

LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH 2016

The meeting was called to order by our President Larry Seifert at approximately 1:10PM at the Brecksville Library in Brecksville Ohio. Since it was the 10th Anniversary of the 9-11 bombing he asked that we all have a moment of silence.

In attendance where 31 members of the Lake Erie Association.

We were asked by a guest speaker Jane DeLoof if she could make her presentation first as she had another commitment. She gave us a talk regarding Vocal Cord Dysfunction. She also handed out flyers for us to read

Our President Larry Seifert thanked all of those attending today's meeting. He also thanked Nancy, JoAnn, Dave and Brian for helping to make our Regional meet so successful. Thank you to all of the Officials that worked the meet.

We are not happy with what is going on with the Youth Committee. Right now we do not have a Youth Committee. There was a dispute over using Coach O or Athletic.net. As of this date, the Youth Committee is being sued by the USATF Board. We will be voting for a temporary youth committee Chair by email to chair our Annual Meeting in December until the entire Youth Committee elect a new one.

Our CEO Max Seigel has acquired some new sponsors and seems to be doing quite well. We seem to have quite a few new faces at USATF National Office.

An approval of the handed out agendas was asked for by Secretary Nancy. She asked if there were any additions. Chip requested that we add the AAU meeting he attended. This will be brought up under new business. Agenda approved.

Secretary Nancy Seifert asked for an approval of the 2015 minutes via viewing on the website. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Jeff Gerson gave a full report of our expenditures. We have a net loss this past year. He asked for an approval of the Report. Treasurer Report approved.

Membership/Sanction Chair JoAnn Kitchen reported that the Lake Erie Assoc. has 790 members to date. 70% are Youth Coaches and Youth. We have 31 Lake Erie Clubs..four not renewed as they are waiting on background checks.

In 2016 we have had 148 events so far. 73 where Sanctioned. Two events made post reports. The comment was made that events are put on the USATF calendar even if they are not sanctioned. We were wondering why this happens. National Office revamped fees for 2017. They have not been changed in 13 years. An email was sent out to 10 Association elite athletes regarding their interest in going to the Annual Meeting They have until October to respond. Funding if they decide to attend would be shared by National Office and our Association. It might be a good idea to contact old members and remind them about renewing membership.

The Association Workshop has mandated that we keep up to date with procedures and changes, to keep up with our accreditation.

Sports committee reports:

Men's Track & Field: Ed Wilson because of an injury was not able to attend our meeting but he did email a report. He feels that the Men's program has been incorporated into the Master's program. This has happened by the lack of males age 19 to 29 available to participate. They are either eighteen

and stay youth or they are about to be thirty and go to the Master's program. I have asked in the past for help to recruit Young men into the program but most are in college and in their programs and are tired by the time our program starts.

Master's Track & Field: Jeff Gerson gave a list of upcoming meets for 2017. These will be listed on our lakeerie.org website. He also gave a report on outstanding performances by our Master's athletes. These will be listed in our Fall Newsletter. He would like volunteers for the Norm Bowers Throws event of September 24th Good news about our long time member Rex Harvey. He is Cancer free.

Men's Long Distance: Brian Jones reported that he is still the Men's National Coordinator for ADP Athlete Development Program. He also gave a list of men that qualified for the marathon trials. These will be listed in our Fall Newsletter.

Women's Long Distance: Cathy Jones also had a list of qualifiers and winners for events from 2015-2016. These will be listed in our Fall Newsletter.

Youth: Nancy Seifert reported that our Association meet was held of June 18th at Bedford High School with about 100 athletes participating. Six athletes advanced to the Regionals. It was the Lake Erie Associations turn to hold the Region 5 Regional meet. It was held on July 7-10 at Oberlin College. We hosted about 600 athletes from Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan and Lake Erie. Five athletes advanced to the National Meet in Sacramento California. This was held on July 25-31. The hosted approximately 7550 athletes.

Officials: Dave Woytek reported that we have 106 Officials in our Association. Our Lake Erie Outstanding Official Award from USATF for 2016 are Bridgette Longino-Thomas and Tyrone Morris. A SafeSport course was held last fall for LEA Officials. We had 19 in attendance. This is a mandatory course for all Officials, Coaches, Youth Club Administrators, and Registered Agents. This course was put together by the USOC. All current Official Certifications (2013-2016) expire on March 31, 2017. At this time Dave has no information on re-certification. When he receives it he will send it out to all LEA Officials. He also has no information yet on the new Official's shirts.

Women's Track & Field: Anthony Longino-Thomas mentioned outstanding women's results for the year which will also be listed in our Fall newsletter. The most outstanding athlete was Tianna Bartoletta who took home 2 gold medals at the Olympics. She was the first women to have taken three gold medals in track and field in two Olympics.

Cross Country: Rick Marinelli reported that we had a very poor turn out at our Association Meet and our Open and Masters and Youth Meet. These were here held at Malone College. The Youth Cross Country was held in Alb. NM with over 3000 athletes. Open & Masters Cross country was held in conjunction with the OTHTC. We are working on a location for this year. It will probably be at Malone College. Date and place will be on our lakeerie.org website. The National Cross Country this year for Junior Olympics will be held in Hoover, Alabama. 2017 will be held in Lawrence KS.

Joe Jurczyk who is involved in Ultra distance meets in our Association is going to put in a bid for the World 24 hour race to be held here. This will be done at the Annual Meeting.

New Business: Chip Johnson reported that he again attended the AAU meeting. They only use USATF certified Officials for their meets. He feels that we do not have enough USATF meets in our area. Their teams are set up different than ours and they process their meets differently. Larry mentioned that he felt that there should not be two Junior Olympic meets held. This has been brought up several times at the Annual meeting to no avail.

There is a new machine on the USATF web called Normatec Recovery. It is a massage machine.

Check out the website for more information.

Elections were handled by Secretary Nancy Seifert, with the exception of the Secretary being handled by JoAnn Kitchen. She advised the members present that you must be 18 or over to vote and a USATF member as of August 31st 2016. No one may vote more than once. She then took a roll call of all voters. The count was 30.

She then asked for nominations from the floor for President three times, after the third time a nomination was given by Michele Elba for Chip Johnson. Ballots were distributed after all nominations were in.

Nominations were asked three times for Executive President. None received, Rick Marinelli was voted in by acclamation.

Before nominations from the floor for Vice President, Michele Elba withdrew her name.

No further nominations so Brian Jones was voted in by acclamation.

Nominations were asked three times for Treasurer. None received. Jeff Gerson was voted in by acclamation.

Nominations were asked three times for Secretary, by JoAnn Kitchen. None received. Nancy Seifert was voted in by acclamation.

Ballots were distributed and two non running candidates Michele Elbe and Richard Cistone counted the ballots for the Office of President. The count was 23 for Larry Seifert and 7 for Chip Johnson.

Nancy asked for a motion for the ballots to be destroyed. Motion carried.

Larry asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy Seifert
Lake Erie Association Secretary