



Adaptive Track and Field USA 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes December 10, 2020 Virtual Meeting

ATFUSA Board Meeting: 7:30pm -9:30pm EST

Members present: Frank Anzaldi, Pam Carey, Jerry Clayton, Jessica Cloy, Pam Navarra, Randy Chiavaroli, Phil Galli, Denise Hutchins, Cindy Latham, Brian Siemann, Teresa Skinner, Tom Southall

Members absent: Paul Johnson

Guests present: Sherrice Fox, Alec Hewett, Cathy Sellers, Jim Strunk

Electronic Board Votes - Jessica Cloy:

1. 10/28/2019: The Board voted and approved the allocation of \$5000 to be used toward the development of a meet management program. This project aims to upgrade the current version of SAMS or create a SAMS 2.0 program that will handle multi-sport adaptive sport competitions.
2. 11/5/2019: The Board voted and approved version 8 of the ATFUSA Bylaws. These accepted Bylaws can be found on the ATFUSA website.

Introduction and Roll Call - Phil Galli:

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes – Phil Galli: Pam Carey noted that while Aubrey Headon's mark exceeded the World Record at the 2019 Junior Nationals, WPA did not recognize the result. **Pam Carey motioned to approve the 2019 minutes. Jerry Clayton 2nd the motion. Motion carried.**

September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes - Phil Galli: **Frank Anzaldi motioned to approve the minutes. Denise Hutchins 2nd the motion. Motion carried.**

Voting results and acknowledging new Board Members – Phil Galli: The Board members whose terms end in 2019 are Phil Galli, Randy Chiavaroli, and Paul Johnson. Paul Johnson chose not to run again for the Board. The candidates for the 2020-2023 term are Phil Galli for Chairperson and Randy Chiavaroli and Jim Strunk for member-at-large. Because the number of candidates did not exceed the number of available seats on the Board, a ballot was not mailed out to membership. All interested candidates will serve on the Board.

Financial Report – Tom Southall: Tom Southall compiled the financial report for ATFUSA. The financial report can be found online at www.atfusa.org. The income for ATFUSA in 2020 is \$3,650.00. Income reported from Adaptive Sports USA annual funding, Adaptive Sports USA SAMS funding, and Peachtree Road Race. Income of \$20 from equipment sales has been received but not deposited in the bank and is not included on the financial report. Because the Peachtree Road Race was cancelled in 2020, the funds received for ATFUSA sanctioning will be carried over to the 2021 event. Typical annual expenses include Board member expenses to attend the annual meeting, ATFUSA presence at USATF annual meeting, and clinics and programs; however, due to Covid-19, these expenses were not incurred in 2020. Expenses paid in 2020 consisted primarily of two payments for SAMS 2 development, which totaled \$5,745. Total expenses were \$6,388.22 which resulted in a net loss for year 2020 of \$2,738.22. In 2019, the Board voted to approve a commitment of \$5000 to support the development of a new meet management program. The Board voted to approve additional support of \$6000 for this project in 2020. The remaining commitment of \$5,300 is shown as a liability on the 2020 Balance Sheet. **Pam Navarra motioned to approve the financial report. Cindy Latham 2nd the motion. Motion carried.** With Adaptive



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Sports USA being dissolved on 12/31/2020 ATFUSA has transferred its cash assets to a Bank of America account. For the past 30+years our funds were held in trust by Adaptive Sports USA. Tom Southall will handle the transition and give us details in the finance report.

Chair Report – Phil Galli: Phil reviewed the 2020 ATFUSA Annual Report. The annual report can be found on the ATFUSA website.

- **Move United:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Move United is in progress. The document is in its final stages of review. The MOU memorializes ATFUSA as the Track and Field arm of the Move United Competition Department. For this work MU will pay ATFUSA \$2500 per year for sanctioning and will fund mutually agreed to programs and travel and living to a mutual annual meeting. There is ongoing discussion for MU to help ATFUSA with insurance expenses.
- **Bylaws:** The By-law committee is working to update the By-Laws to parallel the way the organization actually works and move parts of the By-Laws to a Process and Procedure manual so the By-Laws do not have to change if the operational implementation of committees change. The team will have a revision ready for board review in the first quarter of 2021
- **Equipment Sales:** ATFUSA continued to market equipment to our members. Partial proceeds of these sales go to ATFUSA (and Dixie).
- **ATFUSA Org Status:** To maintain ATFUSA's 501(c)(3) status. a. ATFUSA has filed the mandatory postcard with the US Internal Revenue Service and the state of Texas for 2019 b. ATFUSA maintains its Corporate Address as: 14900 Ranch Road 12, Wimberly, TX 78676 (residence of Wendy Gumbert).

Denise Hutchins motioned to approve the Chair report. Jerry Clayton 2nd. Motion passed.

2020 Discussion – Phil Galli:

- **Records**
 - **Masters Records:** Phil proposed to accept Master level records at Level 3 meets only. In the past, Masters records could be set at Level 2 and Level 3 meets. Jerry Clayton motioned to approve this change. Pam Navarra 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
 - **Collecting athlete information:** Pam Navarra discussed the difficulty she's had with verifying citizenship and age for athletes breaking records. There was a discussion around collecting a copy of birth certificates for record breakers. A subcommittee will be established to discuss the best way to collect the information needed.
- **WPA Rules Update - Jerry Clayton:** Jerry reviewed rule changes or clarifications within the WPA rules and regulations. Jerry anticipates the new document will come out mid-January 2021.
- **USATF Update:** The USATF Para Athletics Committee has a proposal with the USATF Youth Athletics Committee to increase opportunities for para athletes to compete at USATF events.
- **Officials:** A new para officials certification test to compliment the USATF officials certification will be published in 2021 along with a new para officials online training course.
 - High School Federation: Phil, Sherrice, Alec, and Cathy are working with the national high school federation to provide high school certified officials access to the above para officials certification course and exam.



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- Level 2 Officials Training: Phil, Cathy Sellers, and others have been working on a Level 2 officials training course and exam. This work is being done to prepare US officials for eventually becoming technical delegates under WPA. Jerry emphasized the need to get this done in the near term so that U.S. officials can be prepared for when the Games come to L.A. in 2028.
- The Team has an objective to hold a number of webinars on rules this coming year.
- There was a discussion to try to recruit younger officials in preparation for 2028. Phil mentioned a new USATF program to train 14-17 year olds to be officials so when they become 18 they can become officials. The team thought these documents modified would serve to develop a Para program similar to USATF's but concentrate on Athletes aging out (18 to 23). Work to develop this will have to be done.
- **ATFUSA Website:** New features have been added to the ATFUSA website that allow an athlete to graph or to run a report to track his/her results over time, in comparison to another athlete, and in comparison to Junior Nationals and/or US Paralympics Track and Field standards.
- **Education and Training:** As mentioned in September, Phil would like a subcommittee made up of ATFUSA Board members and external individuals to compile a list of training and education resources that already exist online. Then this information can be compiled onto the ATFUSA website to make it easily accessible to the general public. Teresa has agreed to Chair the subcommittee.
- **Classification:** Denise mentioned that there is a need for more technical classifiers. Pam Carey and Denise will work together along with others on the Board to put together a plan on how best to recruit individuals that would be good technical classifiers.
- **Clinics:** ATFUSA will work with Move United to identify events that would like to host a track clinic this year. Jerry noted that virtual offerings should also be available given the Covid-19 restrictions. Phil noted that ATFUSA will host two officials' clinics in 2021 as well.

Pam Navarra motioned to close the ATFUSA Annual Meeting. Teresa Skinner 2nd the motion. Motion carried.