

Texas A&M Track and Field Officials Association

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TAMTFOA BOD Meeting

November 14, 2023

Meeting began at 6:03pm

ATTENDEES: Julie Vacarro Frank Orsak George Young Jody Griggs Bruce Bockhorn
Mark Zoran Josh Lockhart Eve Golden Terry Thurber Anne Cain



Josh (Sr. Team Administrator) began by sharing the following agenda items (from Pat Henry):

- What 'needs' can TAMU provide to officials
- Share ideas for what can be issued to the officials. Pat is open to hear suggestions for things seen/received at other meets. One idea he mentioned - laptop bags with school logo
- New indoor facility
 - General protocols are still in the works – fire, emergency, etc.
 - Keys – should receive them the 1st week in January. Plan B - the keys will be handed to Pat in mid-January
 - Tours will follow soon after. Dates and times will be shared once they are determined
 - Suggestion: hold an athletes' reunion the day before the first meet in January
- Pentathlon meet – next week (November 22-25)
- Team practice will begin on December 15th

BOD Member Replacement (Kevin McGinnis) – Bruce shared his screen to remind everyone of the bylaws for the Association. An official vote by the Board may be needed. A nominating committee may need to be created to elect a president to serve the next 3 years. It can be a current member or someone new. *(To be discussed later. Bruce will review the bylaws to verify BOD replacement rules)*
Note: Bruce Bockhorn distributed the By-laws to the BOD via email at 8:26am, November 15, 2023.

Board members –

- Ideas to 'recognized' BOD members... Maybe wear slightly different attire, pins, vests, etc.
- Replacements – terms, when each person joined, and what year replacements should take place.
- Constitution – is one needed for the Association? *To be discussed later (Bruce)*
- Text group – creating one was mentioned but no discussion was had

Volunteers

- Can be opportunities for younger adults/students on campus
- Maybe via an internship program or from students in need of volunteer hours/credit.
- Duties - shadow any official to find their niche, record/keep up with duties performed if end goal is to become a USATF certified official
- Certification - a simple process but it is not free. Check USATF website. Get experience and take tests to move up to each of the 4 levels: Apprentice – Association – National – Master
- Issuing merchandise to officials and volunteers is always a plus. It is a great way to get/recruit more officials



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Pat does not require A&M officials to be USATF certified. However, one is needed if a new record is set, an older one is broken, or if an athlete is attempting to qualify for the Olympics or another major meet.

1st indoor meet – Sat., January 13, 2024. The McFerrin – 12 Degree Invitational. Currently 54 officials have returned their forms to indicate they will be available.

Indoor track –

- Josh shared a video that Pat took from the inside of the new indoor facility. Currently,
- The name of the new indoor facility will be: R. A. “Murray” Fasken ‘38 Indoor track. Schematics and floor plans for outside of the track are in the works.
- An officials’ suite has been created behind the stands. This is where food will be served and also allow officials direct access to the track.
- There are sprint/warm-up lanes near the throws area.
- Track exclusivity – Pat is working on the logistics. Such as: currently allowing only 6 teams to compete, team participate via invite only, designate meet management and security personnel, etc.

NIL update – per Josh, there are two-three different collectives. Athlete can become involved and receive funds through these collectives. An athlete has the autonomy to be able to request assistance in NIL through the university (the NIL Assistant Athletic Director). Due to Texas legislation, the verbiage dictates state institutional involvement, thus, forcing the structure to be in compliance with the state.

Josh will share more information and respond to any questions at the next BOD meeting.

Josh shared his contact information:

email address: jlockhart@athletics@tamu.edu **phone:** 908.XXX.XXXX

Monthly BOD meetings – a short discussion took place. Further dialogue will take place at the December 2023 meeting.

Tentative next meeting – Tues., Dec 12th @ 6:00 pm

The meeting ended at 7:19 pm

The contents of these minutes are assumed to be correct unless the Secretary is informed of any additions, corrections, and/or deletions during the December 2023 meeting.



Eve Golden, Secretary

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Date

