

**LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order by our President Larry Seifert at approximately 1:15PM at the Independence Library in Independence, Ohio.

In attendance were Paul Williams, OHTC, Tom Halbedel, LEA Official, Bill and Karen Stross, Springbok TC, Jeff Gerson, OHTC, LEA Treasurer, Phillip Pillin, Eastern Buckeye TC, Ed Wilson, ACTC, LEA Vice President, Guy & JoAnn Kitchen, LEA Officials, Dave Woytek, LEA Official, Mya Sullivan, OTHTC, S. Chip Johnson, Unified N Flight TC, Cathy Jones, Women T&F Chair, Brian Jones, Men LDR Chair, Terry Armstead, LEA Official, Andrea Tepe, University of Akron, Anthony Longino -Thomas, LEA Official, Frank Jancura, LEA Official, Larry Seifert, LEA President, Nancy Seifert, LEA Secretary.

**Our President Larry Seifert** thanked everyone for coming and also thanked all who helped out at our Master's National Meet. It turned out to be very successful.

He read that USATF gave 1 million to Madison Square Garden in February for their indoor meet. This was not taken very lightly by the Associations. We also were told at the Annual meeting that BMW was going to be one of our sponsors. We were not told that it was earmarked only for the Elite Athletes. It has been mentioned that a Company needs to come in and raise funds for USATF as it is very burdensome for the CEO to have to do this. USATF is only as strong as it Associations. This topic really needs to be discussed at our Annual Meeting.

An approval of our agenda which was made available to all attendees was requested. There were four additions added which will be brought up under new business. Agenda approved.

**Secretary Nancy Seifert** asked for an approval of the 2010 LEA minutes which have been on our web site since November of 2010. Motion was made and carried to approve.

She also mentioned that LEA is in accordance with filing tax and exempt forms.

**Jeff Gerson** asked for an approval of the Treasurer Report which was made available to the attendees. He commented that we improved on Individual members, Sanctions and Clubs. A motion was made and carried to approve the Treasurer report.

**JoAnn Kitchen our Membership Chair** reported that as of today we have 757 LEA registered members. She also mentioned that a \$10.00 membership can be purchased on line which is good through the end of the year. JoAnn said that when we renew our membership on line make sure all of your information is current ie, phone numbers emails etc. When you register on line you can get a print out of a temporary card until you get your hard copy from USATF.

**SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ed Wilson: Mens Track & field:** before Ed gave us some athletes performances he spoke about his trip to France with the USATF Youth Team. There were 41 athletes. We garnered 16 medals which

was 2 more than any of the other countries. Of these 16, 4 of them were in the throws category (Ed was the throws coach) Two of them were from Ohio. He was concerned that we initially lost athletes because they didn't have money to get to the trials. He feels that the associations need to help and they also need to be notified earlier so that they can have time to raise funds. They also need to be kept up to date in a more timely manner.

**Women's Track & Field: Cathy Jones:** Lashaunte Moore was 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 m and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200m at the Outdoor Sr. Championship. Kandace Thomas was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 m at the Jr. Olympics. Emily Infield was 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1500 at the Outdoor Sr. Championship and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5000m at the NCAA. Bridget Franek was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3000 SC at the Outdoor Sr. Championship. Jessica Beard was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 m at the Indoor NCAA and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400m at the Outdoor NCAA. She was 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400 m at the Outdoor Sr. Championship. She was a finalist for the Bowerman Award for the NCAA.

**Master's Track & Field: Jeff Gerson:** Jeff said that it was a very busy and productive year for the Masters. We had 120 at the open meet and 40 at the outdoor at the Spire/GAreat. The Outdoor National meet had over 1000 Athletes. We had athletes from Canada, Great Britain and 45 States. There was good feedback regarding the meet. Our local Newspaper the Plain Dealer gave us a good write up. There were several records set. The LEA Over The Hill Track Club had 32 first places. Jeff thanked everyone who helped out with the meet. His biggest problem was getting volunteers through the Cleveland Sports Commission. They really did not come through with a lot of things that we needed for the meet. It was up to our committee (four of us) to get the things we needed. The Sr. Games will be held here in the Cleveland area in 2013. Phil Pillin had information from a reliable source that Cleveland would be a place to qualify as well as many other states. Phil also mentioned that BW would probably be a good place to have the Track Portion of the Sr. Games. Frank Jancura asked what was the difference between the Sr. games and the Outdoor. Jeff said the Sr. games involves multiple sports.

**Men & Women's Long Distance: Brian Jones:** Brian was elected Men's National Coordinator for the Year. Selected Nik Scweikert and Leo Kormanik to ADP slots at the ½ marathon championship in Houston TX. Leo got 14<sup>th</sup> and Nik withdrew. Selected Leo Kormanik to ADP slot at 25 k championship he finished 8<sup>th</sup>. Dave James was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mark Godale was 6<sup>th</sup> at the 100K Trail Championship. Shanna Alles Istni was 2<sup>nd</sup> for the women and Dave Godale was 7<sup>th</sup> at the 50 km championship. Mark Godal was 6<sup>th</sup> and Gregory Miller was 10<sup>th</sup> at the 100 km championship. At the 100 mile championship here in Cleveland, Mike Owen was 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mark Godale was 4<sup>th</sup> and Matt Shaheen was 5<sup>th</sup>. For the women, Connie Gardner was 1<sup>st</sup> and Rachael Nypauer was 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the 24 hour Championship hosted in Cleveland in September, Connie Gardner was 1<sup>st</sup> and Debbie Horn was 4<sup>th</sup>. In the men division Matt Shaheen was 4<sup>th</sup>. Greg Miller was 8<sup>th</sup> and Chris Pevrand also was 8<sup>th</sup>. At the 50 miler in October, Connie Gardner was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mark Godale was 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth: Larry Seifert:** The Jr Olympic meet in Kansas had the largest group of Athletes ever. This was attributed to the addition of top 5 instead of top 3 and also the sub-bantam. They are expecting an even larger participation at Morgan State next year. The only problem with these additions is that facilities across the United States are going to be limited because of the large numbers. Our Regional meet this year was held in the LEA and we had a good turnout. Next year it will be held in Springfield Ohio. A complete list of the results is on the USATF web and also the Lake Erie web.

**Officials Chair: Jim Flanik:** was not in attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Guy and JoAnn Kitchen attended the Association Workshop in Calif. August 19-21 and gave us a full written report including handouts they received during the meetings.

Guy proceeded to give us some of the highlights of the meeting: Specific help is needed especially from the CVB and Sports Commissions in your area when putting on major meets.

Fund raising: Grants are out there and available, especially for Associations and clubs.

A new email program was presented and the Associations are being asked to consider participating in the program. This will go into affect the middle of September. The aim of USATF is to have all the Associations with the same look.

IRS filing requirements were discussed. Our Association is in compliance.

Website management was also one of the topics. We need to look into the cost and how we can better manage our website. Guy suggested we meet with our web master Greg Flanik to discuss this. This was agreed upon by the membership. We need to be careful in using the USATF logos.

Club championship programs were discussed and the concern about their dates conflicting with USATF meets.

Coaching Education is something that the Associations need to look into and improve upon.

Larry thanked Guy and JoAnn for attending the workshop and doing such a good job of reporting back to our Association.

Phil Pillin has emailed our newsletter to JoAnn Kitchen so that she can email it to to our LEA members. He would like to get a newsletter out quarterly if possible. We will get important dates to him after the Annual Meeting in December. If anyone has something they want put in the newsletter let Phil know.

Jeff asked everyone to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Norm Bowers Throws Pentathlon on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 at Kent State University. Officials are needed , so contact Jeff Gerson by phone at 440-473-0636.

Dave Woytek reported that the NAIA meet will be held on March 1-2-3 at the Spire Institute (formerly the GaReat) Dave has an application ready to go out to all the Officials.He would like to know about having a clinic again for the Officials. It was very well responded to last year. It is something we need to look into Andrea Tepe from Akron University mentioned that they could possibly have the clinic thereat the field House. She will check into this and let us know.

Larry mentioned that when all the Officials need to re-certify next year that LEA should do some type of a clinic after 9-12 and have possibly one big review and help the Officials get re-certified at that time.

The Association Cross Country meet will be held on November 12, 2011. The members would like to look at another location rather then go back to Malone. Mya Sullivan of OTHTC will check into a course in the Garfield Metro Parks,and let us know.

Phil Pillin will check into having our indoor Association Championship at Youngstown State.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:15

Respectfully submitted by Lake Erie Association Secretary,  
Nancy Seifert

