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**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION
2022 ANNUAL MEETING
ZOOM- Virtual (Online)
October 23, 2022**

11th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Executive Board
In attendance:

Tom McTaggart
John Padula
Phil Greenwald
Ken Kraft
Stephanie Irvin
Jordan Temkin
Laniqua Dinkins - Executive Manager

The 2022 New York Association Annual Meeting was called to order by President Thomas McTaggart at 4:00 pm.

Tom welcomed everyone to this year's annual meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting was made by Mary Onken, seconded by Sandra Edwards. The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved by all.

John Padula began the meeting explaining the meeting guidelines. When we get to the elections of members of the Executive Board all motions will be made on the chat box. Seconds to the motion will be made on the chat box. Any objections must also be made in the chat. If there is a contested election the voting will be done electronically.

Tom McTaggart introduced our newly appointed Executive Manager, Laniqua Dinkins. Laniqua works at Icahn Stadium and she ran in High School & College.

John Padula discussed the NY Association membership numbers. While membership went down during COVID they have begun to rebound and are up the last couple years. We are now at 3793 members.

The NY Association now has 109 member organizations which is an increase over the last couple years. Our Event Sanctions were also up the last 3 years; in 2022 we sanctioned 170 events.

Phil Greenwald presented the NY Association Financial Report. As of December 31, 2021, we had \$374,435 in our bank account. Our net income last year was \$1726. The meets we held last year cost \$27,469. The goal is to break even. The loss was due to limited participation due to COVID.

John Padula gave the Youth Program highlights. The Youth of the NY Association had a very good year. The youth were finally able to compete. NY had 11 National Junior Olympic Champions, a total of 24 athletes were awarded medals. At the USATF Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships NY had 70 National Champions and 275 medalists. This fall, so far there have been as many as 500 Youth athletes at each cross country meet. There will be a final NY Association Youth Cross Country meet at Bowdoin Park on Saturday November 26, 2022. John also reported on NY Association grants. Our association offered \$10,000 in Track & Field grants and \$7,500 in Cross Country grants.

Open & Masters track had a good year too. 3 NY Association members won US Championships and NY had 9 medalists at the IAAF World Track & Field Championship qualifier meet. NY also had 6 IAAF World Championship medalists.

Last month 2 of our Master's runners, Fiona Bayly & Cheryl Kohut won National titles at the 2022 USATF National Masters 12 k Championship in Highlands NJ.

The Coaches Education for Level 1 & 2 will be held online. This is training for all level coaches.

Zakia Haywood NY Association Racewalk Chairperson gave the Racewalk report. Nathaniel Sampson won the racewalk at the 2022 AAU junior Olympic Games in Greensboro, North Carolina in early August.

Lloyd Cornelius gave the Officials Committee report. There has been an increase in the number of officials in the last year. The New York Association was well represented by our officials at major meet this past year. There were 7 NY Association Officials at the USATF National Indoor Championship Meet, 8 NY Association Officials worked the USATF National Outdoor Championship Meet and 8 NY Association Officials at the IAAF World Championship Meet in Eugene Oregon.

All officials are reminded to update their profile on USATF Connect website.

John Padula next discussed the upcoming seasons. For the NY Association the Indoor Championships will be held in February 2023 as will the NY/NJ Championship Meet. For the 2023 Spring Track season we have on the list of meets the Youth Championships at Icahn Stadium and the New York USATF associations Championship Meet at SUNY Cortland this July.

John reported the USATF-NY website and our social Media sites are up to date. The NY Association annual Awards dinner was held on Sunday, August 20, 2022, at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains. The Awards dinner went well. Awards were handed out to the winners of the Youth Awards and those officials who were inducted into the NY Association Officials Hall of Fame.

President McTaggart addressed the goals the NY Association has for the upcoming year. We would like to increase our membership to 5,000. We want to increase the amount we provide in Grants to our association. We want to recruit & train more officials, host more high-level coaching clinics. We'd also like to assist clubs of all levels with the recruitment of athletes.

Tom McTaggart discussed the election for 3 seats on the Executive Board. A candidate must be 18 years of age, a USATF member for at least 50 days and have passed the Youth Background check.

All nominations will be made via the chat box. Seconds will also be made via the chat box. The positions up for election this year are, Vice President, Vice President – Northern Counties & Active Athlete.

John Padula was the only nomination for the position of Vice President. The Secretary, Ken Kraft cast one ballot by acclamation for John Padula.

Gus Young was nominated for the VP – Northern Counties, Jean McLaughlin was also nominated for VP – Northern Counties. Jean withdrew her nomination. The Secretary, Ken Kraft cast one ballot by acclamation for Gus Young.

Lisa Edwards was nominated to the Active Athlete position. There were no other nominations. Ken Kraft, Secretary, cast one ballot by acclamation for Lisa Edwards.

The delegates for the 2022 USATF Annual National Meeting were appointed. They will be

Lauren Primerano
Stephanie Irvin
Dwayne Evans
Reginald Weisglass
Mary Onken
Tom McTaggart
Laniqua Dinkins
Mary Rosado
David Katz
Kurt Clausen

Motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd Cornelius, seconded by John Padula & approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm