



LDR Meeting
439 R46 East, Rockaway, NJ Thursday 7PM, May 18, 2017

- I. **Sign-in sheet in lieu of roll call: Attendees:** Jonathan Alaya, Karen Auteri, Mike Barry, Roselynn Bedaya, Laura Delea, Anthony DiFiore, Gene Gugliotta, Debby Hall, Tony Khariyoou, Karen Kreoll, Shannon McGinn, Terry Mullane, Ed Neighbour, Jane Parks, Drew Pennyfeather, Charissa Pratt, Gary Rosenberg, John Sabatino, Jennifer Simpson, Bob Skorupski, Reno Stirrat, Claire Tafelski, Ben Teixeira, Christina Timoldi, Huan Tran, Rudy Trivigno, Mike Walters,
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Minutes from previous meeting:** The minutes were approved as written.
- IV. **2017 Championships YTD:** Ed Neighbour opened the meeting with a discussion of the surveys that were sent out to runners after the Spring races. He stated that the surveys will be shared with race management.
The following were comments by meeting attendees regarding the Spring Championships.
 - a) Indian Trails 20k – The course had a lot of potholes and more management was needed on the turnarounds. The 20K was generally well received. Clubs had some difficulty encouraging their members to attend for the team competition. They felt that participation was impacted by the kickoff weekend that occurred the weekend before Indian Trails.
 - b) Clinton Country Run 15k – A runner had a dog with him in the race that caused some concern. Cars on the course were also an issue. There was a notice that roads would be open at 9:30 and runners were still on the roads at that time. Slower 5K runners interfered with 15K lead runners. Terry talked to race director and indicated that it might be necessary to change the time of the 5K. Mostly positive comments.
 - c) Newport 10k – Road closure impacted the runners driving to the race. Bag check was an issue. Terry talked to race manager and he said he was not aware of the road closure. New York City had security threats and race manager had not been informed about the increased security which impacted the bag check process.Generally feedback was good on the championship races. The surveys closed in 5 days. Response is about 85% in first day and drops off rapidly after that.
- V. **Upcoming Championships** It was suggested that one survey be used for the June races to cover all three events.
 - a) Ridgewood 10k - "Day of" registration will be permitted. Notification needs to be sent out that this option is available.
 - b) New Milford 5k - This 5K LDR championship and the T&F championship are on the same day. The LDR committee will try to resolve any conflicts on an individual level.

- c) President's Cup COED Team Exhibition event - More information is needed on how the COED teams will be scored. It was stated that 4 men and 4 women could compete in the exhibition event. The top 2 men and 2 women would score. It was requested that information be sent out in advance on the coed teams. There will be both Open and Masters teams with. Masters being based on PLP performance.
- d) Lager Run 5k - This is the open men's 5K championship.

VI. LDR Surveys – Survey Monkey

- a) Kick- off Weekend
- b) Indian Trails 20k
- c) Clinton Country Run
- d) Newport 10k
- e) Suggested questions and modifications were discussed as follows:
 - The results will be shared with everyone on the website.
 - There was a question as to why they were only sent to those participating. The suggestion was to send to some who didn't race to get feedback on why people did not participate.
 - The survey responses will help the LDR decide on the next year's championships and will also help Race Directors improve their events.

VII. LDR Sport Committee Elections at May LDR Meeting

- a) All LDR Sport committee new terms July 1, 2017- June 30, 2020
- b) Review of what is expected of committee members
 - Chairs of Divisions are NJ representative on National Sport committee
 - LDR Championships Responsibilities at LDR Table and Awards
 - LDR Events and programs to be conducted in accordance with current Rules of Competition and in line with USATF governance.
 - Championship bid review and selection.
 - Remove themselves from decisions that they have a conflict of interest.
 - Develop programs and budget for approval from NJ Association Trustees.
 - Administration of LDR Programs.
 - Responsibilities at Awards Banquet
- c) Election results following nominations:
 - (1) LDR Division Chair –Ed Neighbour.. Approved by acclimation
 - (2) Men's Chair Gary Rosenberg Approved by acclimation
 - (3) Men's Vice Chair Anthony DiFiore Approved by acclimation
 - (4) Women's Chair Karen Auteri.
 - (5) Women's Vice Chair Debbie Hall.
 - (6) Master's Chair Beau Atwater. Approved by acclimation
 - (7) Masters Vice Chair Mike Walters. Approved by acclimation
 - (8) Cross Country Chair Ben Teixeira. Approved by acclimation
 - (9) Cross Country Vice Chair Bob Skorupski.
 - (10) MUT Chair Shannon McGinn. Approved by acclimation
 - (11) MUT Vice Chair Gene Gugliotta. Approved by acclimation

VIII. New Business

1. What runners should do regarding course errors? It was recommended that guidelines be developed for what should be done if runners go off course for different scenarios. It was also requested that the LDR committee have the USATF rules clarified.
2. The LDR Officials Clinic in September is a good opportunity for more people to become LDR officials
3. USATF Officials certification processing slowed down and National had to rebuild the system. The National Office is working on fixing the problem.
4. The Association would like to recruit college and new graduate runners into USATF. It was recommended that the association have an open house to let clubs share information about their club and to encourage USATF participation.
5. There will not be any LDR stipends for this year. A blast will be sent out regarding our stipends for 2017.
6. The Association is looking into applying for a grant for 2018 for stipends.
7. Upcoming open positions: Board position and Masters T&F Vice chair position.
8. A request was made to consider having a marathon championship in 2018.
9. Jane Parks asked that one of LDR committee take minutes going forward.
10. Ed thanked Jane Parks and Shelia Courter for their service as LDR officers.
11. The new officer terms go into effect on July 1. The new officers will be included now on issues regarding the LDR committee.

IX. Adjourn A motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Jane H. Parks
June 12, 2017