

Rubin Carter called the Nebraska Association USATF Executive Board meeting held at Lincoln Community Foundation building in Lincoln, NE to order at 1:25 p.m. In attendance were executive board members: Rubin Carter, president, Erica Sousek, vice president, Jim Clark, treasurer, Suzie Pierce, secretary. The executive board had a quorum with four of the five members in attendance. The following chairs attended: Jon McClung, coaches' chair, Trip Reynolds, masters' track and field chair. Wayne Reynolds was present as a guest.

Rubin Carter made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 9 Board meeting. Jim Clark seconded the motion. Vote yes 6, opposed 0 Meetings were approved.

President's Comments: President Carter opened the meeting addressing the board with an update of changes coming out of the national office and making sure that Nebraska would continue to be in compliance and sanctioned. He also commented on new "apprentice" level officials, paying their officials fees and potentially getting the apprentices an identifying "Nebraska Association Apprentice Official" shirt. He reminded us all to remain open to assist and support where needed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Clark informed the board that the 2014 Nebraska Association USATF taxes have been filed with the IRS which had previously not been accomplished. Jim went on to report that the 2015 taxes are due by May 15th, Jim reported that he will submit the 2015 taxes this coming week. Jim also noted to the board that the 2016 taxes will be filed in a timely manner.

Jim also reported that he had received conflicting information about the Nebraska association USATF fiscal year but has now concluded that according to the IRS the Nebraska Association fiscal year is the calendar year.

The articles of incorporation have been updated with the Nebraska Secretary of State in January to reflect the new board.

The association budget will be set up shortly, using 2014, 2015 and 2016 expenditures to build the budget for the 2017 cycle. There is a bit more information that needs entered into the accounting program before the budget is set. Rubin Carter made a motion to establish an "administrative" category in the budget to pick up activities for board members or non-revenue centers costs for categorization purposes. Motion was seconded by Erica Sousek, Vote yes 6, opposed 0 motion carried.

Chairpersons were asked to provide reports, even though attendance was not mandated. The following are the submitted reports:

Youth Chair Report:

TammyRa Jackson was unable to attend due to a death in the family. In the absence of the youth chair, the executive board discussed their position of the timing system. The executive board is sending back the youth committee the following directive: The youth timing committee must submit three bids for FAT for Youth Junior Olympic championship qualifier this year - as well as locate a vendor for 2017 outdoor schedule who is able to provide FAT services including equipment. Response provided to the members of the executive board no later than midnight on April 18th. In the absence of the youth timing committee response, the executive board will make a determination regarding the Youth JO Championship meet FAT vendor.

Also discussed as a part of the youth agenda was the replacement of implements. The executive board determined it would be more cost effective to purchase an implement measurement system that could be checked out along with walkie talkie's rather than to buy implements. Suzie Pierce made a motion to purchase a throwing implement measurement device. Jim Clark seconded the motion. Vote: Yes 6. No 0. Motion carried. Trip Reynolds made a motion that an appropriate number of walkie talkie's be purchased to replace old/aging equipment. Erica Sousek seconded the motion. Vote: 6 yes, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Officials Report:

Mike Maryott was not in attendance. In the absence of the chairperson's presence, the president commented that beginning in the 2017 Olympiad, the Nebraska association will be reimbursing Apprentice officials the cost of becoming an official in hopes that we can grow our official pool. It is the hope of the president that the officials chair be open to having a subcommittee that would assist the Officials Chair in processing memberships. Currently, according to the national office, we have 87 officials within our association. However, that number cannot be verified against the USATF Officials webpage as Mike hasn't had a chance to process certifications until just recently due to changes at the national office.

Sanctions/Communications Report:

Chairperson, Cindy Santiago was not in attendance but shared a report via email: there are 27 clubs in good standing, 20 in youth; 7 in LDR. Of the 27 clubs, 4 clubs are yet to be approved as they are still missing background checks and/or Safesport certification. There are 801 registered members, 449 are youth athletes.

LDR - Report

Colin Morrissey submitted the LDR report prior to the meeting. Handouts were made available to all in attendance. Along with the report, Colin has asked President Carter to have the association pay for the Championship sanction fees for Long Distance Races. Jim Clark made the motion that the association pay the LDR association sanctioning fees. Jon McClung seconded the motion. Vote Yes 6, No, 0. Motion carried. Suzie Pierce made the motion to amend the motion that to cover all 2017 association championship sanctioning fees and future championship on the condition that an event financial report is filled out after the event and based on the financial report, the host club of the championship will reimburse the sanction fee based on the National USATF sliding scale. Failure to make reimbursement of the sanctioning fee would result in the club not being able to host another championship until reimbursement has been made to the association.

Masters LDR Report

Trip Reynolds attended and handed out of a form letter he has been sending to schools/colleges in an attempt to create a masters track and field league, much like the IAAF Diamond league. He is also working to secure sponsorships and marketing partnerships for his events. There is a drive to create a media marketing campaign to advertise and promote Masters and Open USATF in Nebraska and hopefully nurture and grow the population. He is actively promoting the Open and Masters Championship Track Meet to be held in Grand Island Nebraska on Saturday July 8th.

Coaches Report:

Jon McClung, newly appointed Coaches Chair attended and gave a brief report on his activities since taking on the responsibilities. He has identified our coaching coordinator, Dr. Matt Lydum in the West Region. With help from TammyRa Jackson, he was able to get clarification as to the expected changes to the coaches registry. He was able to get in contact with Matt Rohlf, national coaching chair, and learned that there is a plan to implement a new minimal competency requirement for coaches with a tentative date of 2018 for enforcement of the requirement. The NFHS coaching course would be an acceptable course, \$75 for non USATF members, \$65 for USATF members. Suzie Pierce made a motion that the association pay for Jon's membership for the Nebraska Coaches Association. Jim Clark seconded the motion. Vote 6 yes, 0 no, motion carried. Jon will look into the membership process and get in contact with Jim Clark for payment.

Race Walk

Erica Sousek attended, however, due to time constraints will submit her report via electronic email to be included in the minutes.

Rubin Carter made a motion to conclude the business meeting at 4:15. Trip Reynolds seconded the motion. Vote 6 yes, 0 no, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next executive board meeting will be held June 24, 2017 in Kearney, Nebraska.