

USATF Ozark Executive Committee Meeting
May 9, 2023
Minutes

On May 9, 2023, a meeting of the Ozark Association Executive Committee was held virtually on the ZOOM platform. Those present included Carlos Ross, Eileen Morris, John Morris, Ed Rowold, Bob Nichols, Karen Searcy-Chism, Angie Miller, Peggy Rowold and Earsene Andrews. President Carlos Ross called the meeting to order at 7:56 P.M.

Minutes had been provided in advance. Having no additions or changes, a motion made by Bob and seconded by John was approved to be accepted.

Eileen provided the latest reports as: Membership 273; Clubs 14; Sanctions 29 assuming each day of a series was counted as a separate sanctioned meet. Bob's motion to accept the reports was seconded by John and approved.

John reported that our 2022 tax forms had been filed and would be posted on our website. He also reported that inquiries regarding Officers and Directors insurance were in the process. He stated that he would be providing at our next meeting a short overview of why this insurance is needed. Bob's motion to accept the report was seconded by Peggy and approved.

Ed, reporting for the Officials Committee, reviewed the upcoming meet schedule at which time the JO meet date was reported by Karen to be changed to June 18. Concern was expressed regarding the late notice of this change and effect it would have on officials' plans for June 18 especially since we are already low on certified officials. Bob's motion to accept the report was seconded by John and approved to be accepted.

Adult Sports Council Chair, Peggy, confirmed that TRXC timing company has been secured for the Open/Masters Meet on June 24. A flyer has been prepared and appears on the website. She noted that because of a liability issue, the 200 and 400 hurdles had been dropped due to concern of curvature of the track. John asked for an update regarding MUT chair, Shalini Kovach, regarding her interest in retaining her position on the council. That was not available yet, but Peggy would pursue the issue with Shalini. A motion made by Eileen to accept the report was seconded by Bob and approved.

Bob reported that the April 30 race had taken place and that the May Series had begun. He is still needing to secure a location for the Fall series. A motion made by Peggy and seconded by John to accept the report was approved.

Youth Committee chair, Karen, repeated that the date for the Association JO Championships had been changed from June 17 to the 18 but could not explain the school's reasons for such a last-minute change. It was announced that the Pals Club meet on May 21, previously cancelled, would be held. Carlos noted that it would be co-hosted by Scorpions and take place at North Technical HS. Karen stated that the Region 9 JO, which we are hosting is scheduled for July 6-9 at Jefferson City HS and that information had been provided to Jayne

Jackson for the website. She has reached out to Lincoln University and Jefferson City Visitors Bureau for volunteers. John reminded her that we needed to see a copy of the facilities contract and she stated she would get that to him. A discussion took place regarding Every Kids Sports Pass to assist more youth to be able to afford team and other necessary membership fees and related costs to participate in meets. Application for the Spring season is closed but it is hoped that accessing the next season funds could be a helpful as another platform by which to youth membership could be increased. More specifics need to be confirmed including as to how assistance to apply could be offered. Angie, Eileen, and Karen agreed to work on that. A motion to accept the Youth report was made by Bob, seconded by John and approved.

Eileen informed the group that she had altered the original Grow to Impact proposal submitted in 2022 to adhere to guidelines. She also stated that she submitted it, as Lori Bird in the National office urged her to do so. She assured Eileen that there could always be changes if certain efforts did not seem beneficial or possible. Karen reported that she and Eileen had discussed some of the proposals for the Grow to Impact funds and agreed more details needed to be worked out particularly the incentives to clubs which sanction USATF to assist with costs and possibly incentives to clubs or individuals for bringing in new members. They both joined a ZOOM meeting held by National which allowed for brainstorming as well as announcing what further assistance they could offer. A club marketing item will be distributed soon.

John and Eileen repeated the offer to store at no cost, Ozark's equipment currently at Advantage Storage in Belleville, IL and costing about \$900 a year. They offered to provide keys to several to be certain access could be possible when they were not available. It was agreed that an inventory was needed particularly to note what implements were available for meets we are hosting, especially the Region 9 meet. A motion made by Bob was seconded and approved for items to be moved from Advantage Storage in Belleville to the Morris' carriage house.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob to adjourn which was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Morris