**Tri-State Wheelchair & Ambulatory Athletics**

**Board of Directors Zoom Meeting, November 12, 2020**

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Caitlin Goerlich at 7:17 pm.

**B. Attendance**

Those present were Caitlin Goerlich, Ken Brucato, Phil Galli, Trisha Yurochko, Pat Redden, Joan Wheeler, Ryan Chalmers, Jimmy Cuevas, Danny Martin, John Guimaraes, and Debbie Armento.

**C. Minutes of 5/22/2020 and 10/6/2020**

Trisha Yurochko moved to accept the minutes for the May and October 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Phil Galli and passed unanimously.

**D. Treasurer’s Report, submitted by Trisha Yurochko**

There were no changes from the report submitted at the October meeting, so there was no new report.

**E. Old Business**

**(1) Move United, presented by Caitlin Goerlich:** With the help of Phil and Trisha preparing the paperwork, we have been certified by Move United as an Event Presenter. This is the lowest level of membership for totally volunteer organizations who do not provide a full schedule of sports. We will be listed on their website and won’t have to pay for sanctioning of meets. We should be able to get insurance through them, but we don’t yet know the rates, which may be about $500 a day. (We used to be able to get insurance free.)

**(2) 2021 TSWAA meets:**

Swim Meet**:** Rutgers University is still in a holding pattern and probably will not be available at least until March. Trisha will contact them again in December, and see if any date is available, even through late spring.

Invitational Meet: The parks are open but with Covid restrictions, and hospital rules add another layer of concern. The county knows the preferred date but nothing is firmed up yet.

Tri-State Meet: Nothing is set with the high school.

Masons Meet: South Brunswick HS is not setting dates. Thomas Edison park can’t give us a price yet and no deposits have been taken.

**(3) General Discussion:** Jimmy Cuevas said we probably won’t be able to have meets this spring or summer. Ken Brucato asked about Covid guidelines if – and when – we can schedule a meet. Jimmy has some information, and Phil Galli talked to the chief medical officer for US OPC who will have guidelines after January 1, 2021. We would have to eliminate catering, maintain safe distances on the track and in the call room, provide liquids only in bottles. There was a question about sharing field implements and cleaning between athletes.

Debbie Armento asked if we could have something virtual for the athletes. Trisha suggested we reach out to similar groups that have had virtual meetings; Phil know of some from US OPC discussions. Several members commented that both students and adults are all “zoomed out.”

**F. New Business:**

1. Phil had sent an email about purchasing digital measuring devices for field events, suggesting we get 2 for at least the oldest athletes and those who throw the longest distances. They cost about $595 each, with another $150 for accessories (tripod, level, backboard, brackets, regular or rechargeable batteries) and are used in California. Officials would have to be trained in their use; USATF may have officials who are familiar with them or we could bring in someone. We would have to certify that they have been calibrated before and after each session. Ken made a motion to spend a maximum of $1500 for two; Jimmy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. The new meet reports can graph results for an athlete, give the relationship to the national/international A and B standards for the athlete, and compare results to an exemplar. The information is offered on Adaptive TFUSA results.

3. Debbie noted that re-certification has to be done for all officials by March 31. A recent letter from Bruce Fabricant and the monthly USATF newsletter give the needed information. Officials need to renew USATF membership, official’s membership, Safe Sport, background check and rules review. Information of the new database has been transferred from the old database. Phil will organize a virtual group to take the rules test.

**F. Next meeting:** The next meeting was tentatively set as a virtual meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

**G. Adjournment:** Debbie made a move to adjourn at 8:10 pm; the motion was seconded by Danny and passed unanimously.