USATF Ozark Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee of USATF Ozark Association held a meeting on August 9, 2022, on the Zoom platform. President David Searcy chaired the meeting and Secretary Eileen Morris was also present. Additional attendees were Ed Rowold, Peggy Rowold, Bob Nichols, Earsene Andrews, and John Morris, Treasurer.

Minutes had been provided in advance by email. A motion to accept the minutes as submitted was seconded and approved.

John Morris reported that as of July 31 the bank balance was $43,634.95 which reflected July deposits from National totaling $2,060.00 and the $100 disbursement for the Sherry Hott Memorial. Individual fund balances are Youth - $3,667; Adult-$3.699; Bid Fund - $500; and Special Youth - $1,228 which reflects the adjustment for payment to Husky Trailways made in May. A motion by Bob Nichols was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer’s report.

Eileen reported only one new membership in July, an adult, bringing the total to 412 including 181 youth and 231 adults. Bob made a motion which was seconded and approved that the membership report be accepted. Eileen then reported that there were 16 clubs whose memberships had been approved to date and that one of the several pending was discovered to have some confusion in the record of payments. After clarification and agreement with National, the club will be approved giving Ozark 17 clubs with fully approved memberships. A motion made by Bob Nichols was seconded and approved to accept the report as presented.

There was no Sanction report due to Ginger’s absence. Eileen will check with her to be certain all requests for approvals have been dealt with.

Ed Rowold announced that an agenda will be out soon for the Officials Committee Annual meeting which will take place on September 11, at 2:00 PM at the Florissant Valley Branch library. Additionally, he noted that both the Olympic and Para Olympic Games will be in the US in 2028 suggesting that those should be incentives for wanting to officiate. It was noted that to be accepted for high level meets, experience beyond the association and local meets will be expected. A motion was made seconded and approved that the Officials’ report be accepted.

Bob Nichols stated that there was nothing new to report for Race Walk since our last meeting.

Reporting for Brian Sheble, Ed shared that there are arrangements for the Ozark Open and Masters’ 5K and 10K Championships to be held within the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce road races on October 15. He hopes to get a blast out and/or some announcement on the website. Peggy Rowold has been in contact with the Parkway Central coach and waiting to speak with the AD regarding both the Cross country and Track and Field Championships. Addressing concern of limited participants, the numbers of officials required and significant cost of a facility which can accommodate events for a Track and Field championship, Eileen shared a recent Accreditation Committee communication extending the “allowances” given in recent years for those requirements affected by Covid. She believes that the number of Ozark’s championships already promises to be up from last year and that efforts might be focused on the LDR and XC for participation and increasing membership. She suggested planning early for a well marketed and organized Track and Field Championship for next June. A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the Officials’ report.

Dave reported for Youth, stating that neither he nor Karen were in Sacramento for the National JO Championships and informed us of plans are to hold them in Eugene, Oregon next year, because other associations are not bidding to hold them. Dave has been having conversations with the Rolla Visitor’s Bureau regarding hotels, should we hold the Region 9 meet at MO S&T. He reported that a Region 9 meeting took place following the Regional meet in Independence to discuss issues important for next year’s meet which we will be hosting, especially the number of officials. Peggy pointed out that if the meet were held at SIUE the cost for housing most of Ozark’s officials would be much less. Other possible locations were briefly discussed. Dave also shared that in discussions with Robin Beamon she offered to attempt to find help for us to hold the Youth National Championship. A motion was made seconded and approved that the report be accepted.

Dave explained that as for “Grow to Impact”, he is currently focused on creation of the social media committee, hoping to hold some interviews. He is also considering approaching a member of Belleville West HS faculty to design flyers.

Plans were discussed for the use of tents and other items at the upcoming U.S. Masters Combined events for possible recruiting purposes and/or for the comfort of officials working the meet.

Dave then asked John about an email from Karen regarding a $500 disbursement to McKendree for concessions. After an explanation of it being due to cancellation of the meet, a motion made by Bob Nichols, was seconded and approved that a check be disbursed after an invoice was received. Dave was to inform Karen to request McKendree to have an invoice sent to John.

There was a reminder of the Annual Meeting being held on September 18, Eileen noting that the increase in membership made it more cumbersome to email the membership without Campaign Manager. Dave was to see that Charity got access to it. After confirming that no special vote was needed to establish a fund to maintain records of “Grow to Impact” monies, a motion to adjourn was made seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen D. Morris