**January 16, 2024, USATF – UTAH ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**Kris Erickson, Larry Alserda, Rachel Moody, Teren Jameson, John Erickson, AmyLynn Schmidt, Dave Wilson, and Jessica Stanford in attendance.**

**Office Report for 2023: Total membership:** 1744 **Total Sanctions:** 110 **Total Clubs:** 38 (37 Clubs/1 Member Organization) **Total Income:** 86.63

**Association Discussion**

An Excel sheet will be created to record our association’s championship events.

We reviewed 3 step compliance. The national association will be conducting random audits on youth events to ensure compliance.

Utah Association is ranked 10th for percentage number of youth runners.

Utah is in the top 20 with our membership numbers.

**National Convention Report - Orlando**

**Officials**

National official committee is pushing to get the USATF rule book aligned with world athletics rules.

National meetings emphasized Safe Sport Compliance.

Officials should appear professional in uniforms (black pants/short, solid-colored shoes, and new polo).

A report will be given to Utah’s association chair for list of currently certified officials in Utah.

There will be a new official certification test. It will be all virtual training and testing beginning August 1, 2024.

The average age of official age at national level to 63.5. In Utah, the average age is 60 years old. We want ideas to recruit more officials.

Plan to update the officials web page for official recruitment and help them become 3-step compliant.

**LDR/Masters**

Olympic Marathon Trials will be in Orlando on February 3, 2024. There was a lot of discussion at national convention about the marathon course, the wet bulb test for humidity, and other information for the runners and coaches. There will be about 300-350 participates.

To assist USA runners in world rankings, there is a need for more domestic courses to be world certified. There is a plan to educate more course certifiers to become world course certified.

New American record category for the 1-mile race.

Substance abuse (Performance Enhancement Drugs) is on the rise. More runners are testing positive. This could be that more tests are being done. Most drug cases involved aging athletes, the over-competitive runner who will race where there will be no testing, and the high schooler chasing collegiate scholarships.

**Youth**

There is a need to get everyone at youth events 3-step compliant – Safe Sport.

We are requesting more youth track clubs to host events.

**MUT**

There is growth in championship numbers. More runners are competing.

Committee wants to increase youth numbers by giving them discounts or free entries.

**Impact to Growth Grant Submitted –** The grant money could be used for official recruitment, additional cash prizes for LDR races, and in improving social media presence by hiring a marketing firm.