our larger meets.

Secretary Nancy asked if there were any topics that would like to be added to the agenda which she passed out to the members. No requests. A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda.

Secretary then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting that were posted on our lakeerie.org web site right after the LEA Annual Meeting. Motion was made and seconded regarding the minutes.

Nancy mentioned that she is responsible for the accreditation report that she must answer at least three times a year. This involves several categories...membership count, newsletter, web site, sanctioned meets held, officials, delegates at the Annual Meeting. Our problem this year as always is the membership count. Last year we were short about 70 members. We also needed to publish two newsletters. We did one and will have the second one out this fall. Everything else was in compliance. We should be hearing about our accreditation status for the USATF Annual Meeting shortly.

Jeff Gerson our Treasurer reported that our expenses for 2017 were \$27714.16. We had a total loss this year of \$4893.37. This was due to the debt we incurred with the Canton Hall of fame in the amount of \$7000.25 which we elected to pay so that our Officials and Timer would be taken care of. A question was asked about seeking restitution. Nancy checked with National Office and we would be on our own. She also checked with the Canton Hall of Fame and received a negative response from them. We came to the conclusion that hiring attorney's etc. would cost more than what we paid out. Cathy Jones has been removed from all aspects of her involvement with the Lake Erie Association.

JoAnn Kitchen our Membership/Sanction chair gave us a full written report. Our membership count as of 8/25/19 is 831. We have 27 active clubs and 53 sanctions. She did attend the Associations Workshop at last year's USATF Annual meeting and most of the topics concerned accreditation.

Larry mentioned that the Rite Aid Marathon had no sanction and yet they had foreign athletes and gave out prize money. We might want to check into this for next year.

Frank Martinek our Men's T&F Chair turned in a full written report. USATF outdoor Champ in Des Moines IA Reggie Jagers took 9th in the discus. He listed upcoming events which will be on USATF calendar for Men's T&F.

Tony Longino-Thomas our Women's T&F chair reported that the indoor season saw the Barber twins Kayla and Jade did participate. Jade made the finals and finished 6th. Jessica Beard placed 5th in the

outdoor Nationals giving her a place on the 4x4 pool for the WC. Kandace Thomas ran the 100 meter at the outdoor championships and finished 24th. Abigail Wilson of Akron placed 10th in the discus and Annete Echikunwoke from Cincinnati. Placed 9th in the hammer.

Doug Glass our Master's LDR chair gave us a full list of upcoming events which will be on our LE web site and also USATF web site. Some of the highlights of his report are...pending Master's records for Jeannie Rice age group 70-74 are 20 km 25km 30 km half mar and marathon. Divisional runners of the 2018 year are women 65-69 & 70-74 Jeannie Rice of Mentor Overall road runners of the 2018 year are male winner Bernard Lagat and female winner Jeannie Rice. The 2018 USATF Master's hall of fame inductees are Don Lein, Tracy Lokken, Herb Lorenz and Jeannie Rice.

Jeff Gerson our Master's T&F Chair turned in a full written report. Some of the highlights are Diane Friedman set a world record at our Outdoor Association championship for age group 95. 4 National champions in Ames Iowa...Charles Novak in the 50,800 and 3000 steeplechase. George Roudebush in the shot, 80 m hurdles, HJ, TJ, and Javelin. Barbara Broad in the 65,800 and 1500. Cathi Gerson in the steeplechase. All upcoming Master's T&F dates will be listed on our lakeerie.org and USATF web sites.

Phil Pillin our Men's CC & LDR turned in a full written report. Bids to host the 2021 Club National CC champs are due Sept. 1, 2019. Dates for upcoming meets will be on our Lake Erie and USATF web sites. Last year and continuing this year USATF LEA Assoc. will continue the three road race series. (All info will be on Lake Erie web.)

Rick Marinelli our race walk chair was not able to make the meeting but did send in a report: He had nothing to report locally, but an important upcoming event is the USATF Masters & Open 5km race walk in Chicago IL on September 8, 2019. For more information regarding more upcoming meets, they can be found on the USATF web site.

Nancy Seifert our Youth Chair reported that Doug Glass was sent to represent us at the Region 5 JO meet. He reported that LEA had clubs from Cleveland Express, Medina Gold, Oberlin Spikes, and Sprinters Elite. The meet was well attended. He did not have an actual count of the athletes attending. The JO National Meet was held in Sacramento CA. On July 22-28 and attended by thousands. I was not able to find an accurate account on the USATF web site. I did not have a report of any of our LEA athletes placing in the top 6. I received an email stating that our 2020 JO T&F Meet will be in Jacksonville FL and our 2020 Youth Outdoors will be in Miramar FL. It seems like meets are getting more difficult to bid for. Larry suggested it might be a good idea to go to three locations instead of just one.

Dave Woytek our Officials chair turned in a 10 page written report. He went over the entire report. We have 35 Apprentice, 16 Association, 14 National and 20 Master, for a total of 85. We do have 57 Suspended, 17 with no safe sport or background checks and 40 non-renewed. He also listed dates for meets that the Officials might be interested in. Those will be sent out to all the Officials by Dave. Discussion was brought up about getting more people interested in becoming an Official and moving up from the different steps of being an Official. Many suggested clinics, offering mentor ship to those wishing to move up. Possibly offering some perks, like LEA Officials shirts to wear at our LEA meets

instead of the National one. Offer a free rule book. If they specialize in a particular event offering tape measures, other items etc. Dave also asked us to congratulate our 4 Officials that we have recognized as outstanding USATF National Outstanding Officials from our LEA. They are Jeffrey Gerson, Karen McKeehan, Phillip Pillin and Donald Porz. Big applause for them.

Nancy asked everyone if they had read the revised by-laws that we put on our web site after the discussion we had at last year's annual meeting. All were in agreement. It was also mandated by National Office that this was the year to revise our by-laws. Nancy asked for a motion to accept the revised bylaws. A motion was made, seconded and carried. None opposed.

Larry asked for any new business, since there was none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted by Lake Erie Association Secretary

Nancy Seifert