

**USATF Ozark Association Executive Meeting**  
**March 14, 2023**  
**Minutes**

A meeting of the USATF Ozark Association Executive Committee held on March 14, 2023, at the home of John and Eileen Morris, was as attended by John Morris, Eileen Morris, Carlos Ross, Brian Sheble and Bob Nichols. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Vice President Carlos Ross.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting had been made available. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Bob, seconded by John and approved without exception.

Eileen then reported that membership was 231, including 57 youth and 174 adults. There are 13 clubs approved member clubs. There have been 3 sanctions fully approved since January 1 and 2 pending. A motion by Bob and seconded by John was approved to accept the reports. A comment was made suggesting that more youth clubs would soon be registering, and a suggestion was also made that the current MUT chair encourage other MUT groups which have been sanctioning races to register their clubs.

John reported that the bank balance at the end of February was about \$35,300 and included the return of \$1700 from Ozark AAU due to errantly deposited funds. There were no deposits nor expenditures during the month. He also reported attending a meeting held by National regarding associations transitioning from the USATF Group Exemption and what assistance will be available from National including reimbursement of fees charged for filing for our own Group Exemptions status. He also reminded those present that we still do not have Director and Officer Insurance. He is in contact with 3 insurance providers waiting on further information and quotes. A motion made by Bob and seconded by Eileen to accept his report was approved.

**Committee Reports** followed beginning with Bob reporting that the first Race Walk event scheduled for April 23 may need to be moved to April 30 due to some members attending a clinic and would be unable to participate on the original date. He is looking at Parkway North HS for the Summer Series. Eileen reported for Peggy that TRXC was selected as the timing company for the Open/Masters' Outdoor Championships being held on June 24, and that a contract needed to be signed and submitted with a deposit. In the absence of Officials Chair, Eileen reported that there was nothing new but reminded us of concern of having enough officials for Association Championship meets on June 17 & June 24 and the Region 9 meet, July 6-9, which we are hosting. Bob's motion to accept the reports was seconded by John and approved by those present.

**New and Other Business** began by Eileen reporting that due to the resignation of David Searcy, she had become concerned regarding the status of our Grow to Impact proposal which we had been led to believe was resubmitted for 2023. Her contact with Lori Bird in the National Office revealed that it had not been resubmitted and further that Ms. Bird informed her that the third item in the proposal regarding membership discounts was, in fact, unacceptable. She also cautioned us of the fourth item regarding Officials' scholarships, that no membership fees may be paid with Grow to Impact funds. A

motion was made by Bob and seconded by John that the President establish a committee of three to revise our proposal was approved.

Eileen then presented a proposed 2023 budget and noted that it needed to be posted on our website as soon as possible. A motion to accept the proposed 2023 budget was made by Bob, seconded by John and approved.

There was discussion that Jayne Jackson, as Communications Chair, serves as Webmaster and Campaign Manager. Then John brought to the attention of those present of a “test” item was posted by Jayne under EVENTS to be reviewed by others. He also shared that she would be contacting sport committee chairs to discuss preferences and processes of what and how to get events posted. A recommendation that our meet schedules, especially our championships be on the website at least a year in advance and more if possible.

Eileen reminded us that our preliminary Accreditation report indicated Website deficiencies, but if there is the cooperation needed, Jayne’s improvements on the website could be made in the next couple months and may eliminate a PFI required by the Accreditation Committee. She also reminded us that Ozark Bylaws needed revisions, stating that those, as well as the Website improvements must be completed by November. Carlos agreed that a committee was needed. He, John and Eileen offered to serve, and Carlos offered reach out to Karen.

Vacancies on our Executive Committee were then discussed. Carlos was asked if he were willing to make the transition to President. After discussion and questions including regarding serving all constituencies and athletic levels and agreement from others for assistance, a motion was made and seconded to appoint Carlos Ross as President of Ozark Association for the remainder of the 2021-2024 Olympiad. The motion was approved. A motion then was made to appoint Andrew Scott to fill the position of Vice President. He agreed to accept and the motion was approved. It was then determined that our Bylaws would permit the two Director vacancies to be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee. A nominating committee was recommended to propose candidates.

There was a motion made, seconded and approved following discussion that we spend our \$500 Marketing Kit grant from National on the following items: another large banner similar to the two purchased last year, another standing banner and two sets of the pennants. Any remaining funds if any would be used for small “giveaways”. John will place the order before April 1.

Noting that we are discovering how costly hosting a youth track and field meet, particularly a regional meet, Bob then made a motion that “we create a Regional JO fund effective April 1, 2023, and that we designate \$2.00 per member of each month’s revenues received from USATF to be placed in that fund to support the Regional JO for which Ozark Association is responsible for hosting”. The motion was seconded and after discussion and questions answered was approved by those present. Bob then made “a motion that the only funds to be assigned to the Special Fund which is used to support athletes going to the Great southwest, are those funds that were previously obtained from special grants and that USATF funds that are in the Special fund as of March 31, 2023 be transferred to the Regional JO Fund. If there are still grant monies in that fund they remain in that fund”. The motion was seconded and following brief discussion was approved by those present. Bob further

suggested that funds that were placed in the Special fund account starting July 1, 2022 through March 2023 be identified if possible. It was agreed that a suggestion by Andrew regarding how remaining funds might be spent assisting qualified youth athletes be discussed at the next meeting.

Carlos reminded us of upcoming meetings.

A motion made to adjourn was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Morris, Secretary