

Attendees

In person

Jeff Farley
Dawn King
Lorenzo Washington
Lucas Felten
Jack Ward
Dick Croteau
Paul Bull
Lexi Peters
Michael Gray
Eric Feider

Online

Doug Hopster
Benjamin Bolin
Jeremy Smith
Ilene Canning

Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting

Mike Gray moved to approve, Lucas Felten seconded - all Ayes, no Nays

Membership and Clubs Report (Lorenzo Washington)

730 current members (498 youth, 206 adult)

16 clubs, 2 event managers

Questions to try to answer over time

- How can we re-engage former athletes and parents?
 - Compete as masters?
 - Volunteer?
- What can we do to help clubs thrive and not fold?
 - Encourage at-risk clubs to merge
 - Engage school AD's to partner with our Association and other clubs

Discussion

- Idaho Center indoor facility has gone away - what can we do to establish something in its place?
- Spokane has started a Sports Commission - could we do this?
- Should be an organization that specifically promotes sporting events - not present in Treasure Valley
- Tends to be spawned by local government, less by individual organizations
 - Ends up with LOTS of partners and stakeholders - HUGE undertaking

Financial Report (Lucas Felten)

Current assets

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| ● Checking: | \$10,261.40 |
| ● Savings: | \$21,500.85 |
| ● Worthy: | \$ 5,047.30 |
| ● Total: | \$36,809.55 |

2023 deposits \$34,572.20

2023 expenses (\$19,153.63)

The association has changed banks from Chase to ICCU

- Better interest rates (0.75% vs 0.01%)
- Possible sponsorship opportunity in future
 - Association meet
 - Regionals in 2026
 - They seem to be Flush with cash
 - HS scoreboards
 - Arena sponsorship in Boise and Moscow
 - Assistance with indoor facility?
 - If we are going to ask for this, makes sense to be their customers already

Lucas started an investment in Worthy bonds at the end of August

- We have money we are not using, and it seems like a waste to leave it sitting
- Started with \$5000 6% APY
- Fully liquid, can be withdrawn at any time

Accreditation Report (Lucas Felten)

We had to submit Plan For Improvement (PFI). We received an email from the Accreditation chair saying that this is expected to be accepted and we will be given provisional accreditation. Dave Skelton said that we are doing a good job and approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of associations need to submit PFI's each year. We were deficient in 2 areas.

- Area 1 - Need more officials
- Area 2 - Need more championships
 - Supposed to have 15 (Youth, Open, Masters, each count separately)
 - Not going to have XC in 2023 - nationals in Louisville 3 weeks before Christmas, too long to ask families to do on relatively short notice
 - Going to start planning/advertising XC 2024 much earlier (3 championships)
 - Going to partner with Boise Front Trail Run for Mountain Championships
 - Early August
 - Open and Masters
 - Going to partner with Idaho State University for Indoor Championships
 - Last weekend in January or first weekend in February
 - Youth, possibly Open and/or Masters
 - Doug is taking lead on this, no word yet on how this will work - waiting on ISU
 - Looking into partners for LDR championships

Association Report (Lucas Felten)

Filed for our own 501(c)3

- National group exemption is going away
- Cost was reimbursed by national office

Competition recap

- Association meet: over 200 registered
- Regional meet: over 550 registered. Doug wants to do this again in 2026

Officials Report (Doug Hopster)

- 26 total certified officials
- None joined or recertified since July
 - 1 applicant called who was very confused, hopefully got on the right path
- Doug has been trying to get officials' IDs since January and is always told that they are "on the way"
 - Received no emails about this
 - Has received LOTS of emails about voting for awards - not sure why this is the priority
- Question from Ben Bolin - how do people get certified for specific roles?
 - Contact Doug and he will get it added
- Doug motioned to buy 15 rule books, Dawn seconded: All Ayes, none opposed

Officials workshop

- Held workshop in Boise in August
- Holding another workshop in Pocatello (December 9 or 16)
 - ISU coaches have something on 12/16
 - Invitation will be sent to Simplot list anyone else that Doug has gotten an email from
 - Regional meet recap
 - ~550 kids registered for the meet
 - ISU is all for hosting this again
 - Additional resources/grants available for next time with more feedback
 - Overall theme - need more time to plan for everything

Things to vote on

- By-laws updates
 - National office gave several updates that were required to be added
 - Need to amend by-laws to amend this language
 - Write new things into by-laws, send to membership, give 30 days to comment, have another meeting to vote and accept
 - Lorenzo mapped out all sections for this
- Annual meeting delegates
 - Dawn, Jack, Doug, Lexi'
 - No objections to chosen delegates
 - Going to apply for grant for reimbursement

Miscellaneous

- Coaching education
 - Lucas would like to submit a bid to host the 2024 Level 2 school at NNU
 - Lucas would also like to host 1-day, event-specific coaching education clinics

- Other meets
 - We are looking into hosting other meets
 - Specialized to one event group
 - More localized (Boise, Twin Falls, IF/Pocatello, etc.) so that people don't have to travel as often
- Survey
 - The board contributed to a survey that will go out to all of our membership with these minutes

After this, there were no questions or further comments. Dawn moved to adjourn the meeting, Lucas seconded, none were opposed.