



MINUTES OF THE LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING,

SUNDAY AUGUST 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Seifert at 1:20PM at the Brecksville Library.

He first welcomed all who attended, especially our Midwest Representative Richard Messenger and his wife Donna.

He then asked for a moment of silence for two deceased members of our Region Five Community, Linda Melzer and Paul Gilmer.

Larry then mentioned that all law suits regarding the Youth Committee have been settled with USATF.

Our USATF President Vin Lannana had mentioned at the last Annual meeting of USATF that he would be visiting our Association. That will not be taking place as he is on a leave of absence.

Secretary Nancy then asked for any additions to the agenda. None added, she asked for approval of the agenda, Phil Pillin made motion to accept. Seconded and carried.

Secretary then asked for approval of the minutes posted on the LEA web site last year. Chip Johnson made a motion to accept. Seconded and carried. She also made mention that she makes an accreditation report at least three times a year regarding what is required of our LEA. Our standout lack of accreditation is our membership count, and our web site. We are working on both. Richard mentioned that we have a provisional accreditation to vote at the USATF Annual Meeting in Columbus this year.

Jeff Gerson our Treasurer reported that our total expenses for the year 2016 were \$14,477.60. Our Net income was \$3452.53. Our balance as of 12-31-17 is \$64,575.05. There was a question about the non profit expense of \$550.00. Nancy explained that the State of Ohio charges us for being a Non-Profit entity. Included in the fee was a late charge as Nancy was not made aware of this fee until notified by the State of Ohio. In the many years she has been secretary this was the first notice she received.

JoAnn Kitchen our Membership/Sanction Chair reported that as of 8-26-18 we have 858 members, 32 active clubs and 2 non active (background and safe sport not done). We have 65 sanctioned events. 110 total events on our Lake Erie Calendar. (45 not sanctioned)

She attended the workshop at the Annual Meeting and said most of the discussions concerned Association Accreditation. A question was asked as to why you have a meet sanctioned. Several responses were given. Insurance, Certified Officials, and a certified course.

Frank Martinek our Mens Track and Field Chair reported: At the USATF Indoor Champ. In Albq. NM 2-16-18 Reggie Jagers came in 5th in weight throw. Outdoor Champ in Des M. IA

6-21-24 Reggie Jagers came in 1st in Discus (facility record) A list of upcoming events was given .They will be posted on USATF and Lake Erie websites.

Tony Longino-Thomas our Women's Track and Field Chair reported that this year was a down year in general for USATF being there was no championship. Outstanding athletes were Jessica Beard and the Barber twins. Working at the JO meets, He saw two of our local clubs run. Cleveland Express and Cleveland Red Boris. He commented that we need to work together with the AAU and USATF to get more athletes involved. We also need to get summer coaches involved .

Jeff Gerson our Master's Track and Field Chair reported our LEA meet 3-4-18 at Mt. Union had 72 entries. National Masters in Landover MD. 3-16-18 had John Wertz take 1st in shot, weight and super weight. At our Outdoor Champ Bedford High School we had 70 entries. National Outdoor Champ in Spokane Wa. 7-26-29 Tom Jenkins(65) 1st in Pole vault. George Roudebush (90) 1st HJ TJ 80 hurdles

Dates for upcoming events will be posted on USATF and Lake Erie web.

Brian Jones Men's Long Distance Chair not present his report sent by email to Nancy. She read that the Tussey Mt. 50 mile road race 10-8-17 in Boalsburg PA. Brian Polen took 6th and Mike Ryan took 7th.

Race Walk Chair Rick Marinelli Race Walk Chair reported that they are a Super group and they give out a lot of awards.

Phil Pillin our Cross Country Chair reported that Sunday Sept. 23 a 5km CC Championship in NY. All info on USATF.org Niagara Assoc. Saturday Sept. 29 Open/Masters CC Info on LEA web site. Saturday Nov. 10 LEA Open & Masters and Youth CC. Info on LE web site. December 8 USATF Club CC meet in Spokane WA. Info on USATF web. February 2, USATF CC Championships Tallahassee FL. Info on web.

Other non cross country events but of interest to Masters:

World Masters Indoor T&F Torun Poland March 24-30

NCCWMA Outdoor T&F August 8-11 Toronto CA.

WMA Outdoor T&F July 20 August 1, 2020.

We also have Lake Erie Road Races for Masters LDR in 2019 that will be listed on our LEA web site

Prize money will be given at these races.

Cathy Jones Women's Long Distance Chair not present, her report sent by email to Nancy. She read that the Tussey Mountain 50 mile road race 10-8-17 Boalsburg PA Connie Gardner took 4th and Emily Collins took 5th. 24 hour Champ 9-17 in Cleveland, Connie took 3rd and Emily took 4th.

Youth Chair Nancy Seifert, reported that we have not had a Regional Coordinator since the beginning of the year. Jim Engle has been acting Re. Co. One will probably be appointed at the Annual Meeting. At our JO Assoc. Meet on 6-23 at Bedford High we had 130 athletes attend. About 30 went on to the Regional Meet in Olivet Mich. July 5-8. At the National JO in Greensboro NC. They had well over 8200 athletes. July 23-29. Samantha Thomas took 5th in the Hurdles. She also won at the Youth Nationals.

JO CC Assoc. Meet will be held November 10 at Columbiana HS. No Regional CC. National JO December 8, Reno Nevada.

Officials Chair Dave Woytek handed out a 12 page report to all the Officials present. LEA has a total of 89 Officials. Dave also elaborated on the details of the report for those present.

He also let us know why our Treasurer was sitting at the table making checks out for our Officials.

The Canton Hall of Fame Track Classic held July 21, 2018 under the direction of Cathy Llewellyn-Jones (meet director and person in charge). She contracted Dave Woytek our Officials Chair to secure Officials for the meet, which he did. The amount of payment was \$100.00 and his fee for timing etc. in the amount of \$2500.00. She by email and by phone promised that these obligations would be taken care of on 4 different dates. As of today, they have not been taken care of. The Lake Erie Board decided that our Officials and our Officials Chair should not be penalized because of her negligence. We are therefore making the payments. It was also noted that four of the out of town officials were told that their hotel bill would be taken care of upon receipts. They handed in their receipts and have not been paid. We will be handling this situation also. Phil Pillin mentioned that he is concerned that we will not receive payment from the party involved. We will be looking into taking legal action.

Next on the agenda was the election of Officers. Nancy would be handling the election with the exception of Secretary which JoAnn would handle.

Nancy mentioned that an email was sent out to all LEA USATF members on July 20th asking if anyone interested in running for office would let her know by email or letter. 5 responses were received.

Voting members must be 18 and a LEA USATF member as of July 31, 2018. No one may vote more than once. Roll call was taken a count of 38 was made. If necessary ballots will be distributed after nominations.

She then asked three times for nominations from the floor for President. None received, Larry Seifert voted in by acclamation.

She then asked three times for nominations from the floor for Executive Vice President. None received, Dave Woytek voted in by acclamation.

She then asked three times for nominations from the floor for Vice President. Chip Johnson nominated himself.

She then asked three times for nominations from the floor for Treasurer. None received, Jeff Gerson was voted in by acclamation.

JoAnn asked three times for nominations from the floor for Secretary. None received, Nancy Seifert was voted in by acclamation.

Ballots were distributed to the voting members for the Vice President position: Rick Marinelli and Chip Johnson. Nancy asked for three members to count the vote. The count was 21 Chip and 16 Rick for a total of 37.

Nancy then read the requirements for an LEA Officer which should have been done before the election. The Officer must be a certified Official. Chip Johnson is not. There was a lot of conversation about the matter and the main topic was is it a by-law. No it is not, but it is a LEA rule, which we are allowed to have and enforce. All of our Officers are required to work all of the meets that we hold which requires that they be LEA USATF Officials. It was brought to our attention by our Rep. Richard Messenger that USATF is working on revising the by-laws for the Associations. He will keep us posted. It was also suggested that LEA come up with their set of rules along with the new bylaws when done.

Stanley Jackson made a motion that Chip Johnson still be elected Vice President and be put on hold until he makes contact with our Officials Chair Dave Woytek and becomes a LEA Official. In the interim Rick Marinelli will remain Vice President. The motion was seconded by Roger Delrosario. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried. Chip Johnson agreed to this.

A motion was made to destroy the ballots. Seconded and carried.

Larry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully submitted by LEA Secretary

Nancy Seifert