

# USATF *Pacific* Board of Athletics Meeting via Zoom

7:30pm – Tuesday May 19, 2020

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Members/guests on call:** Jay Abbott, Fred Baer, Tom Bernhard, Andy Crawford, Michael Davidson, Brooks Esser, JR Heberle, Irene Herman, Cris Houston, Andrea Johnson, Phil Leake, Angie Longworth, John Mansoor, Jean Pommier, Beth Price, Jon Price, Dave Shrock, Charlotte Sneed, Kendall Spencer, Stephanie Trafton, Mark Winitz, Anthony Davis, Chris Lucy, Ed Hollinsworth.

1. **Roll Call:** Trafton.
2. **March Minutes:** Trafton. Minutes posted on PA Meetings page. Shrock moves to approve. Spencer seconds. Motion carries.
3. **USATF Return to Play Guidelines Overview:** Shrock. National Office Taskforce will come out with the guidelines for practice and competitions next week. There will be graduated phases in the return to play. No national events will be held through July 31. After that date there will be additional guidance. Mansoor reports that the guidelines for different counties/states will need to be taken into account when enacting return to play in our association. Our membership wants competitions and that should be our focus for return. Large scale competitions are not possible but micro-competitions could be considered within the county's restrictions for group gatherings. Discussion on event liability management and practical application of return to play guidelines and following local health protocols.
4. **USATF Annual Meeting in Reno:** Shrock. Annual Meeting still scheduled for Reno but the venue is not confirmed. A virtual meeting option is being considered.
5. **Treasurers Report:** Heberle. Financial documents are posted to the PA Meetings page. Our association is in good financial shape due to a large reserve. Our funds are shielded from volatile stock market changes and remain at a small but consistent return. Membership income has been steady this far but we should consider a 2021 budget that reflect reduction in membership renewals. We need to strategically use our funds to put on meets as this is where the money is most needed. Herman moves to approve. Spencer seconds. Motion carries.
6. **Membership Fee Increase:** Shrock. USATF Connect was released in April and is the new membership portal for the organization. SafeSport and USATF Connect should now be seamless. USATF membership fees have increased from \$20 to \$25 (youth) and from \$35 to \$40 (adult) and in addition there is a 7% service fee that was previously absorbed by the national office which is now the responsibility of the member. Multi-year memberships are available for officials at \$35.00 per year. An auto renewal feature is available. The transaction processing company is the one charging the service fee and those funds go to them.
7. **USATF Foundation Update:** Abbott. Kleeman funds are invested in a conservative fund and around \$10K was raised in the fundraising campaign in the fall of 2019. Athlete grants were awarded to 5 athletes in the amount of \$1K with all qualified applicants having the opportunity to earn a performance grant for an Olympic trials appearance. The program has since been terminated due to the cancelation of the trials. Two additional board members are needed in the areas of fundraising and publicity. The new members should diversify the board to represent our association demographics. Board is looking for a webmaster to improve the functionality and interest of the website.

8. **Meet updates:** Mansoor/Herman
  - a. 2020 National XC Club Championships - This will need to be reconsidered due to large event restrictions. Even if the meet is held, with 50% of entrants, we will end up losing money on this meet. Postponement should be considered.
  - b. 2022-2026 NCAA (DI/II/III) Championships (XC/Track)— Sacramento State may take over the bid process/ hosting the competitions as the Sac Sports Commission is defunct. NCAA may revamp the XC qualification process possibly eliminating the regional meet. This could happen with outdoor track and field as well.
  - c. 2021 Masters Track and Field National Championships—Sac State is the current venue and Mansoor will continue to work with them to put this meet on. We will see in the upcoming weeks where that ends up.
  - d. 2021/22 JO Nationals - We should reconsider our bid for this in 2021. 2022 is more likely.
  - e. 2021 Junior Olympic XC - This could be held at Haggin Oaks with everyone from the PA participating in event planning and production.
  - f. 2023 World XC—Our bid is cancelled.
9. **Youth Budget Revision:** Heberle. There is an existing budget item for medical personnel at the regular season track and field meetings. After the budget was approved there was an additional request to add this item to the cross country season as well. Heberle motions to authorize \$30 per hour max medical reimbursement to youth club cross country meets not to exceed \$1000 for the entire season. Herman seconds. Motion carries.
10. **Awards committee update:** Shrock. Please start thinking about individuals who go above and beyond on our association. This may be a good year to catch up on the Hall of Fame as we can focus on the previous years awesome athlete and currently volunteers. Mansoor suggests possible postponement because there are not competitions this year.
11. **Lananna Virtual Town Hall:** Shrock. USATF President Lananna is holding town hall meetings via Zoom and WebEx. Shrock moves to ask Lananna for a date to host a one hour town hall meeting for our association. Esser seconds. Motion carries. Shrock suggests asking for a Thursday date around 7:30pm or later or a Sunday date earlier in the day. After virtual vote a Thursday date is preferred by more members at this meeting. A Thursday date will be requested.
12. **Future Strategic Planning Session:** Winitz. Current strategic plan is posted on the PA meetings page. Due to Covid19 our current efforts have been postponed. An optimistic outlook is needed to formulate a 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. Mark will be in contact with the planning group leaders to be ready to go when planning can continue.
13. **Electronic Voting Platform:** Shrock. Many associations will not be able to hold in person annual meetings in September and October. USATF Executive voted to pursue an electronic voting system for national elections. Spencer volunteers to look into the feasibility of the electronic voting platform for our association. Also a SafeSport Coordinator should be selected by each association. Houston is considering the position for the Pacific Association. USATF Connect site is now the management site for both membership status and SafeSport compliance for our members.
14. **Future meeting dates:** Possible June/July Meeting. Trafton will send out info if a meeting is called. September 20th Annual Meeting possibly to be held in San Mateo County. Bethel Island is a possible venue, BYOB (Bring your own Boat). A Zoom meeting could be warranted. November meeting could be arranged for Sacramento as needed.
15. **New Business:** Spencer (AAC Rep) reports that Open/Elite Athletes are eager for training and competitive opportunities. The national AAC is working through ideas for grants for athletes to set up personal training opportunities.
16. Sneed motions to adjourn meeting. Leake seconds. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Trafton, Secretary of the Board of Athletics, PAUSATF