

**MTF Executive Committee Conference Call
Thursday, April 2, 2020**

Attendees

Bill Murray	Bob Weiner	Jerry Bookin-Weiner
George Mathews	Amanda Scotti	Mike Travers
Steven Cohen	Lester Mount	Sandy Pashkin
Jim Weed	Mark Cleary	Robert Thomas
Sandy Triolo	Elizabeth Teague	

Call to Order 9:06 By Jerry Bookin-Weiner

Updates

Meets

Venues are now not allowing meets/East Region (June 6), Comb. Events (2nd weekend in June, Slippery Rock) are not confirmed and likely cancelled. It's likely most June meets will be cancelled

Calls with Adam Schmenk at USATF NO

There will now be two calls per month, with Jerry, currently the NO is very stretched and Adam and Elizabeth are doing their best to respond.

ZOOM

There are costs to using Zoom; free calls can only be up to 40 minutes. The NO has a Skype for Business acct that we likely will be able to use, with optional video.

Greensboro

The meet is looking doubtful, although the schedule and other info is up on the website in a user-friendly fashion

Currently calls with GSO will be every three weeks, will include members of our Exec. Committee

The entry platform is ready, but it won't be open for registration until it's certain the meet will go forward

NO is making meet decisions on an 8-week ahead basis. All early June meets have been canceled. The decision

regarding Greensboro is scheduled for May 10 using this timetable. Registration will open then if the meet is on.

Meet directors/Regions Chairs should reach out to the venues re their own meets.

Bids

Potential No Bid Awards for Greensboro/Baton Rouge

Greensboro asked that if the meet is cancelled would we be willing to award them the next open championships.

NO is OK with it

Motion made that should the Greensboro meet be cancelled that the Greensboro LOC be awarded the next

available outdoor championship

Seconded and Passed

Regarding Baton Rouge – we would allow them the same courtesy, but for the Outdoor only, not the Indoor Championships

Robert- Then, Should Baton Rouge be offered the *next* Outdoor Champs over Greensboro as their meet was going

to precede theirs? Baton Rouge has already lost money; we should allow them the opportunity to recoup.

Motion amended that should Greensboro be cancelled, over GSO and BTR no future meet awards will be given until the others have accepted or passed.

Seconded

Motion again amended that awarding the meet should include a site inspection approx. 12-18 months out

Seconded

Passed

Multi-Year Bids

Robert – Houston has expressed interest in a multi-year bids to help them negotiate with hotel pricing

NO has no problem with it, it would be up to MTF.

The first year would have to meet our expectations to agree to the second year

Before awarding the 2023/24 Indoor Championships to Houston, we would need to visit before they bid at this

Annual meeting. Houston wants to make their bid in August, site inspection pending.

NY Army has expressed interest in bidding for 2023

A Motion was made to entertain multi-year bids

Seconded

Discussion: Mike – do multiple year bids need to be consecutive years? The consensus was, Yes
George – Shouldn't Spokane be given the same opportunity. We can at least let them know
Bill - so far we have not allowed Multi-year contracts as we want/need to move the meet around to be fair
Vote taken
Motion passed

Update on WMA – Toronto

Sandy Pashkin – it's not happening, it is cancelled, not postponed. The group that was putting on the meet has disbanded

Spokane WMA Indoor Bid

Unsure how that bid will go forward as the general assembly cannot meet as they normally would at the Outdoor meet. Sandy is unsure of how this will go forward; it's only in the discussion phase presently

Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force

Chair Jerry would like to appoint Jim Pearce as chair of this task force; he would have to give up the Club Ethics taskforce to do this. Jim is looking to find a replacement for that post

Task Force Membership: It was suggested that at the outset the membership be Regional Coordinators as the implementation will take place under the Reg. Coordinators and Assoc. Chairs (some Assoc, chairs are not cooperative)

Jerry: Involve Dave Shrock to get more Assoc. Chairs involved (Jerry will also raise this with Adam and Max and Renee, as we need engaged Associations)

Charge: To oversee the implantation of our Strategic plan, make priorities and hold people accountable
Jerry will write this up/run it by Jim and vote on it at our next meeting

Other Business

Club Ethics

Jerry - When Jim put together the Club Ethics document it listed what is/is not permissible regarding club recruitment. Should there be a broader reach to this Task Force to get clubs involved?

Mark originally brought up the idea of a Club Council in Orlando

Jerry suggested transforming the Ethics Task force into something broader that oversees clubs

Mark suggested adding information such as:

-What a club should expect at championships, etc.

-Giving clubs more of a voice, having 6-7 people serve on a committee to address the Exec. Committee with any problems.

Mark – If we structure this differently it may work. And it should provide a sounding board for clubs

Robert – Can see the benefit, but at the same time, shouldn't we get more people involved at the masters Assoc. level?

Jerry said he would speak with officers at a later meeting about this and get back to Mark

Newsletter – Per the data provided by Elizabeth, we had a very good open rate to the 31March newsletter

Paul Carlin also got us the list of LDR athletes numbers by Associations: 20% of our LDR members are on the west coast, 30% members are in the East Region

This information is extremely helpful for the Strategic Planning Task Force

Adjourned at 10:10 EDT

Post meeting conversations included:

George – We need to think of initiatives how to retain athletes

Sandy Triolo re website front page posting of our official MTF information. Train members to use our website and keep our message consistent, accurate, coordinated