**2021 USATF Ozark Association**

**Annual Meeting**

Minutes

The Annual Meeting of USATF Ozark Association scheduled for Sunday, November 14, 2021 was held at the Clayton Community Center, Clayton, MO. In the absence of all other officers, the meeting was called to order by Eileen Morris, Secretary at approximately 2:40 P.M. All present for the meeting signed the prepared list of eligible voters or attendance sheet. Copies of 2020 Ozark Annual Meeting minutes were provided and time was allowed to review them. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and approved.

Due to the absence of Gussie Crawford, there were no Treasury, Membership, Club or Sanction reports. Eileen noted that since limited expenses were incurred since the report noted in the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes, most of the funds should still be available.

Eileen provided some information regarding issues the association’s Sports Committees encountered due to the pandemic as well as decisions by National which resulted in the few events being held by our association, those being race walk events. She verified that no USATF Youth meets had taken place during 2021. She had officiated for the National JO Championships in Jacksonville, Florida describing the weather and COVID testing issues causing difficulties. She noted that there were few Ozark athletes there.

Bob Nichols, Race Walk Committee chair, reported that the Race Walk Club recently completed their 2021 season. A January meeting would possibly take place.

Eileen, as Certification Chair, reported for the Officials’ Committee that less than thirty of approximately seventy formerly certified officials had completed the recertification process with an additional ten or so in the process. She added that only three new officials were added during 2021. She had met individually or in a small group with several responding to posted notices. One additional gathering was cancelled by a group who asked to be contacted later.

Ginger Mulanax, Nominations Committee Chair, was then called on to proceed with elections. She explained that originally all four officers had agreed to run for reelection. However, she more recently had received notice that Martise Scott, Laura Borman, and Gussie Crawford, President, Vice-President and Treasurer respectively, now preferred not to do so. It would require all nominations for those offices to be taken from the floor.

Nominations were opened for President. David Searcy, was nominated for President. Ginger Mulanax was nominated but declined. Due to David’s absence. Eileen noted that an email from David accepting a nomination for President was received. Having no further nominations, a motion was made, seconded and approved that he be elected by acclamation. That acclamation was made by those present without exception, electing David Searcy as President.

Nominations were opened for Vice-President. “Ginger” (Virginia) Mulanax was nominated. Ginger then spoke briefly of her background and experience with the track and field organization. Having no additional nominations, a motion was made, seconded and approved for her to be elected by acclamation. That acclamation was made by those present, electing Ginger Mulanax as Vice-President without exception.

Nominations were opened for the office of Treasurer. “Bob” (Robert) Nichols was nominated. Bob provided information of his military and business experience and activity since retirement. Having no additional nominations, a motion was made, seconded and approved for him to be elected by acclamation. That acclamation was made by those present without exception, electing Bob Nichols as Treasurer.

Ginger announced that Eileen Morris was running for reelection as Secretary. She opened the floor for additional nominations but having none, a motion was made, seconded and approved for her to be elected by acclamation. That acclamation was made without exception, electing Eileen Morris as Secretary.

Nominations for the three Directors’ positions were then opened, noting that Carlos Ross would be running for reelection to one of the three Directors’ positions. Nominations of Earsene Andrews and “Tish” (Patricia) Hanna were made and each nomination was seconded. Due to Tish Hanna’s absence, Eileen noted that an email of acceptance from Patricia Hanna had been received . Having no more than three nominees, a motion to elect all three by acclamation was made, seconded and approved. The acclamation was made by those present without exception, electing them as Directors.

Elections completed, Ginger, as newly elected Vice-President, proceeded to chair the meeting. She commented on the work we will need to do to restore our membership numbers. Additionally, she noted that several new committee chairs need to be appointed while several will be elected by certain committees. Ginger confirmed with Anniece Spencer, present at the meeting, that she was still serving as SafeSport liason for Ozark.

A brief discussion took place regarding delegates for the 2021 USATF Annual meeting including that the cost of registration would be paid by the association. Eileen shared that her name had been submitted as the “in-person” representative to the Annual Meeting prior to a stated deadline on recommendation of Martise Scott, then Ozark President. It was suggested that expenses beyond room and travel costs being covered by National, might be covered by the association.

February 22, March 1 and March 8 were all suggested for Ozark’s Mid-Year Meeting depending on availability of a meeting space with plans for a possible hybrid format using ZOOM platform in addition to the in-person option.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. Motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 3.56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Morris, Secretary

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