



# Adaptive Track and Field USA 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021 Virtual Meeting

**ATFUSA Open Board Meeting:** 7:00pm - 9:00pm EST

**Members present:** Frank Anzaldi, Pam Carey, Randy Chiavaroli, Jessica Cloy, Phil Galli, Denise Hutchins, Cindy Latham, Pam Navarra, Brain Siemann, Teresa Skinner, Jim Strunk

**Members absent:** Jerry Clayton, Tom Southall

**Guests present:** N/A

**Introduction and Roll Call - Phil Galli:** Phil Galli reviewed the ATFUSA website. Under the Governance tab are the documents for the 2019 annual meeting.

**2020 Minutes – Phil Galli:** Denise asked for amendment on 2020 minutes as her name was spelled incorrectly. With this correction, **Pam Carey motioned to approve the 2020 minutes. Jim Strunk 2nd the motion. Motion carried.**

**Voting results and acknowledging new Board Members – Phil Galli:** The Board members whose terms end in 2021 are Jerry Clayton and Pam Carey. Jerry (Treasurer) and Pam (member-at-large) were the only candidates that put their names forward for the 2022-2025 term. Because the number of candidates did not exceed the number of available seats on the Board, a ballot was not mailed out to membership. Phil noted that it would be valuable to bring in new individuals to serve on the Board and the Board has room to grow if it desires to do so. Move United does not have an individual membership program currently so ATFUSA's membership list for 2021 was created from the list of individuals that competed in track and field in 2021 at a Move United/ATFUSA sanctioned competition.

**Financial Report – Phil Galli:** Tom Southall compiled the financial report for ATFUSA. The financial report can be found online at [www.atfusa.org](http://www.atfusa.org). The net income for ATFUSA in 2021 is \$990.00. Income reported from Adaptive Sports USA annual funding from Move United, Peachtree Road Race - ATFUSA National 10k, and equipment sales. Expenses in 2021 included bank fees and software development fees. Current assets total \$36,334.79. **Pam Navarra motioned to approve the financial report. Teresa Skinner 2nd the motion. Motion carried.**

**Chair Report – Phil Galli:** Phil reviewed the 2019 ATFUSA Annual Report. The annual report can be found on the ATFUSA website.

- **Meet Management Software Development Project:** Due to Covid-19, the development of this software was delayed. Phil reported that the program is currently in the testing phase and he hopes to be able to test it again at events in spring 2022 and utilize it at the 2022 Move United Junior Nationals.
- **Development of Para Officials:** Phil presented at the annual USATF meeting in early December. This was a virtual presentation. He challenged all Associations of USATF to have a minimum of 10 para certified officials. Phil is working with Sherrice Fox at US Paralympics Track & Field to host a Technical Delegate training in the USA. The Para Officials Committee is developing a Level 2 training course and certification. In cooperation with Move United, ATFUSA hosted 4 virtual training sessions for officials in 2021 with between 100 and 175 attendees at each session. Phil would like the first virtual training session in 2022 to be around the Call Room.
- **Meet Results and Records:** ATFUSA continues to track and maintain meet results and records. Pam Navarra stepped down from the role of Records Chair this year. Jim Strunk has taken on that role. Phil will send out National Record certificates by end of the year. Record reports will also



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go up online. Jim reported that in 2021, 88 track records were set across 7 meets and 133 field records were set across 3 meets. Jim will

- **Long Distance Racing:** Between Phil and Jerry, ATFUSA had representation at the three major marathons in the USA - Boston, Chicago, and New York City. Additionally, Phil was the referee for the wheelchair division of the Peachtree Road Race, which served as the ATFUSA National 10k.
- **Equipment Sales:** Phil reviewed the equipment sales via the Dixie/ATFUSA implement sales program. Total income for ATFUSA from equipment sales is \$395.
- **Meet Support:** ATFUSA Board members were present in a supporting role at most of the adaptive meets around the country in 2021 including Move United Sanctioned Competitions and US Paralympics Track & Field Trials.
- **High School Athletics:** Michigan and Pennsylvania are currently in discussion around adding adaptive athletes to the track and field high school program.
- **ATFUSA Equipment Donations:** ATFUSA has funds remaining earmarked for one field chair and one track chair from a Neilsen Foundation grant received in 2019/2020. Jim Strunk and Brian Siemann were tasked with identifying two athletes deserving of receiving this equipment. Jwan Pickens of Louisiana has been nominated to receive the field chair. **Pam Carey motioned to award the field chair to Jwan. Phil Galli 2nd the motion. Motion carried.** Pam Carey will follow up annually with Jwan to confirm he is still training and utilizing the field chair. Pam Navarra suggested that individuals that receive our equipment be asked to donate or return the equipment once they are no longer able to use it so that it can be used by the next generation of athletes. This will be written into each contract for the selected athletes. Jessie suggested ATFUSA create stickers and ask that Eagle place a sticker on each chair.

Brian and Jim want to target the track chair to middle school/high school athletes that could really excel with a properly sized and personalized racer. ATFUSA will post the opportunity broadly and review applications with the hopes of selecting an athlete by the end of January 2022.

### 2022 Discussion – Phil Galli:

- **Rule Updates:** Phil discussed rule changes at WPA. This led to a discussion on the track used at the 2021 Move United Junior Nationals and the high number of disqualifications. Phil noted that the Frame Runners classifications have changed to T70 classifications.
- **Clinics/Education:** ATFUSA will continue to host officials' trainings in 2022. In addition, the group discussed adding trainings for athletes and coaches. Phil tasked the group with developing a plan by February 1, 2022.
- **Junior Nationals Standards:** Pam N. and Randy will review the field qualifying standards and Jessie and Paul Johnson will review the track qualifying standards. There was discussion around Move United expanding this event from Junior Nationals to Nationals. Jessie asked the Board to assist her with developing a program for Nationals that is inclusive of adults to see if it is doable to implement this in 2023 or if it needs to be postponed a year or two to better prepare for an increase in the number of participants.
- **High School Athletics:** Individuals that participated in the ATFUSA Officials webinars provided background information that included level of officiating (ie: USATF, high school, NCAA, etc.)



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Phil and others will work with the National High School Federation to pass on appropriate information and useful tools.

- **Bylaw Updates:** Pam Navarra and Denise Hutchins will lead the effort to update the ATFUSA Bylaws.

### New Business

- **Centers for NonProfits:** Denise has been in touch with the Oklahoma Center for Non Profits to inquire about membership. There is a scholarship available that ATFUSA can apply for to lower the cost of annual dues. Denise suggests we join the organization to get assistance with our Bylaws and our strategic plan.

Pam Carey motioned to close the ATFUSA Annual Meeting. Cindy Slayton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.