



Adaptive Track and Field, USA 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes October 27, 2017 Phoenix, AZ

ATFUSA Open Board Meeting: 8:00am -12:00pm

Members present: Pam Carey, Pam Chiavaroli, Randy Chiavaroli, Darla Clayton, Jerry Clayton, Jessica Cloy, Phil Galli, Charlie Sheppard, Teresa Skinner, Tom Southall

Members absent: Mark Braun, Paul Johnson, Charlie Sheppard

Guests present: Dave Bogenschutz, Ken Brucato, Joey Chiavaroli, Barry Ewing, Cindy Housner

2016 Minutes – Phil Galli: The group reviewed the minutes from 2016. **Jerry Clayton motioned to approve the 2016 WTFUSA Annual Meeting minutes. Pam Chiavaroli 2nd. Motion carried.**

Financial Report – Phil Galli: **Pam Carey motioned to accept the financial report. Teresa Skinner 2nd.**

Chair Report – Phil Galli: Phil reviewed the 2017 ATFUSA Annual Report.

- **2018-2021 Election Candidates:** The positions of Pam Carey (Vice-Chair) and Jerry Clayton (Member-at-Large) are up for election. We had three candidates in the 2018-2021 Election. Jerry Clayton for Vice-Chair and Pam Carey and Michael Pekar for Member-at-Large.
- **2016 Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals:** This year was the inaugural year for the USATF Para Youth Championships, which were hosted in conjunction with the Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals. Phil thanked Pam Carey, Jessica Cloy, Kevin Crytzer, Paul Johnson, Steve Kessler, Charlie Sheppard, and John Stephens for their work on both aspects of the competition. There were 35 field (all Adaptive Sports USA athletes) and 51 track athletes that competed in the USATF portion of the meet. There was discussion around the point system that was used to award medals for the USATF Para Youth Championships.
- **ATFUSA’s Adult Championships – Chicago, IL:** The 2017 ATFUSA Adult Championships were held in Chicago, IL. The numbers were lower than usual due to US Paralympics Nationals. GLASA will be the host of the 2018 ATFUSA Adult Championships again in 2018.
- **Inclusion of Athletes with a Disability in HS Sports:** ATFUSA continued to work with states, US Paralympics, and local high school officials to assist in the inclusion of our junior members in high school athletics. ATFUSA worked with New York City to put in place High School rules for the spring track and field season. The city implemented a modified set of Louisiana rules offering 1 point toward the meet results. These points can only be used to tie the meet and not to win the meet. We are in discussion with the city to use these rules in the 2017/18 indoor season. We are attempting to also help set up wheelchair rules for the State track program for spring of 2018.
- **Field Exception Rule:** ATFUSA continues to implement a USA exception form for field to allow an athlete, not IPC licensed, to be able to compete at a Level II and/or a Level III field meet in a seated position other than that which is described in the rules due to a physical issue. There was discussion around how to recognize this exception in the Adaptive Sports USA classification database.
- **IPC Trained Track and Field Officials in US:** Paul Johnson is managing the testing for the USATF officials taking the IPC Certification course and test online. ATFUSA is posting on the ATFUSA website the names and locations of all certified officials. ATFUSA has run officials’



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training sessions for regional LOC teams to ensure their Level 2 and Level 3 competitions meet acceptable IPC/ATFUSA rules and standards.

- **Sanctioning Long Distance Wheelchair Racing in US:** ATFUSA sanctioned and supported 2 races in 2017: the Kessler Foundation Wheelchair 10K and the New York City Marathon. The Kessler 10K will be our National 10K again in 2018. There was discussion around how we can offer more benefits to these events. Advertisement and recruitment of athletes were the top two items.
- **Training and Education:** ATFUSA along with Adaptive Sports USA ran a 3 hour clinic for ambulatory and wheelchair track athletes at the 2017 Junior Nationals, which was supported by a Neilsen Foundation grant. The Ambulatory session was led by Dave Bogenschutz and supported by Thom Confer. It focused on fundamentals of running and core development. The wheelchair session was led by Jim Cuevas and Saul Mendoza focused on chair positioning, chair maintenance, and starts, the stroke, and drafting.

ATFUSA along with Adaptive Sports USA ran a coaches' clinic led by Dave Bogenschutz and supported by Phil Galli at the 2017 Adaptive Sports USA National Conference, which was supported by a Neilsen Foundation grant. The session taught the differences in training a Para ambulatory athlete verses an ambulatory athlete without a disability.

- **Field Equipment Sales:** We continued for the second year to market field equipment to our members. Partial proceeds of these sales go to ATFUSA. There was discussion on how best to advertise the equipment.

Pam Carey motioned to approve the Chair report. Randy Chiavaroli 2nd. Motion passed.

2018 Discussion – Phil Galli:

- **2018 Clinics:** ATFUSA would like to host a field clinic at the 2018 Junior Nationals. This clinic will include jumps and a nutrition portion. ATFUSA would like to host field two sessions for coaches at the 2018 National Conference. **Randy Chiavaroli motioned to approve the hosting of three field sessions throughout the year. Jerry Clayton 2nd the motion. Motion passed.**
- **2018 Standards:** There was discussion around standards for 2018. There is concern that some of the CP standards especially in field are too tough. Darla Clayton will examine these standards and work with Paul Johnson (track) and Randy Chiavaroli (field) to amend standards, if needed. There was a review of the ATFUSA.org website and the reports function. Teresa Skinner asked that “region” information be included on the reports page.
- **Seated Throws Field Cages:** There was discussion on options for seated throws field cages. It was agreed upon that ATFUSA shouldn't make any formal recommendation on product(s) to use but it will provide options and best practices to members via its website.
- **ATFUSA Bylaws:** The ATFUSA Bylaws need to be updated. Phil will work with Board members offline to update them.



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- **Masters Championship:** ATFUSA would like to host a Masters Championship in addition to the Adult Championship. The fee to host these championships would be equal to the fee to host the adult championships.
- **ATFUSA Volunteers:** There was discussion around recognizing key volunteers. **Phil Galli motioned to award Kevin Crytzer \$500 for his work with ATFUSA in 2017. Pam Carey 2nd the motion. Motion passed.**
- **Equipment:** ATFUSA has 3 program racing chairs and 1 field chair available thanks to a grant from Neilsen Foundation via Adaptive Sports USA. Phil would like to loan these chairs out throughout the country to responsible programs. Board members will give recommendations to Phil.

IPC Updates and Rules Update – Jerry Clayton:

Race running will now be included on the IPC program. All athletes with sport class T/F31-38 and T/F20 will go under review starting January 1, 2018. From the start of next year World Para Athletics will also introduce the new T/F61-64 Sport Classes group. This will commonly feature 'athletes who run or jump with prosthetic lower limbs'. The existing T/F42-44 classes will now exclusively be for athletes with lower limb impairment who are able to run or jump using two anatomical limbs.

Jerry reviewed proposed rule changes at the IPC level.

Adaptive Track & Field USA Membership – Phil Galli: There was discussion around the benefits of ATFUSA membership. Phil would like to send record certificates once a year to ATFUSA members that break a record within the year. Only those athletes with the best mark by year end will receive a certificate.

Relays – Phil Galli: Concerns were raised this year about qualifying relay teams for Junior Nationals. Some teams don't have enough athletes to enter a relay and other teams have athletes spread throughout a region and don't have the ability to come together in order to qualify. Pam Carey recommended that relays no longer count for team points at Junior Nationals. Phil Galli will continue this discussion post-meeting and ATFUSA will a decision for the 2018 Junior Nationals.

Voting results and acknowledging new Board Members – Jessica Cloy: Jerry Clayton has been voted in as Vice-Chair and Pam Carey has been voted in as Member-at-Large.

New Business

Pam Carey motioned to close the ATFUSA Annual Meeting. Randy Chiavaroli 2nd the motion. Motion carried.