

USA Track & Field Alaska 2007 Annual Meeting

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USATF MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Annual Meeting

1. **PLACE:** King Career Center, Anchorage
2. **DATE/TIME:** 10 Aug/6:30 pm
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Ben Larson

4. **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Darlene Perkins	Veronica Beagan	Jim Lieb
Andrew Richie	Ole Jordan	Todd List
Lisa Jayne	Bruce Jayne	David Todd
Angela Torgerson	Joe Alward	Pam Chenier
Ben Larson	Jerry Perkins	

5. **OPENING COMMENTS:** Prior to calling the meeting to order, Darlene made a presentation to Ole for all he has done for the club. Ben then called the meeting to order.
6. **ELECTIONS:** Ben asked for any other volunteers for the vacant officer positions. There were zero additions. Because Darlene was the only elected officer, she ran the election. A motion was made from the floor to elect all previous nominations listed on the agenda. Motion passed.
Newly elected officials are: President: Ben Larson
Vice President: David Todd
Secretary: Lisa Jayne
Treasurer: Darlene Perkins
7. **REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR COMMITTEE MBRS/CHAIRS:**
Ben stated that all committees need to meet in the next month or two to plan for the 2008 events. We need to be able to get this into the Runners Calendar. Deadline is in Nov. Hopefully by the end of this meeting we can get a few meetings scheduled.
 - a. **Officials:** Chair is Ole Jordan. Committee members will consist of Joe Alward, Veronica Beagan and Stan Williams
 - b. **Membership:** Chair is Pat Shipley, however, she is not present this evening. Ben will talk with her.
 - c. **Course Certification:** Chair is Ric Wilson. Committee members consist of Jeff Heuseveldt and Veronica Beagan
 - d. **Event Sanctioning:** Ole Jordan will cover. This is not a chair position.
 - e. **Records:** Chair is Ben Larson. He has been doing this in the Hy-Tek data base. Other volunteers were Benji Uffenbeck and Lisa Jayne. They can help as needed.

- f. **Coaches:** Chair is still vacant. Veronica Beagan and Stan Williams had previously volunteered to be on the committee. More to follow.
- g. **Public Relations:** This does not have a chair position. Laura Carpenter has been doing this by doing press releases. The USATF website explains how to do this position.
- h. **Website:** This does not have a chair position. Ben Larson will continue updating the website unless someone else would rather do this.

8. REVIEW OF SPORT CHAIR COMMITTEE MEMBERS/CHAIRS:

- a. **Track and Field:** Chair has been vacant. However, Jerry has been doing this. Committee Members include: Ben Larson, Benji Uffenbeck, David Todd, Doug Johnstone, John Smith, and Bruce Jayne. This team needs to get together very soon and start planning the new season.
- b. **Masters:** Chair is Rob Downy. He was unable to be here, however, he does have some ideas. Will discuss later.
- c. **Youth:** Chair is vacant but committee members are: David Todd and Bruce Jayne. We hope to do more with the youth events.
- d. **Long Distance:** Chair is vacant. Committee members are Jeff Heuseveldt and Veronica Beagan. Of late we haven't been doing long distance however we will work to come up with some events.
- e. **Race Walking:** Chair is vacant. The only race walking that has taken place is at the all comers meets. It would be nice to have someone chair this so that we can look at doing a separate event.
- f. **Mountain, Ultra and Trail:** Chair is Brad Precosky, who wasn't here this evening. With some discussion, Alyeska was the only one we were aware of, also Bird Ridge and Max Mtn Run may have been sanctioned.

9. OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS;

- a. **Treasurer:** Darlene did not have all of the numbers available however, she reported that we have a balance of approximately \$3,357. The rest of the balance is owed/designated to the following: Jo - \$2,012; Kids Running - \$6,994; Flint Hills - \$2,012; HS training - \$302; and approximately \$26,000 to USATF. In addition, she stated the all comers always run in the red. Also, she does not hear from some of the personnel who run some of these events, which can present a problem.
- b. **Memberships:** Pat isn't here.
- c. **Officials:** Tom has been out of town. Ole and John will take. They will be planning for a clinic.
- d. **Event Sanctions:** We had about 12 events this year.
- e. **Course Certification:** Ric has done about 2 courses. A check should be going to Darlene soon. We would like to do maybe 2 more courses.
- f. **Track and Field:** Jerry discussed the All Comers. The meets weren't in the runner's calendar because at the time we didn't know if there would be enough volunteers to run the event. The season was also shortened to 4 weeks which seemed to work well. We probably would have had more participation had the event been advertised more. We signed up 81 bibs this year. Discussed the possibility of hooking up the Skinny Raven

link with the all comers link. In addition, next year our organization will also be helping out with the high school track and field meets/schedule.

- g. **Mountain Running:** Not present
- h. **Masters Running:** Not present

10. REVISED BYLAWS:

Copies of the revised bylaws were passed out to review. The only change from last year was the redress of grievances. Darlene asked if we could think about adding a statement that says we must have 2 cosigners on checks. It was decided we would consider adding this at a later time. There was no more discussion. A motion was made to approve bylaws as written. Motion passed.

11. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The convention will be held in Hawaii from 28 Nov to 1 Dec. This is a great opportunity to see what is going on in the organization as well as a good time to meet people. We would like to have 4 volunteers attend. Please let Ben know if you would like to go.

12. THE DOME:

Ole stated the sub-floor is done. The state had previously been approached for \$1.5M, but this had to be cut. This extra money would have covered things like the bleachers, track surface, fence, etc. It is still in the plans to open 1 Nov, however, funds are needed. Go to the dome.com for more information.

13. 2008 EVENTS:

a. **High School Chaos Meet:** This will be a large indoor meet. The dome is booked for the first weekend in April to conduct this meet.

b. **High School Region IV Championships:** We will take this over from Team AK Track Club. They own most of the equipment and will coordinate, fund, etc. We will now rent equipment from Team AK. The funds earned from the meet will go to USATF. For a 3 day meet, we would charge school district about \$9K. We would do everything like seeding, results, timing, coordinating officials, etc. We want to do a nice presentation, balloons, judges, etc. Finances for this year would be \$15K - \$18K to put on.

c. **All Comers:** Already discussed. We need to decide on a schedule, i.e. number of meets, weeks, etc. This is our 2nd largest event.

d. **ASAP Mile:** Jerry stated Doug still wants to do this. He is hoping to do by age group. We need to figure out what date would work best. More to follow.

e. **Skinny Raven Mile:** This event is still up in the air.

f. **Winter All Comers:** UAA was wanting to put on a series of meets. This is still in the air. However, this is something we could help with.

g. **Masters Event:** We really haven't had a real masters event. One thought was to take times and compare with the National database and give award for percentages. This is something we definitely want to do. Will discuss more with Ron.

h. **Other Events:** Some possible events included:

Single track trail/cross country
Middle school track and field day – let kids know what we offer
Saturday morning events for children
End of season picnic and/or dance

14. CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Team Alaska Track Club:** Joe gave an overview of their program. Their focus will be to help facilitate meets especially for high school programs. They also want to get people certified and trained. They are finally getting their tax exempt status.
- b. **Kids Running:** Andrew reported this was their first year. They had approximately 220 kids, age 6 – 12 participate. For next year they need more sponsors/donations. They are planning to get a flier in the ASD pamphlet that is given to kids at the End of the Year which lists summer programs. They are going to look at several ways to get this advertised to increase the # of kids participating.
- c. **Peak Performers Running Club:** Jim stated they will have a post-race meeting in a couple of weeks. They have several events up in the air. Their main season is Apr – Sep. Will be needing co-chairs.

15. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. **Hy-Tek Software:** We need to update the timing software. Bruce Jayne volunteered to cover this cost.
- b. **Event Budgets:** Ben stated we will see a lot of funds with the high school region meet, approximately \$3K - \$8K that will go to the general fund to help subsidize some of the other events. He would rather us do more of a yearly budget vs having different pots of money. A motion was made that all sports committees need to have a budget turned in by 1 Dec for costs for all of the sporting events in 2008. After we receive these costs, we will come up with the 2008 budget. Motion passed.
- c. **Runner's Calendar Ads;** Committees need to have sports events planned so we can get this into the calendar by Nov.

16. **NEXT MEETING:** All committees need to meet soon.

17. **ADJOURNMENT TIME:** 8:45pm

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LISA JAYNE,
Secretary, USATF

Approved as written

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BEN LARSON,
President, USATF