**USATF Ozark Association Executive Meeting** June 14, 2022

The Ozark Association Executive held a meeting virtually on the ZOOM Platform, Tuesday June 14, and was called to order by President David Searcy at 7:41. Eileen Morris, Secretary was present as well as John Morris. Ginger Mulanax, Ed Rowold, Peggy Rowold, Robert Nichols, Karen Searcy-Chism, Brian Sheble, Patricia Hanna, Earsene Andrews, Regina King, Andrew Scott, and Denise McField.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 24, 2022, had been posted on the website as well as distributed by email. Having no additions or corrections brought forth a motion was made seconded and approved that they be accepted as submitted.

Treasurer, John Morris, reported that the bank balance as of May 31, is $41892, which included the $5000 Growth for Impact Grant and expenditures to Husky Trailways, Advantage Storage and an ad purchased through Grandview HS. There was a recent deposit of $579. from National and outstanding checks totaling $648.70 for reimbursements to the secretary. The reimbursement of funds disbursed to Laura Borman for the cancelled 2021 JO Championship will be pursued. Ginger advised John to include the Ozark AAU governor in discussions with Laura, since it is uncertain who the current treasurer is. Ginger asked Dave who that was but he did not know at the time. A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the report.

Eileen reported that there were currently 368 valid members including 150 Youth and 218 Adults. She also reported 17 club memberhips, 9 pending and 22 which have not attempted renewal. There were two clubs whose status were pending or not renewed which appeared to be duplicates. A motion was made seconded and approved to accept those reports.

Ginger reported that there were 2 sanctions approved since our last meeting but was unsure of the exact total and where that puts us regarding accreditation. She then proposed that the Association’s portion of the sanction fee paid by the Dashers for the JO Championships be reimbursed. A motion to that effect was made seconded and approved. A motion was then made, seconded and approved to accept the sanction report.

Ed reported that the number of fully certified officials remains at 27 with a number still pending due to incompletion of the process. Certified offficials had been doing meets. Upcoming meets including the JO’s and a couple being held at Lindenwood will need officials. He stated that we were still waiting for space to hold an in-person meeting. Dave addressed Ed regarding the possibility of holding a class for certification. Dave was reminded by Ginger that membership was required to begin the process. Ed pointed out that USATF membership was needed to open a Sport80 account, necessary to complete the 3-step process so that all information was directly entered into their files by National. Eileen reminded Dave that if names were sent or persons told to contact her, she could hold a meeting to assist with the process and that classes could also be held for orientation to specific events if needed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report.

Bob Nichols reported that the Race Walk Club was into their Summer Series noting that one race needed to be reduced from 3K to a 1600m due to the heat. He pointed out that the average age of the group was 69. He has had 2 more sanctions approved, those for the August Duet.

Dave then introduced Denise McField who has been appointed the Women’s Track and Field Chair. Denise, born in Jamaica, is now retired from coaching for high schools in the area. She currently coaches athletes ages 9-13 with the Blues Club, for which she has been coaching for many years.

Brian reported that he has been working with the other leaders of the Adult Sport Council and has identified a date and McNair in St. Charles as the possible location for an Open/Masters Cross Country Championship. Additionally, he has spoken with Dave Spetnagel of Fleet Feet regarding timing and associated services for $1500. He will be meeting with Youth committee leaders regarding their interest in adding Youth to the competition and delaying further plans until their discussions take place.

Peggy then reported on tentative plans to hold our Open/Masters Championship meet on August 20 or 21 at Lindenwood, noting that the following weekend a national masters combined events meet hosted by Lindenwood was being planned. It was explained that this was not the National Masters Championship actually being held in Lexington, Kentucky during which there is only a Pent. This was a USATF sanctioned meet with a full Dec and Hep and possibly a women’s Dec. It was shared that Fleet Feet is willing to have our 5K and 10K Open and Masters Championship during the Gumbo Flats races in Chesterfield on October 21 and then noted that the target date for the Cross Country would be the second weekend in November. Peggy stated that access to the branding portal will be needed and that a blast type email would also be needed, inquiring if the Communication Chair had been granted access yet to Campaign Manager.

Dave, then took the opportunity to introduce Andrew Scott as the newly appointed Men’s Track and Field Chair. Also born in Jamaica, and a former triple jumper, Andrew has completed studies at Logan Chiropractic and now practicing in his field. He is coach and administrator for the Tallawah club.

The Association JO Championships being held on Saturday, June 18, had been reduced from a two-day event due to lower registrations expected. Additional officials and volunteers are still needed. Field events were to start at 8:30 and Track events at 9:30. It was confirmed that Regionals are planned for July 9 & 10. There was concern that next year we will be hosting regionals and many more officials would be needed. It is hope that some of the volunteer athletes assisting at JO’s could be approached and encouraged to consider becoming certified. Eileen offered to bring a poster with “tear offs” giving her contact information.

Eileen reported that at the request of Ginger she investigated the status and financial responsibility for Officers and Directors. Noting that it did not appear that we had this coverage any longer. Ginger’s suggested Eileen contact Dave Schrock, AEC Chair, who then recommended she contact Irene Herman Insurance Liaison. A specimen of and the quotes for a policy Arizona currently has was received. These will be shared with those interested and perhaps someone with knowledge of insurance and of such policies.

The memorial gift of $100 for Sherry Hott was approved and would be sent to the Masters Travel Fund per the request of her family.

Dave then recommended that when needing information or explanations we should call a person in our association who should have the expertise in the area. He noted his concern of getting processes moving smoothly again especially since the interruption caused by Covid and the importance of communication. He expressed that our association is about “we and us” and that we should work together.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made seconded and approved, ending the meeting at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Morris, Secretary