

TRI-STATE WHEELCHAIR & AMBULATORY ATHLETICS
ZOOMMEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, April 16, 2024

Call to Order/Roll Call:Present: Caitlin Goerlich, Pat, Ken Brucato, Laura Caligiuri, Joan Karpuk, Trisha Yurochko, John Guilmares, Darla Clayton, Janet Connolly, Jimmy Cuevas, Phil Galli, Gwena Herman, Gerry Herman, Danny Martin**Absent:** Arielle Rausen, Ryan Chalmers, Joan Wheeler

The meeting was called to order by Caitlin Goerlich at 7:05 pm

Approval of minutes if 10/11/23: Trisha Yurochko moved to accept the minutes, seconded by John Guilmares, and they passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, submitted by Trisha: We have \$11,031.50. Checks were issued for powerlifting equipment and 2 years license for the website url (\$1200). The amount for powerlifting equipment was within the approved budget, \$11,000, with the bench about \$3500. Phil Galli moved to accept the report, Ken Brucato seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Old Business: 2024 Meets Discussion Cont'd

- **Regional Swim Meet**– Laura Caligiuri reported that about 36 athletes competed (45 registered, but there was a conflict with basketball). There were no problems and lots of volunteers.
- **CSH Invitational Meet** – Laura again reported. The meet is scheduled for May 4 with 50 athletes registered. Laura will send a flyer out for volunteers, lunch included. Several NJTF officials will work with experienced paralympic officials, with a total of 10 or 12 officials.
- **Tri-State Meet** – John Guilmares reported. Registration is open, with about a dozen competitors so far. He is setting up hotel blocks and looking for sponsors and volunteers. All is set with Union County, although we can't use the press box, but all else is set. Field will be on Saturday am and pm for different groups, with 8 pits for field.
- **Bennett Blazers Meet**–Gerry Herman reported. The date is June 2, with track only. Local officials plus Trisha, Paul and Phil will be used. It's a good facility with cover in case of rain and permanent bathrooms.
- **Braintree meet** on June 22 is a back-up if some competitors need to qualify for nationals..

New Business

- Specifications for the 700 g javelin are changing, so we won't buy new ones until next year when they are available. The new javelins will be shorter so will provide better balance for our athletes.
- Paul and Phil are going to the Warrior Games and will bring down our electronic measuring devices if the board approves it. The request is from Kathy Sellers and there were no objections.
- **Team Discussion** – A new IPC rule says that amputees must use a prosthetic for track but not field, which may affect athletes from poorer countries.
- **Darla Clayton** noted that now an athlete can compete in an event using equipment even if there are no standards (ex, 60 m weave for powerchair) but can't also use racing chair in meet.

Adjournment:Ken moved to adjourn, Trisha seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Submitted: Pat Redden