

USATF Ozark Executive Committee

April 11, 2023

Minutes

The USATF Ozark Executive Committee meeting was held on the ZOOM platform. President Carlos Ross presided as Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Also present was Eileen Morris, John Morris, Andrew Scott, Karen Searcy-Chism, Ed Rowold, Peggy Rowold, Bob Nichols, Brian Sheble and Earsene Andrews.

Minutes of the March meeting which were provided earlier were approved to be accepted as presented on a motion by Bob Nichols and seconded by John Morris.

Eileen reported the following: Clubs - 11, and Sanctions – 11, perhaps more depending on how separate races in a RW series are counted. Membership - 250 including 63 Youth and 181 Adults. A motion by Bob and seconded by Peggy was approved to be accepted.

John gave the quarterly financial report. Beginning 2023 the bank balance was \$36,440, There were deposits of \$3800+ from National and \$1700 from AAU Ozark for the refund of errantly deposited funds, crediting \$1200 to Youth fund and \$500 to Adult Fund per the original notation by Gussie Crawford on the check stub. Expenses for Youth were reimbursements to Andrew Scott for cross country sanction and other fees. Youth Fund balance is \$4146. A sanction fee and deposit made to TRXC for the Open/Master T&F Championship leaves the Adult Fund at \$1712. Other fund balances are: Special Youth -\$1768; Grow to Impact- \$5000; Bid Fund - \$500; and General fund - \$23051. The March 31 bank balance as of \$36,179. Bob made a motion which was seconded by Andrew Scott and was approced to accept the report.

Ed reported that there was nothing much new since our last meeting. However, Eileen shared that we now have 33 certified officials including 2 new officials. A motion by Bob and seconded by Peggy was approved to accept the report.

Peggy, Adult Sports Council chair, reported that she has worked with Kim of Athletic.net and hopefully soon will have information needed to have the Association Open/Master T&F Championship posted on the website. Andrew then announced that he is trying to have his club, Tallawah, host 2 adult meets in June with limited events each. The dates would be June 8 & 15. There was discussion regarding what athletes, collegiate or high school, could participate in our meets during their regular outdoor track seasons. Several agreed to investigate the matter. A motion by Eileen and seconded by Bob, was approved to accept the Adult Sports council report.

Bob reported that the April 30 meet being held at Chesterfield Lake is sanctioned as well as the Spring Series, which will be held at Holman Middle School. The Summer Series will be held at Parkway North HS. He is attempting to get the August Duet sanctioned as a series. He will also be getting sanctions for the Fall Series. Peggy moved to accept his report. It was seconded by John and approved to be accepted.

Karen, Youth Committee chair reviewed the Youth club outdoor schedule noting that there was an open date, due to Pal choosing not to host a meet this year. Carlos agreed to reach out to Terry Robinson of Scorpions to see if he was willing to take this earlier date than one proposed at Youth meeting. Karen reminded us of Ozarks' Association JO at Belleville West and the Region 9 meet which we are hosting in Jefferson City. She noted the Blue Thunder meet in which many of our clubs participate will be on July 15, but since it is a Missouri Valley Association meet, no Ozark group could be denied a sanction for that date.

Andrew then announced that he is planning a series of youth cross country meets in addition to those being hosted by other clubs dates. The dates are from early October to the middle of November. An association JO

XC meet will also be planned and there was a suggestion of combining it with the Open/Master XC. The advantage would be that only one timing company would be needed.

Eileen asked for assistance from Karen to find out where she received information regarding AAU requiring officials of their meets to be USATF certified or recertified as she reported at the Youth meeting last Fall. It was agreed that she would check her notes and perhaps reach out to Coach Owens of CoachO, but that the AAU national office may need to be consulted.

Another discussion began regarding USATF membership being required by participants, particularly for club meets for any event other than championship meets for which membership is required according to Regulation 3 of USATF Bylaws and Regulations. It was agreed that it is an association decision, but already being well into the season, it was too late for Ozark to apply the requirement this year. It was noted that it gives us time to prepare clubs for such a requirement, as well as to showcase our meets this year.

Another discussion took place regarding increasing membership, perhaps by a grant from our Grow to Impact fund to assist clubs with expenses to host a meet where membership recruitment could occur or be encouraged. Various suggestions for qualifying for the grant were discussed. Carlos suggested that Karen and Eileen, with his input, would work to compose a specific plan for that part of our Grow to Impact proposal revision. Bob made a motion, seconded by Andrew and there was a vote to approve the Youth report.

The vacant positions of Directors were discussed. It was decided that recommendations be submitted to Eileen by Thursday, April 20, and those will be sent to the entire committee for perusal and consideration over the weekend. A ZOOM will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, for discussion and making the appointments.

Eileen reviewed our Grow to Impact proposal, emphasizing that no funds could be used to pay or discount memberships costs. She shared a copy of a membership flyer with a QR code unique to Ozark and said that other flyers for Officials, Masters and Youth could be produced from monthly Marketing Kits from National. These could be half page two sided. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for her to produce 100 Membership flyers at a cost of \$75. She later discussed the proposal of recruiting at larger high school meets as well as state championships. It became clear that MSHSAA should be consulted regarding any permission to do so was needed. Andrew offered to check into this.

Concern of difficulty with Tuesday night meetings led to a discussion of an alternative day be considered. It was agreed that we do not change, including holding in person meetings at 7:00 PM but perhaps scheduling ZOOM meetings at 7:30 P.M. It was also agreed that the meeting on April 25 would be held at 7:30.

John requested the Adult Sports Council to come to the next Executive Committee with some suggestions of how to get MUT more involved, noting nothing being contributed regarding MUT for several meetings. Peggy agreed to reach out to the chair, Shalini Kovach. to express the concern and determine her interest in continuing.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Morris, Secretary

