**Draft Minutes, Zoom meeting, February 22, 2023**

**TRI-STATE WHEELCHAIR & AMBULATORY ATHLETICS**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Caitlin Goerlich at 7:04 pm

**Attendance:** Caitlin Goerlich, Pat Redden, Trisha Yurochko, Phil Galli, Joan Wheeler, Darla Clayton, Jimmy Cuevas, Ryan Chalmers, John Guimares, Laura Caligiuri, Danny Martin

**Review/Approval of the Minutes of 10/26/2022:** Minutes had not been submitted so review and approval were postponed until the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report, Trisha Yurochko:** Our current balance is $21,721.34; the only charge since the last meeting was $2750 for insurance. Phil Galli moved to accept the minutes, Joan Wheeler seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Trisha reported that the address on the account would be changed to her home instead of the hospital since she no longer works there. Danny Martin is a signer on the account but should be changed since he is no longer in the area and signers must physically go to the bank for signatures. Phil suggested Caitlin should be the co-signer, and that was approved unanimously. Ryan Chalmers was suggested as an additional signer but there is no TD bank near him, so that did not get approved.

**Old Business: Discussion of 2023 Meets**

**- Tristate meet, John Guimares:** He had a conversation with the athletic director at Union High School in November about the facilities available for the meet. In mid-January the school board notified him that the turf field would be renovated but the start and stop dates were undetermined. He then applied for Rahway River Park, where we would have the pavilion, softball field and track. The meet is set for Memorial Day weekend. Powerlifting may have 5 or 6 competitors, so he is looking at a conference room in the host hotel or nearby. It may be possible to have archery at a nearby range on Friday afternoon but archers would be shooting into the sun. Saturday is a split day for field, so they are trying to provide something for those not competing, and vendors may be approached. The meet will begin to be promoted at the eend of March.

- **Swim Meet, Trisha Yurochko:** The swim meet will be held at Rutgers on the afternoon of Saturday, February 25, with 35 competitors.

**- CSH Invitational Meet, Trisha Yurochko:** The meet will be held on May 6 at Rahway River Park.

**New Business:**

**Insurance Committee:** Caitlin proposed that we get a head start looking at other insurance companies with a 2-3 person committee to explore alternatives. Darla Clayton and Jimmy Cuevas volunteered for the committee.

**New Website Design, John:** Starting a month ago, he worked with Phil to set up a layout for the newly designed website, designing on the basic rules and pages. Kevin Crytzer will contact NJIT to flesh it out. John has a lot of Navigator images but would like 5-6 photos from each team for diversity; Joan Wheeler will also be a resource for photos. John showed the site’s landing pages and explained the links. Material from the current site will provide “fillers” for the information pages, and the plan is to add individual team pages. Content will be “drag and drop” rather than requiring coding. The Donate button will use TSWAA but the expansion to Tri-State Wheelchair and Ambulatory Athletics will be explained in the About Us section.

**Competition Rule Changes and Nationals, Phil:** The U23 age group will be discontinued; competitors in that age group will compete as adults but use the current U23 standards to qualify for Nationals. U11 and U14 athletes will be competing in field at the same time as long-course swimming, so they will have to choose between these or compete in short-course swimming and field. Junior field competition will be Tuesday and Wednesday, open field on Thursday. There will be 8 seated and 8 ambulatory pits, all in the morning to avoid thunderstorms. Junior track will be Thursday and Friday. Athletes can qualify for USOPC at Nationals or in San Diego May 7-8.

**Adjournment:** Phil moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm; Joan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Insurance Committee

New website design

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