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**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION
2020 ANNUAL MEETING
ZOOM- Virtual (Online)
October 25, 2020**

MEETING MINUTES

Executive Board
In attendance:

Tom McTaggart
John Padula
Stephanie Irvin
Phil Greenwald
Ken Kraft
Jordan Temkin
Adrian Crichlow
Olive Smart

The 2020 New York Association Annual Meeting was called to order by President Thomas McTaggart at 7:08 pm.

The motion to waive the roll call was made by Phil Greenwald, seconded by Jordan Temkin. The motion was approved by all. There were 63 members in attendance on the “virtual” meeting. President McTaggart read through the rules for Annual Meeting. The Board of Director has amended the bylaws to allow for virtual meeting when in-person is not permitted. All members should mute their computer, questions will be asked using the chat feature & use the chat feature for important statements.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting was made by Phil Greenwald, seconded by John Padula. The motion was approved unanimously.

President McTaggart discussed the process for the elections for 2nd Vice President, Active Coach & Active Athlete. The elections will be held later in the meeting.

There has been a steady increase of the NY Association membership numbers since the NY Association began in 2011. This year there has been a slight slow down due to the Covid 19 virus and resulting shutdowns.

There have been 111 event sanctions so far in 2020, down from 237 in 2019.

Phil Greenwald gave the financial report. 2019 was similar to 2018. We have a bank balance of \$79,186 as of 12-31-18 plus bank Certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$280,000. While our sanctions and memberships provide a steady income, both are down compared to last year. While there is little income due to COVID 19, there is also little expense.

The Ocean Breeze Park Alliance was established. It will take over the financial operation of the OB meets.

USATF-NY donated \$37,382 to the Ocean Breeze Park Alliance which was income from their meets and half the net income from the Hershey Indoor National Championships.

John Padula gave the Youth Report. The NY Association Championships continue to grow. Over 1000 athletes competed in the 2020 Indoor Championship Meet at Ocean Breeze. There were 6 boys association records set at the championship meet.

Due to the Covid 19 shutdown there were no Spring Track meets.

The 2020 Cross Country season is going well. Today the 5th Youth XC races of the season took place at the Ocean Breeze cross country course. There has been an average of about 400 youth at each meet this fall. The Youth Championship races will be held on November 8, 2020. All athletes who have run in the Youth Cross Country series received USATF-NY neck gaiters.

The New York Association did not award any grants this year. We look to resume the Travel, Equipment & Coaching grant awards in 2021.

Adrian Crichlow reported on the Open & Masters divisions. The 2020 NY-NJ Dual Meet had the largest participation ever. The meet went well. We hope to keep it going in the future.

Jordan Temkin gave the Coaching report. There were several online Coaching Education clinics held monthly since February 2020. The last live coaching clinic is scheduled to be held in February 2021.

Tom McTaggart stated that we have received very good feedback from the Coaching Clinics. John Padula reported there is a USATF Level 2 Coaching Clinic coming up this fall online.

Zakia Haywood gave the Racewalk Report. Several Racewalk youth clinics have been held this year. Some Racewalk records have been set this year.

Lloyd Cornelius gave the Officials Committee report. Lloyd mentioned that we are always looking to recruit new officials. Reggie Weisglass was awarded the Lori Maynard Award for the outstanding racewalk official in the country at the 2019 USATF Annual Meeting last December. We also inducted Margret Cornelius, John Gibson, Neil Johnson & Gary Westerfield into the New York Association Hall of Fame. The Officials Chair awards went to Sandra Burke, Dan Doherty, Chris Forti, Dave Goggins & Betty Whitaker. New York Association Officials awards went to Randy Savitt, Gus Young & Steve Zimmerman.

Lloyd also reminded the officials in the NY Association to make sure your profile on the USATF website is up to date. Also take the time to update Safe Sport certification and your background check. He strongly recommended the officials begin their rules review when it becomes available Nov. 1. Also do not forget to renew your USATF membership.

President McTaggart discussed the upcoming NY Association meets. There are 3 big meets this February at Ocean Breeze – the NY – NJ Open & Masters Meet on Feb. 2, 2021, the Pre-National Invitational on Feb. 14, 2021 & the NY Association Youth Championships on Feb. 21, 2021. There are also the NSAF National at Ocean Breeze & the New Balance Nationals at the Armory on March 11 to 14, 2021. Last indoor championship meet of the season will be the Hershey Youth Indoor National Championships at Ocean Breeze on March 19 to 21, 2021.

Planned for the upcoming spring Track season are the Youth Series meets at Icahn Stadium, the Adam Sanford Invitational also at Icahn Stadium and the New York State Inter-Association Championships which will be held at SUNY Cortland the last Weekend in July 2021. This is the

first time this meet will be held. The Associations who will participate are the New York Association, the Adirondack Association, the Long Island Association and the Niagara Association.

We are still not 100% sure about the following meets in 2021: the NY Open & Masters Championship Meet, the New York Junior Olympic Championships and the USATF Club Championships. All three could be held at Icahn Stadium this coming summer.

Adrian Moore asked if there will be a 2020-2021 Indoor Youth series of meets. John Padula answered hopefully.

John Padula talked about our website & social media presence. The New York Association website can be used for meet info, membership management, sanctioning information, financial information, contact information & a link to the USATF store. The NY Association Facebook page has 1793 followers, Twitter has 2269 & Instagram has 3885 followers. The goal with our online presence is to keep open communication with all our athletes, parents & coaches.

Tom McTaggart spoke about the 2020 Annual Awards Banquet. The decision was to not hold the 2020 Annual Awards Banquet. That was right about when the Covid-19 pandemic was at its worst in New York. So, the annual awards were presented to the award winners. We hope to have a virtual presentation soon.

Tom also talked about some of our association goals for 2021. We hope to get to 5000 members. We want to establish a mentorship program in the coming year. We also hope to begin a post collegiate program for those who would like to continue to compete and for those who might be interested in becoming officials. We want to host more high level coaching clinics. And we will assist Track Clubs at all levels of recruitment.

The elections were held next.

For Active Athlete: Adrian Crichlow was nominated by Olive Smart, seconded by Mary Onken. There was no other nomination for Active Athlete.

For Active Coach: Jordan Temkin was nominated by John Padula, seconded by Lauren Primerano. There was no other nomination for Active Coach.

For 2nd Vice President: Stephani Irvin was nominated by Phil Greenwald, seconded by Jordan Temkin. There was not other nomination for 2nd Vice President.

Secretary Ken Kraft cast one ballot by acclamation for Adrian Crichlow for Active Athlete, Jordan Temkin for Active Coach and Stephani Irvin for 2nd Vice President.

Tom McTaggart thanked everyone for attending. "Our sport is very resilient; this meeting was phenomenal"

Motion to adjourn was made by John Padula and seconded by Ken Kraft. Approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.