

USATF- Utah Association Meeting January 18, 2023

Teren Jameson, Rachel Moody, Larry Alserda, Eric Peterson, Jessica Stanford, Mel Lemon, Kristen Erickson, Larry Alserda, John Erickson and Kris Erickson in attendance.

Office Report: 2022 Total Membership: 1483 **2022 Total Sanctions:** 110 **2022 Total Clubs:** 35 (33 Clubs/2 Member Organizations) **2022 Total Income:** 53,220.00

2023 Sanctions (January): 30 **2023 Clubs (January):** 22

USATF membership cost increased to \$55 for adults and \$30 for youth.

Association bylaws

We will review our association bylaws regarding how we vote as an association and to include diversity as instructed by the national office.

Race Walking

There is a desire to increase the number of competitive men participating in the race-walking sport. An attendee asked about Mr. Willie Banks ideas to help grow race walking. He talked about presenting race walking to a promoter and putting on events to showcase and grow it (~as an event people will pay to watch). This is an idea he spoke about at the latest Council meeting.

LDR

*Orlando, Florida will host the Olympic Marathon Trials in February 2024 for the Paris Olympics.

*The World Athletic Road Running Championships will be held in Riga, Latvia and replaces the WA Half Marathon Championship. Along with having a Half Marathon Championship, there will be inaugural 1 Mile and 5K. Championship events and mass participation events for each distance. All the events will take place over two days (Sept. 30th-Oct. 2nd).

* Mr. David Katz spoke about how there's been many incidents around the world whereas athletes have not gotten performances ratified due to course changes and courses being remeasured as short. A course could be ~wrongly set up, changed, cones moved, or the athletes could accidentally not run the course as certified. They are going to require for Open Championships that a World Athletics Grade A or B certifier be on-site at the event to ensure the course is setup properly as measured/certified. We need to reduce the chances of performances not being ratified. We want the courses to be pre-verified, meaning the course is measured before the race or as soon as possible after the race, so that another measurement isn't required.

* Mr. Willie Banks spoke about how there's anti-doping requirements that Russia must fulfill to be reinstated. Mr. Banks did not vote to reinstate Russia. The Council will receive a report from the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) in March 2023 on whether Russia followed the requirements to be reinstated. However, this will not influence whether Russia is reinstated by the Council, as Russia is still in a war with Ukraine.

* Proposed Rule Changes: MLDR Rules liaison, Mr. Philip Greenwald, was present to provide an update. There was a proposal to rework the lap counting requirements (by Mr. Andy Carr)—this was tabled until next year, as the rule needs more work. Item 12 deals athletes running near one another (~ultrarunning).

Running together is allowed, while more active assistance is not. Item 24 requires drug testing for all Open American Records and specifies the time limits for sample collection. See the following final Rules report: <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/final-rules-report-with-typos-fixed/full-view.html>

Masters

1. Gately Track & Field Center in Chicago, Illinois was selected as the site for the 2024 USATF Masters Indoor Championships, which will be held March 14-17, 2024; note that this is a four-day meet, a departure from the current practice of three-day indoor championships
2. A Code of Conduct was adopted for athletes and their accompanying persons at national and international competitions. It can be viewed [here](#), and will be included in the documents athletes agree to before they enter national meets and have their entries verified for international competitions.
3. A number of Rules were changed; most of those related to MTF were editorial in nature or to ensure USATF Rules do not conflict with WMA Rules. In clarification, if someone who qualifies for a final at a National Championship does not check-in for the final, they can now be replaced by the next highest finisher in the preliminary round.
4. The MTF Hall of Fame Class of 2022 was announced and can be seen [here](#). They are Harvey Lewellen, Bill Murray, Derek Pye, Robert Thomas, and Doug Torbert. They will be inducted at the Awards Banquet during the 2023 Masters Outdoor Championships in Greensboro, NC, in July.
5. Flo Meiler was recognized as the MTF Athlete of the Year during the Night of Legends celebration where all the major USATF awards were presented. Bill Murray was honored as winner of the David Pain Award for contributions to Masters track & field at the Awards Breakfast on Saturday morning.

LDR/MASTERS Utah Association

The 2023 race circuit was announced, rules reviewed, and budget submitted. It was discussed how we can increase our participation through social media and other marketing.

Youth

Youth hurdle distances and heights are changing.

New logo design for medals. The old banners, t-shirts and ribbons cannot be used with the old design at association meets.

There is a new youth manual including all the new requirements for volunteers, officials and coaches.

Officials

There are 44 compliant officials in the Utah Association.

We only pay for 3-tiered officials. They must be a USATF member, pass a background check, and complete Safe Sport training. Regional recommendation for official pay is \$75 per day for starters & umpires and \$50 for field events and all other certified officials.

It was discussed that having more officials at a meet, the more efficiently the meet is operated.

A measurement package will be purchased to assist officials in track and field events.

Cross Country

281 runners participated in the 2022 X-country championships. 44 participated in the open races.

60 athletes went to the National X-Country Championship race. The 13-14 year olds girls (Wolfpack club) won the national championship.

Regional and Association Track Meets

We discussed potential reservations with either BYU or University of Utah tracks. The dates of the events will be determined once we know when we can reserve the tracks.