



NEW YORK

**2016 ANNUAL MEETING
ICAHN STADIUM
OCTOBER 30, 2016**

MEETING MINUTES

Executive Board In attendance: Lauren Primerano, John Padula, Tom McTaggart, Ken Kraft,

Adrian Crichlow,, Jordan Temkin, Bill Vayo

The 2016 New York Association Annual Meeting was called to order by President Lauren Primerano at 4:25 PM.

Shawn Frederick moved to waive the roll call, motion seconded by Steve Zimmerman. Motion to waive the roll call was unanimously approved. There were 65 NY Association members in attendance at the meeting.

President Primerano introduced the members of the Executive Board.

Mike Rhau moved to approve the Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting, seconded by Aubrey Taylor. Minutes for the 2015 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

Lauren Primerano then presented to the membership the Annual report. There was an increase in the number of members from 2015 to 2016 of almost 500 new members to a total as of October 31, 2016, of 4336 members. The breakdown by age: there was an increase in members in every age group but the 19 – 34 age group. Lauren said we need to work on keeping this age group active and involved. There was also an increase in the number of Member Organizations (Club teams & Race Directors) from 117 in 2015 to 127 as of October 31, 2016.

Event Sanctions also increased from 159 in 2015 to 178 in 2016.

Financially the New York Association is doing well. To begin 2016, the NY Association had \$55,000 in the bank. The plan is to continue to grow slowly, keep fixed costs limited and control meet expenses.

1st Vice President John Padula gave the NY Association Youth Report.

The 2016 Indoor Championships held at the Ocean Breeze Indoor facility were a huge success for the NY Youth athletes. There were 67 Association Records set, we had 31 National Champions. 4 Indoor National records were set, 257 Youth athletes earned All-American status. 17 High School Athletes earned All-American status and there were 2 High School National Champions.

The 2015 Cross Country season was highlighted with 4 Regional Champions, 1 National Champion & 1 High School All-American.

2016 Cross Country Season is still in progress. There were 670 athletes at a meet this October. John said the Indoor season was our most successful season.

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The USATF- NY Youth Clubs received \$31,000 in grant funding in 2016. They will apply for grants again this year.

Open & Masters report:

2 NY Association Members won Gold at the 2016 Rio Olympics, Michelle Carter & Natasha Hastings. There were 11 NY Association members on the 2106 USA Olympic Team. Several members won gold at the USA National Masters Championships.

The NY Association had 2 members win their races at the Masters Cross Country Championship, Mike McManus & Fiona Bayly and Urban Athletics won the Women 40+ team championship. At the National Club, X-C Championships Mike McManus won the 50-54 division crown.

Board Member Bill Vayo gave the NY Association Racewalk Report.

Bill along with Reggie Weissglas and LI Association Member Gary Westerfield created a Race Walking Judging Best Practices card which has been extremely successful. It has been distributed throughout the US and various other countries. It is available in 4 foreign languages. The Nyack Racewalk which has been directed by Shawn & Debbie Frederick for several years is being passed on to Bill Vayo. Bill plans to move the race into NY City at DeWitt Clinton High School. Racewalking continues to grow especially in the Youth Category. NY is the hotbed of racewalking in the USA.

President Lauren Primerano gave the report on NY Association Officials.

The New York Association Officials Committee had their annual meeting & elections earlier.

The number of certified officials in the NY Association continues to rise.

8 NY Association Officials officiated at the 2016 USATF Indoor National Championships.

12 NY Association Officials officiated at the 2016 Olympic Trials & the USATF Junior National Championships. Several Officials received International assignments.

There will be several Youth Series meets held this coming indoor season.

At Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex there will be Youth Series meets on:

December 27, 2016 the Ocean Breeze Holiday Festival

January 8, 2017 the Ocean Breeze Freedom Games

January 22, 2017 the Ocean Breeze Invitational

There will also be Youth Series meets held at the Park Slope Armory in Brooklyn on:

January 15, 2017, February 5, 2017 & February 12, 2017, with the NY Association

Championships held on February 26, 2017

The NY Association is hoping to hold an Elite Youth & Club Meet in February. This is still in the planning stages.

The USATF New York Open/Masters meet will be held at Ocean Breeze on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017.

The Northeast Zonal Youth Championships will be held at Ocean Breeze on Sunday Feb, 19, 2017.

The USATF New York Youth Championships will be held at Ocean Breeze on Sunday Feb. 26, 2017.

The Hershey Youth Indoor National Championships will be held at Ocean Breeze on March 10 – 12, 2017.

For the Spring Season the NY Association will hold Youth Challenge Series Meets at Icahn Stadium. Dates to be set soon.

There will also be a Twilight Series held at Icahn Stadium. Dates to be set soon.

We are hoping to host a Track Town Summer Series Meet between NY and Philadelphia at Icahn Stadium sometime this coming summer.

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Lastly, in June 2017 Icahn Stadium will host the New York Open & Masters Championships as well as the USATF New York Junior Olympic Championships.

The NewYork.USATF.org website should be used by members for membership management, sanctioning information & event information.

The New York Association has over 1,100 followers on Facebook, just under 2,000 followers on Twitter and over 3,500 followers on Instagram. These are a great way to communicate with our athletes, coaches and parents.

The New York Association has many partnerships we are proud of and want to continue to develop and grow.

The 2015 New York Association Annual Awards Banquet was a success.

The goals for the future are to increase membership, to reach 5,000 members. Establish a post-collegiate program. We need to encourage collegiate runners to run after they graduate from college. Also, assist clubs at all levels, Youth to Masters, with athlete recruitment.

Elections for three positions on the Executive Board are up for election.

1st Vice President: John Padula was nominated, there was no other person nominated. The Secretary cast one ballot for John Padula to be the 1st VP of the New York Association.

At Large Director – North Counties: Mary Onken was nominated, there was no other person nominated. The Secretary cast one ballot for Mary Onken to be the At Large Director – North Counties of the New York Association.

Active Athlete: Bill Vayo was nominated, there was no other person nominated. The Secretary cast one ballot for Bill Vayo to be Active Athlete of the New York Association.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Zimmerman, seconded by Kevin Stewart, and approved by all

The meeting ended at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted 11-1-16
Ken Kraft, Secretary NY Assoc. USATF