

West Texas Association of USATF Annual Meeting 2020 Agenda



Meeting was called to order by Membership chair: Michelle Barnes @ 12:01pm

On the agenda was:

- Attendance evidenced by zoom attendance
- Reading of the minutes from the previous annual meeting (2019)
- Treasurers Report
- Reports of Officers and Committees
- Upcoming Championships
- National Convention
- Other business (open to floor) Adjournment

Michelle Barnes announced zoom participating list would serve as roll call for the meeting
Minutes from the previous annual meeting was read by Michelle Barnes

Treasurers Report:

Treasure (Bart Bradshaw, absent) –

Michelle read information on behalf of Bart:

We are in good financial shape with a balance of \$64,000.00 in our account. Now the way we keep this in the account and grow our finances is by being self-disciplined spending the money we have on hand. We need to only spend the \$50,000 to host the Region 12 meet so we can keep all the entry fees and gate take for the next 4 years. Keep ALL receipts for things purchased and get donations from the area businesses for products needed for the meet.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President (Bart Bradshaw, absent) –

Michelle read information on behalf of Bart:

We reached our accreditation standard last year and need to stay on track to do it again... having said that I'm not sure what that will consist of because of all the inactivity due to the corona virus. I'm not sure if we will even run a cross country season which is our Association meet is scheduled for November 14th with the location to be decided later. This also bring up the upcoming track & field season will we even have it??? Who knows, but we must prepare as if we are competing as normal, so we have the contract signed September 10th with the City of Odessa for the \$50,000 to help us host the Region 12 meet in Odessa. I will help direct those putting the meet on but I will not work the meet or do the organization except advising on best practices and things to prepare for in order to host. We should approach everything from the idea of social distancing and safe areas. I sent out a check list of things that need to be done last year for preparation for the meet but a few areas to be aware of is the steeple chase races at Odessa College (build a hurdle for the water pit and secure the other barriers needed), volunteers needed (if you have 100 set up then plan on 10 of them showing up), meals, porta pots and tents needed.

Vice President (Avery Stilley- absent) –

Secretary (Kathy Shoemaker- absent) –

Membership & Sanctions (Michelle Barnes) – club registration process & sanctions

Michelle discussed the standard requirements and reported numbers are low due to the pandemic: Clubs (requirement 12); membership (400); and officials (50). Club and membership process are the same as last year.

Michelle discussed new USATF Connect membership portal and the standards for all coaches affiliated with USATF and the 4-step process; current membership, pass background check, complete SafeSport course and listing coaches on club application.

Michelle discussed list of officials received by national office that need to renew or update certification in USATF Connect site. She will email and call people to stay current

Michelle discussed 2021 event calendar. She will be researching any conflicts, i.e., UIL events, before finalizing the calendar to post on the website. Will continue to ensure sanction standards are being met.

Communication (Chris Riley, absent) – Association workshop, marketing news

Michelle read information on behalf of Chris:

The association website is up to date with the 2019 financials and I will post the budget as soon as it is approved. If bylaw changes are approved, I will upload them at the conclusion of the meeting as well.

USATF is building a new CMS (content management system) for our web portal. I attended a virtual workshop on 9-9-20. The national office is moving content over and distributing access information to presidents of the associations. This training was recorded and will be available very soon. Depending on the date of when content is moved over, we may need to update the site with 2019 financials, 2020 budget, and bylaws.

Along with the new web portal, they are also building a new membership messaging system and we currently have no way of sending out mass email without emailing the national office and asking them to do it. I do not recall that the last email blast was ever sent.

With the changes to the web portal and the new email blast, now would be a good time for someone else to take on communications. I've been doing this since the Fall of 2014 and it is time to let someone else serve as communication chair. I'm happy to assist whomever would like to take it on.

Youth (Mia Nelson) – JO results, XC Championships

Mia discussed 2020 Region 12 Odessa was moved to 2021. City application was approved for \$50k for 2021. Mia shared that Houston is willing to host 2021 regional meet if West Texas cannot.

Officials (Les Blackburn) – upcoming meets, certification numbers, officials' certification clinics

Les discussed new and renewed official membership go through national office. All training are online- no more in person trainings. National office will contact Les to complete the application/renewal process.

Les mentioned Texas Tech and A&M have reached out for officials to work meets.

Upcoming championships:

November 14 USATF WT JO Cross Country; location TBA

July 6-10, 2021, Regional 12 Odessa

Discussed pending future dates due to pandemic

National Convention:

National Convention will be virtual this year

Delegates (8): Mia Edward-Nelson, Greg Nelson, Michelle Barnes, Kyle Collier, Stan Scott, Ramon Berzoza, Charles Planks, and Les Blackburn

Elections (all officers):

President- Ramon Berzoza

Nominated by Michelle Barnes, Mia Nelson second; approved

Vice President- Bart Bradshaw

Nominated by Ramon Berzoza, Mia Nelson second; approved

Secretary- Kathy Shoemaker

Nominated by Stan Scott, Kyle Collier second; approved

Treasurer - Bart Bradshaw

Nominated by Michelle Barnes, Les Blackburn second; approved

Membership &Sanctions- Michelle Barnes

Nominated by Kyle Collier, Ramon Berzoza second; approved

Communication- Gregory Nelson

Nominated by Kyle Collier, Ramon Berzoza second; approved

Youth- Mia Nelson

Nominated by Michelle Barnes, Ramon Berzoza second; approved

Officials- Les Blackburn

Nominated by Michelle Barnes, Kyle Collier second; approved

Other Business:

Ramon Berzoza discussed the changes made to the 2020 bylaws; allowing electronic meetings and elections due to the pandemic. *Motion to accept revised bylaws by Kyle Collier, Les Blackburn second; approved. Bylaws voted to approve.*

2021 Annual meeting will be September 18, location pending

Adjournment:

· *Motion to adjourn by Michelle Barnes, Les Blackburn second; approved.*

Minutes taken, typed and submitted by Michelle Barnes 9/19/2021



Participants (8)

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MB	Michelle Barnes (Host, me)		
CP	CHARLES PLANKS		
RB	Ramon Berzoza		
KC	Kyle Collier		
LI	les.blackburn's iPad		
S	stan		
DN	Dr. Nelson's iPhone		
MN	Mia Nelson		