



LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
SUNDAY AUGUST 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Seifert at approximately 1:10 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked that they sign in on the sheet that was being passed around. We have 30 LEA members in attendance. Also please pick up a copy of the agenda for the meeting.

He mentioned that the Youth Committee suit has been worked out and the former Youth board members are reinstated as members. There is some concern about the checks from National Office being a little slow in coming regarding memberships and Reimbursement for our JO Association meet. There was a change in the company that handles our awards to Hasty Awards and we were not notified of it.

We did get it taken care of. An athlete in our Association, 96 year old Diane Friedmon has broken world records and we are working on getting it taken care of. It is a slow process.

Nancy asked if there would be any additions to the agenda other than the one that Dave Woytek asked for regarding purchase of an AED. Chip Johnson asked that we discuss the USATF Annual meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda with the 2 items to be discussed under new business. Motion carried

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2016 minutes that have been posted on the Lakeerie.org web site since last October. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jeff Gerson gave our financial report. The report has been on the Lake Erie Web site also. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2016 financial Report. Motion carried.

JoAnn Kitchen our Membership Chair reported that we have 702 members. She processed 94 Sanctions and we have 26 registered clubs (4 clubs not yet official because of background checks). She attended the workshop at the Annual Meeting and the main topic was accreditation Nancy talked about the requirements that we have to meet to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting and the process that needs to be followed. Larry mentioned that several Associations feel that changes need to be

made regarding the requirements for accreditation. They hope to discuss at the Annual Meeting this year in Columbus.

Frank Martinek our Men's Track & Field Chair reported no results for Lake Erie Members in the USATF Outdoor Championships in Sacramento, Calif. June 22-25-2017 nor for the IAAF Championships in London, England. August 4-13 2017. The USATF Indoor Championship will be in Albuquerque, N.M. February 16-18, 2018. IAAF World Indoor Champ. Birmingham U.K. March 1-4 2018. USATF Outdoor Champ TBD.

Women's Track & Field Chair Tony Longino-Thomas reported that we had a total of 8 ladies from LEA, Jessica Beard (400 meters), Rachel Weber (800), Emily Richard (800), Emily Infield (5000-10000), Kaila Barber (400 hurdles), Jade Barber (100 hurdles), Tianna Bartoletta (LJ) and Jaclyn Siefring (Hept). Making the world team were Emily Infield (1000) placing 10th overall and Tianna Bartoletta [placed 3rd]. Jessica Beard will be inducted into the Texas A&M Hall of Fame.

Jeff Gerson reported that the Master's Track and field at Slippery Rock had about 22 athletes. No LEA athletes at the indoor meet in Albuquerque, N.M.. He attended the Outdoor meet in New Orleans...very hot. Cathy asked about the fees for the meet in Bedford Jeff said we only pay custodial fees.

Men's Long Distance Chair Brian Jones reported that on 10-30-16 at the 50 mile Road Championship in Boalsburg, Pa. Israel Merkle placed 1st in 5:49:39. It was his first run in a marathon distance. Mike Ryan placed 11th in 7:30:04. On June 3, 2017, at the 50 mile run in Ithaca, N.Y. Zach Merrin placed 3rd in 7:52.39

Racewalk chair Rick Marinelli reported that they had a huge turn out on the East Coast especially in New York. Our program here needs some work.

Phil Pillin gave a full written report on Cross Country. Phil gave us dates for upcoming Cross Country meets which we will have listed on our Lake Erie Web site. He also reported that he is working on getting a facility for our LEA CC championship on Saturday, November 11, 2017. JoAnn mentioned Glen Oak as a place we might check. Cathy Jones mentioned she knows the AD there. He also gave some dates of interest for Master Athletes...the 2019 North and Central American and Caribbean Masters T&F Meet in Toronto CA. The 2020 WMA T&F Meet along with non-stadium events, including CC will be held in Toronto July 20 –August 1.

Women's Long Distance Chair Cathy Jones reported that on September 17 and 18, 2016, at the 24-hour championship in Cleveland OH Connie Gardner placed 8th with 93.68 miles covered. On 10-30-2016 in the 50 miler USATF road Championship in Boalsburg PA Connie Gardner placed 7th in 7:54:39. At the USATF CC Champ. In Bend, OR Natane Deruytter placed 9th in 23.52. On 3-4-17 at the NACAC CC Champ. In Boca Fl. Natane Deruytter placed 12th in the under 20 team race and the USA team placed 2nd.

Joe Jurczyk our MUT Chair said that the National Championships at Edgewater Lake in Cleveland, Ohio, will be held on Sept 16-17, 2017. Joe again did the Grand Canyon run.

Youth chair Nancy Seifert reported that the LEA Assoc. JO meet at Bedford High on June 24th had 81 athletes attend. The Youth Outdoor Champ. In Lisle, Ill. was on June 26-30, 2017. The JO Region 5 meet was held on July 6-9, 2017 at Cedarville University. 587 athletes participated. 26 from LEA. We sent Brian & Cathy Jones to represent LEA as Officials. JO Nationals in Lawrence, Kan. on 7-24-30-2017 hosted around 8100 athletes. The 2018 JO Nationals will be in Greensboro, N.C. on 7-23-29-2018. The 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires Argentina Oct. 6-18. 2018 Regional JO meet for Region 5 should be held in Michigan.

Rick Marinelli mentioned the Hershey Program and the fact that it didn't meet the criteria that it should have.

Officials Chair Dave Woytek handed out a very extensive report to all in attendance regarding the number of officials in Lake Erie..76...56 suspended because they have not complied with the re-certification rules. He is having problems with USATF as far as the finances are concerned. He hopes that the new Official Chair Mike Armstrong can help him work this out. He is checking into how many years Safe Sport is good for. The background check is good for 2 years. He handed out printed awards to our two LEA Officials Karen Dobbs and Frank Martinek, for their good jobs this year for our LEA. Dave asked if we would like him to hold an Officials Clinic this coming year. All were in agreement. He will get together with the LEA Officers and work on that. There is no NCAA assigner at this time. If you want to work national meets you had better start working some of the smaller meets to get recognized. Dave has new pins for the officials.

Under New Business Dave Woytek reported that as of August 1st there is a new law in effect regarding coach and parents to sign a paper regarding sudden cardiac arrest.

He also mentioned what happened to our Treasurer and Athlete Jeff Gerson at our meet in Bedford. If we wouldn't have had access to the AED at the school Jeff probably wouldn't be with us today. Dave has talked to USATF through Mike Armstrong about the possibility of USATF purchasing one of these for the Associations or securing an outlet for the Associations to make the purchase. He has not heard anything back regarding his conversation. Dave said the cost is about \$1300.00 which would include a training course. Dave said he would take care of the purchase and make sure it is at all of our meets. He made a motion to purchase one. The motion was seconded and carried. All voted in favor of the purchase.

JoAnn mentioned that we might want to check with the facility that we are using to see if they have an AED before we take ours.

Under new business Chip Johnson mentioned that since the USATF Annual meeting is being held in Columbus you might want to consider going. He feels that it would be a good experience for everyone Registration is open now on the USATF web site.

There was no old business

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Seifert, Lake Erie Association Secretary