



Minutes of the Lake Erie Association Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 29, 2021

The in person annual meeting at Brecksville Library was called to order by Association President, David Woytek, at 1:30 P.M. There were 27 members in attendance.

David Woytek read over the parliamentary procedure for the meeting, attendance and asked for additional agenda topics of which there were none.

President, David Woytek, asked that the 2020 LEA Annual Meeting Minutes be approved. Doug glass made the motion to approve, Phil Pillin second to accept.

Officers Reports:

President – David Woytek

Talked about how much of an impact the Covid Pandemic has had on our Association. Also mentioned that there has not been any information published for the National Annual Meeting. He also covered what is required for the association to be fully accredited with the national office. Dave will also attend a Town Hall Meeting with Vin Lananna on 9/8. Lake Erie Association purchased implement certification kit, laser sticks for high jump and pole vault and fiberglass measuring tapes. Lake Erie apparel is available on the LEA website. The presidents full report is attached.

Vice President – Brian Jones –

Secretary – JoAnn Kitchen- Accreditation

Lake Erie was deficient in meeting three standards for full accreditation. Due to the impact the pandemic has on all associations, Lake Erie has provisional accreditation.

Treasurer-Doug Glass-

- Full report attached
- Starting balance: \$58,560.01 (1/1/2020)

Total Income: \$13,043.72

Expenses:	\$ 8,446.25
Balance:	\$63,157.48 (12/31/2020)

Committee Chair Reports:

- Associations Chair – David Woytek – Dave’s complete report is attached.
 - Lake Erie Association Member we have Lost:
 - Larry Seifert
 - Bill Tarashke
 - Bill Buttermore
 - Grover Coates
 - George Rauderbush
 - Leo Lightner
- Athlete Advisory Committee (AAC) Chair – Kelly Reblin - Meetings attended mainly addressed sponsorship for the athletes.
- Club Chair – JoAnn Kitchen – 21 Active Clubs
- Coaches Chair – Chip Johnson – Coaches Level One
- Cross Country Chair – Phil Pillin – Upcoming cross country meet 11/13/21 Columbiana High School
- Diversity & Leadership Chair – Chip Johnson – Transitioning and including transgender athletes - Let them compete
- Masters LDR Chair – Doug Glass – complete report attached
- Masters T&F Chair – Jeff Gerson – 1200 entries Ames, Iowa – Kelly Reblin /2nd in Javelin. LEA Open Masters/Midwest Meet – 92 entries. Diane Friedman-two world records in 100 age group in Michigan.
- Membership Chair – JoAnn Kitchen – 549 members – Membership down 38% across the country. Birth date verification/national office.
- Men’s LDR Chair – Melissa Klim – Absent – Phil Pillin reported about the road race series currently in place.
- Men’s T&F Chair – Brian Jones – Post Pandemic. Topic of discussion – Nike shoes advantage to athletes.
- Mountain, Ultramarathon and Trail Running (MUT) Chair – Joe Jurczyk- currently serving on Executive Committee

- Newsletter – Phil Pillin – Interviewed Matt Ludwig
- Officials Chair – Dave Woytek- As of 8/18- 75 certified officials. Held certification via Zoom. Officials Association Awards: Cynthia Beachum, Doug Glass, Mike Jankowski and Ken Vogt. Complete report attached.
- Para Athletics Chair – Ken Vogt – Absent
- Race Walk Chair – Terry Armstead – Two Americans qualified to the Olympics. Two walkers competed in the Masters/Midwest Meet. Terry then resigned from his Race Walk chair position.
- Recruiter – Phil J. Pillin – Social media pages – Instagram/Facebook. Due to pandemic restrictions, has not been able to recruit on college campus.
- SafeSport Volunteer – Brian Jones –Currently virtual monthly meetings.
- Sanctions Chair – JoAnn Kitchen- 12 sanctions
- Webmaster – Frank Martinek – Absent – LEA website is available: lakeerie.usatf.org
- Women’s Commission Representative – Kelly Reblin – Attends National Meetings.
- Women’s LDR Chair – Melissa Klim – absent
- Women’s T&F Chair – Anthony Longino-Thomas – Mentioned the LEA athletes who qualified to the Olympic Team. Full report attached.
- Youth Athletics – Rick Marinelli- LEA Junior Olympic meet 6/19/2021 – 38 entries. Continual discussion of USATF JO/AAU JO. Future date 6/18/2022.

Future Meets

- USATF Lake Erie Throws Pentathlon: 9/19/2021 @ Kent State University
- USATF Lake Erie Open/Masters Youngstown Peace Race Road Series 10/10/21
- USATF Lake Erie Open/Masters Bridge to Bridge Half Marathon 10/24/21
- USATF Lake Erie Cross Country 11/13/21 @ Columbiana High School
- USATF Lake Erie JO Cross Country 11/13/21 @ Columbiana High School
- USATF Lake Erie Indoor Open/Master 2/20/22 @ Mount Union(tentative)

Voting on Bylaw Changes

- Article 9- Officers and Their Duties
 - Old: All officers are to be elected for two (2) years at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at each even year. Term limits shall be two (2) years or until his/her successor is chosen.

- New: All officers are to be elected for four (4) years at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at every Olympiad. Term limits shall be a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms or until his/her successor is chosen.
- Dave Woytek read the revised bylaw, Phil Pillin made the motion to accept, Mary Santana seconded to accept procedure.
- President Dave Woytek adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM. Phil Pillin made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Santana.

Submitted by Lake Erie Association Secretary

JoAnn Kitchen



LAKE ERIE

2021 Annual Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Richard Pafio	Signature: <i>Richard Pafio</i>	USATF Membership Number: 1405267020
Mary Santana	Signature: <i>Mary Santana</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Chip Johnson	Signature: <i>Chip Johnson</i>	USATF Membership Number:
JEFF GERSON	Signature: <i>Jeff Johnson</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Phillip J. Pillin	Signature: <i>Phillip J. Pillin</i>	USATF Membership Number: 1407496957
Johanna Kildner	Signature: <i>Johanna Kildner</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Bryan Jones	Signature: <i>Bryan Jones</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Phillip Pillin	Signature: <i>Phillip Pillin</i>	USATF Membership Number:
KEN PRINCE	Signature: <i>Ken Prince</i>	USATF Membership Number: 038827
BELLY LIREBON	Signature: <i>Belly Lirebon</i>	USATF Membership Number:
JOE JURCZYK	Signature: <i>Joe Jurczyk</i>	USATF Membership Number: 1405230952
DAVE MILKOVICH	Signature: <i>Dave Milkovich</i>	USATF Membership Number: 1406849602
Keri Peterson-Davis	Signature: <i>Keri Peterson-Davis</i>	USATF Membership Number: 182011944
DENNIS GRUBERT	Signature: <i>Dennis Grubert</i>	USATF Membership Number: 2050027723
Douglas Glass	Signature: <i>Douglas Glass</i>	USATF Membership Number: 1406384666
Viktor Seibert	Signature: <i>Viktor Seibert</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Bennie Jones	Signature: <i>Bennie Jones</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Donald Grubert	Signature: <i>Donald Grubert</i>	USATF Membership Number:
MIKE DOUBICAN	Signature: <i>Mike Doubican</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Anthony Longino-Thom	Signature: <i>Anthony Longino-Thom</i>	USATF Membership Number:
TERRY ARMSTRONG	Signature: <i>Terry Armstrong</i>	USATF Membership Number:
Brittany Jones	Signature: <i>Brittany Jones</i>	USATF Membership Number: 8460712213
Rick Marinelli	Signature: <i>Rick Marinelli</i>	USATF Membership Number:



2021 President / Association Chair Report

Submitted by Dave Woytek

The End of COVID?

- Canceled most of 2020 Outdoor season
- Canceled our 2021 Lake Erie Association Indoor Championships
- Covid Meet protocols
- What is next?

2020 USATF Annual Meeting

This year's meeting was all virtual. This gave attendees the opportunity to sit in on several other committee meetings that was not possible in the past.

Attended several meetings of the following committees:

- Associations
- Organizational Services
- Officials

USATF Annual Meeting

Decisions have not been made or announced regarding the date, location, or nature (virtual vs. in-person) of the 2021 USATF Annual Meeting. We will keep you informed as information is available.

USATF Associations

USATF is divided into 57 local Associations. All Associations shall be separately incorporated entities, in good corporate standing, and must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as 501(c)(3) non-profit entities that are not private foundations.

The primary objective of an Association is to assist in the development and growth of the sport of track & field, long distance running, and race walking in the designated Association within its geographic jurisdiction. The Associations are responsible for the local "grass roots" level of the sport, including, but not limited to, individual

memberships, organizational memberships (local clubs), event sanctioning, scheduling and coordination of Association championships, and marketing.

Association Required Documents

Each Association is required, by either the USATF Bylaws or by the Associations Committee Operating Procedures, to maintain or have on file certain documents and records. These documents and records include articles of incorporation or charter, Association bylaws, 501(c)(3) status, a copy of the minutes from the Association's annual meetings, and yearly financial records (990's). Failure to submit such documents to the National Office may result in the decertification of your Association, your Association not receiving delegate credentials at the Annual Meeting, and/or not being able to vote in Association Committee meetings or elections.

- Incorporation - Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws
- 501(c)(3) Tax Status
- Annual Meeting Minutes
- Financial Records

Association Accreditation

In order to maintain good standing, an Association must meet all nine (9) of the required standards.

Standard Requirements:

1. Members: 20 per 100k population, Minimum 400
2. Clubs: 0.5 per 100,000
3. Sanctions: 1.0 per 100k population, Minimum 20
4. Championships:
 - 3 T&F Outdoor (Y, O, M)
 - 3 Racewalk (Y, O, M)
 - 3 Cross Country (Y, O, M)
 - 2 LDR, 1 event 5K or higher (O, M)
 - 4 additional championships
5. Officials: 30 Certified Officials for Associations of 3 Million or less, Associations between 3 and 10 Million will have a minimum of 1 Certified Official per 100,000 of population, 100 Certified Officials for Associations of 10 Million or more
6. Financial Report: Positive net worth as reported on your 990 Forms
7. Communication: Meet minimum criteria for Association website, Send either electronically or by mail 2 newsletters per year to full membership
8. Association Documents: Current bylaws, Articles of incorporation, Annual meeting minutes, 990 Tax forms from the year previous to the current tax year (two years previous to the current year)
9. Representation: 4 Delegates for Associations with populations 2 million or less, 6 Delegates for Associations with populations between 2 and 3 million, 8 Delegates for Associations with populations greater the 3 million

2010 Lake Erie Association Population: 4,498,695

2020 Lake Erie Association Population: 4,433,499

(Decrease of 65,196)

Board of Directors Meetings

- Meetings held on 9/24/20, 10/22/20, 2/9/21, 3/25/21, 6/3/21 and 8/12/21.

President's Town Hall Meetings with Vin Lananna

- Meetings held on 11/22/20 and 6/23/21.
- Another scheduled for 9/8/21.

USATF Marketing Meeting

- Meetings held on 2/8/21.

USATF Special Committees

- Safety Sub-Committee – 11/11/21
 - Dave Woytek
 - Ken Vogt
- National Athletics Board of Review (NABR)
 - Tony Longino-Thomas
 - Kelly Reblin
- Masters Midwest Region Coordinator
 - Phil Pillin
- USATF MUT Championship Chair
 - Joe

2021 USATF Lake Erie Association Meets

- Junior Olympic Championship at Bedford High School – June 19
- Open & Masters Championships / USATF Masters Midwest Championships at SPIRE - July 10
- Women's 6K National Championships – July 17

Future Lake Erie Association Meets

- USATF Lake Erie Throws Pentathlon: Sunday, September 19 at Kent State University.
- USATF Lake Erie Cross Country: Saturday, November 13 at Columbiana High School.
- USATF Lake Erie Indoor Championships: Sunday, February 19 at Mount Union University (Tentative).

Equipment Purchases

- 200'/60M Fiberglass Measuring Tapes
- 330'/M Fiberglass measuring Tapes
- PV/HJ Laser Measuring Aluminum Stick with Measuring Laser
- World Athletics Implement Certification Kit
- Indoor Throwing Weight Gauge

Board of Directors Association Grant

- 2020 – Recruiting, Prize Money
- 2021 - Equipment

Website

- New Website: <https://lakeerie.usatf.org>
- Old Website: <http://www.lakeerie.org>

Social Media

- Facebook / Twitter Pages / Instagram

Necrology Report

- Larry Seifert – January 14, 2021
- Bill Taraschke – April 7, 2021
- Bill Buttermore – June 3, 2021
- Anyone else from the floor?

Recruiting New Members & Officials

- New Recruiting Chair

USATF Lake Erie Apparel

We have teamed up with Final Score Sporting Goods in Parma to offer Lake Erie Association members USATF Lake Erie apparel (Shirts, jackets, hats, and pants).

Items can be ordered on their website at the following link:

<https://fssportinggoods.com/collections/usatf>

If you are a certified official “Certified Official” can be added to most items.

USATF Lake Erie Bylaw Changes

- Article 9 - Change officer terms for 2 years to 4 years
- Article 9 - Term limits (4 consecutive terms)
- Article 11 - Add additional Committee Chairs
 - Associations
 - Athlete Advisory Committee
 - Club
 - Para Athletics
 - SafeSport
 - Women’s Commission
- Future Addendum - Add Committee Chair Duties

Helpful Links:

- USATF Videos:
<https://usatf.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/360003049231-Videos-Documents>
- USATF Members – How To Videos:
<https://usatf.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360042475192-Members-How-To-Videos>
- How to Recover your account in USATF Connect Videos:
<https://usatf.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360042284051-How-To-Recover-Your-Account-In-USATF-Connect>
- Club Videos:
<https://usatf.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360042275191-Clubs-USATF-Connect-April-9-2020-pm>
<https://usatf.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360041856692-Clubs-USATF-Connect-April-9-2020-am>



Membership, Clubs and Sanctions Chair Report

Membership

- **549 members**
- **Short 356 members**
- **Membership across the country down 38%**
- **Date of Birth Verification Policy**

Clubs

- **21 clubs**
- **Short 2 clubs**

Sanctions

- **12 Sanctions**
- **Short 33**

Annual Meeting

- **Covid Impact**
- **USATF Connect Account**

Accreditation

- **Voting - Provisional**
- **Correct Accreditation Deficiency (membership)**

JoAnn Kitchen



2020 Treasurer's Report

2020 Financial Statement

BALANCE AS OF 1-1-2020		\$58,560.01
INCOME		
Registration - Individual and Clubs	\$5,803.62	
Sanctions	\$1,870.00	
Track Meets	\$2,831.61	
Bank Interest	\$33.49	
Clinic	\$0.00	
Other	\$2,505.00	
	Total Income:	\$13,043.72
Expenses		
Meetings	\$0.00	
Office Expenses	\$892.27	
Track Meets	\$2,758.63	
Annual Meeting USATF	\$2,130.00	
Officials	\$1,290.35	
Other	\$115.00	
Sanction Refunds	\$1,260.00	
	Total Expenses:	\$8,446.25
	Net Income:	\$4,597.47
BALANCE AS OF 12-31-2020		\$63,157.48



2020 Treasurer's Report

2021 Proposed Budget

INCOME

Registration - Individual and Clubs	\$11,200
Sanctions	\$3,900
Track Meets	\$6,600
Road Racing Series	\$0
Outdoor Track Championship Series	\$0
Bank Interest	\$40
Officials	\$0
Other	\$100
Total Income:	\$21,840

Expenses

Office Expenses	\$1,053
Track Meets	\$6,174
Road Racing Series	\$3,000
Outdoor Track Championship Series	\$1,000
Annual Meeting USATF	\$15,400
Officials	\$1,600
Other	\$865
Total Expenses:	\$29,092
Net Income:	-\$7,252



2020 USATF Athlete Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting

Officers:

Interim Chair/Vice Chair – Wallace Spearmon

Treasurer & Director of Professionalism – Lauryn Williams

Secretary – Kara Winger

2020 Annual Meeting Discussion:

- AAC discussed support for 2020 bylaw amendment to “Keep Olympic Dream Alive and Strengthen the Athlete Voice”

USATF Level 1 education has been re-accredited for the next seven years.

Level 1 Recertification Guidelines

Current certified Level 1 coaches must complete a USATF approved continuing education course each renewal period (in accordance with the schedule below) to maintain certification. Members may verify their certificate expiration date by accessing a copy on [USATF Campus](#) (certificates are available under Transcripts).

School Date	Expiration
January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2019	December 31, 2020
July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020 (<i>waiver period</i>)	December 31, 2024

Recertification Options

The following are approved by the USATF

Please note:

- A Level 1 certificate issued prior to December 31, 2012 is no longer current, and coaches will need to register and attend a new Level 1 School to attain certification
- Members who completed a Level 1 during the waiver period do not need to take any action until the next recertification period
- Level 2 and 3 coaches remain exempt from recertification and no action is necessary

Coaching Education Committee and qualify for Level 1 recertification:

1. Complete a minimum of one online course on [USATF Campus](#)
2. Complete a minimum of one USATF specialty course or clinic
 1. USATF Learn By Doing Clinic (2017)
 2. USATF Cross Country Specialist Course
 3. USATF Emerging Elite Coaches Camp
3. Complete a new USATF Level 1 School and pass the exam

No credit will be provided for any course completed prior to Level 1 certificate date and the Olympic quad start (January 1, 2017).

At time of renewal, USATF membership and SafeSport Training must be current to access the recertification application.

(Late) Application Instructions

You must complete all the steps below to recertify as a Level 1 Coach.

1. Renew [USATF membership](#) for 2021
2. Complete latest [SafeSport Training](#)
3. Complete an approved recertification course
4. Submit [recertification application](#) and late processing fee (\$55)

Late Level 1 Recertification will continue for a limited time. The on time recertification deadline expired on January 31, 2021.

Please note:

- You must complete steps 1-3 before accessing the recertification application
- Please do not email copies of your certificates unless requested
- Please allow five business days for application verification
- Upon approval, your new certificate will be awarded on USATF Campus and valid until December 31, 2024
- For additional guidance, please consult the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) resource](#)



2021 Lake Erie Association Cross Country Report

Last year, despite the concerns over the Coronavirus, the USATF Lake Erie Association held a successful Open and Master's Cross Country Meet at Columbiana High School on their 5km cross country course. The 2021 cross country meet will return there for 2021. It is a good course, reasonably retained by the Association financially and well maintained by Don Groubert who is there as not only an official, but as the resource person providing course set-up and tear down to maps. I, along with the Lake Erie Association appreciate his willingness and dedication to hosting the event.

Upcoming 2021 Cross Country Events in and near the USATF Lake Erie Association:

1. **Saturday, October 2 is the Columbiana Open/Masters meet at Columbiana H.S.** The race begins at 9:00 am and the entry fee is \$10.00. I have entry forms that I can email you.
2. **Saturday, November 13 is the USATF Lake Erie Association Open/Masters, and Youth Championship Meet at Columbiana High School.** Entry forms are available and will be widely distributed. Information has been sent to RunOhio.

Other USATF National Open/Masters Cross Country Events:

1. **Sunday October 17, 2021 is the USATF Masters 5km Cross Country Championships to be held in the Boston, Massachusetts area.** There is individual and team competition
2. **Saturday December 11, 2021 is the USATF Club Cross Country Meet in Tallahassee, Florida at Apalachee Regional Park.** This is an open and Master's event that has become a very popular event for teams.
3. **Saturday January 8, 2022 is the USATF National Cross Country Championships to be held in San Diego, California at Balboa Park.**

Respectfully submitted on Sunday August 29, 2021,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Pillin".

Phillip Pillin
USATF Lake Erie Association
Cross Country Chairperson

Diversity & Leadership Committee

Committee Objective:

- Serve as a source of reference, opinion, and advice to the officers, CEO, National Office Management, the Board, and all national and Association committees about current or contemplated USATF policies and all matters relating to diversity, equitable representation, and leadership development;
- Appoint, elect or oversee the election or appointment of diversity representatives to USATF subcommittees when authorized by these Bylaws and the Operating Regulations; and
- Identify and assist qualified individuals to develop skills necessary to assume leadership positions in USATF.

List of Activities in Progress and Upcoming Events:

1. Promote diversity in Associations: Providing support and establishing roles and regulations to ensure that each Association is promoting Diversity of representation at all levels of participation in its activities.
2. Designing and Implementing a Gender Inclusion Action Plan that aligns with USATF's Strategic Priorities.
3. Conduct professional development and training on how to use the USATF Diversity & Leadership Scorecard.
 - The design and usefulness of data collected by Associations using the Scorecard will hinge on whether transparent, proactive data analysis and use become part of USATF's culture.



2020 Masters LDR Chair Report

Voted to approve the proposed Amendments of the Masters Long Distance Running Committee Operating Procedures.

Election of Officers;

- Chair – Lloyd Hansen
- Vice Chair – Bill Quinlisk
- Secretary – Doreen McCoubrie
- Treasurer – Pam Fales

Masters Athlete of the Year: Postponed

Female Road Runner of the Year: Postponed

Male Road Runner of the Year: Postponed

Otto Essig Award: Bill Roe

Masters LDR Hall of Fame – Road Runner

1. Active –
 - a. Marissa Sutera Strange
 - b. Doreen McCoubrie
2. Legend – Debra Wagner
3. Contributors – Bill Roe

Masters LDR Hall of Fame - Cross Country:

1. Active – Madeline Bost
2. Legend – Tom Dalton

Andy Carr – Records - USATF LDR Record Lookup is at usatfldrrecords.org

Rules:

1. 30mm max. for spikes
2. 40mm max. for non-spikes

It appears we will have the 2022 USA XC Championships on January 15th or 22nd. The World XC Championships in 2022 is now been announced for February 19, 2022

2021 Masters Grand Prix Schedule

Jan. 16	USATF Cross Country Championships	Cancelled	San Diego, CA,
April 25	USATF Masters 10 km Championships Janes Joyce Ramble		Dedham, MA.
June 5	USATF Masters 1 Mile Championships Rochester Mile		Rochester, NY.
June 30	WMA Championships-Non Stadia XC, 10K & Half Marathon		Tempere. Finland
Aug.	USATF Masters 5K Championships Atlanta Finest 5K		Atlanta, Ga.
Sept.	USATF Masters 12Km Championships By Hook Or Crook 12K		Highlands, NJ.
Oct.17	USATF Masters 5 km Cross Country Championships		Atlanta, Ga.
Nov. 7	USATF Masters Half Marathon Championships Syracuse Half Marathon		Syracuse, NY.
Dec	USATF Cross Country Championship		Tallahassee, FL.



Masters Track & Field Chair Report

THERE WERE NO INDOOR MEETS IN 2021 DUE TO COVID CONCERNS. THE NATIONAL MASTERS INDOOR MEET SCHEDULED FOR NEW YORK CITY WAS RESCHEDULED TO 2022.

OUR OUTDOOR MEET WAS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MIDWEST MASTERS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SPIRE INSTITUTE ON JULY 10TH. THERE WERE 92 ENTRIES, WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER BEING OUT OF OUR ASSOCIATION.

THE OUTDOOR MASTERS NATIONALS WERE HELD IN AMES, IOWA ON JULY 22-25. THERE WERE 1051 ENTRIES, THE LARGEST TURNOUT SINCE 2014.

LAKE ERIE RESULTS:

M50 - JEROME PAYNE - 100M - 11.67 - 2ND
M40 - DANIEL TUGSKEY - 200M - 22.55 - 1ST
M55 - PAUL PILLIN - 500M - 25:49.92 - 10TH
M70 - DAVID WILLIAMS - 1500M - 5:56.33 - 3RD
W50 - KELLY ROBLIN - JAVELIN - 2ND
TRIPLE JUMP - 3RD

NEXT YEARS OUTDOOR NATIONALS WILL BE IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

JEFF GERSON



Men's and Women's LDR

What's happening in the world of LDR:

- Women's 6 k Road Championship – held at Women's Festival (Canton, OH) (part of the USATF running Circuit)

2021 USATF Women's 6k Championship Women's 6k Festival

Place	Name	Affiliation	Time
1	Taylor Werner	Puma	18:21
2	Emily Durgin	adidas	18:27
3	Elly Henes	adidas	18:35
4	Fiona O'Keefe	Puma	18:41
5	Katrina Coogan	New Balance / New Balance Boston	18:42
6	Annie Frisbie	Minnesota Distance Elite	18:46
7	Lindsay Flanagan	ASICS	18:48
8	Allie Buchalski	Brooks / BROOKS Beasts TC	18:53
9	Diane Nukuri	ASICS	18:54
10	Maddie Alm	Tracksmith	19:10
11	Carrie Dimoff	Bowerman Track Club	19:15
12	Sammy George	Tracksmith	19:22
13	Elvin Kibet	U.S. Army	19:26
14	Bria Wetsch		19:29
15	Therese Haiss	Tracksmith	19:32
16	Abbie McNulty		19:37
17	Grace Beattie	Illinois State University	19:39
18	Emily de La Bruyere	Pacers Running//GRC New Balance	19:44
19	Sara Sutherland	Saucony	19:45
20	Abbey Wheeler	Providence College	19:47
21	Bethany Sachtleben	Tracksmith	19:49
22	Amelia Keyser-Gibson		19:51
23	Stephanie Sherman	University of Toledo	19:54
24	Sakiko Minagawa		19:58
25	Maddie Offstein		20:02
26	Anna Shields	Tracksmith	20:19
27	Molly Bookmyer	McKirdy Trained	20:26
28	Ashley Maton	Tracksmith	20:29
29	Whitney Macon	Tracksmith / On ZAP Endurance	20:32
30	Kristen Tenaglia		20:44
31	Madison Yerke	Tracksmith Hare AC	20:59
32	Frankie Brillante	Pacers Running//GRC New Balance	21:01
33	Bre Bakan		21:07
34	Audrey Belf		21:12
35	Ellen Isaac		21:23
36	Dianne Fisher		21:40
37	Hannah Thompson	Malone University	21:55

Olympics

- Molly Seidel (Boston,MA) placed 3rd in Marathon
- Galen Rupe placed 8th in the Marathon

New Road Race Series

- Johnnycake Jog (July 11th)

Men's

1. Joshua Park
2. Hunter Heaton
3. Aaron Benka

Women's

1. Stephanie Brown
2. Alicia Rich
3. Mallory Maher
4. Jeannie Rice

Master's

- Friday Night Lights (July 23rd)

Men's

1. Nathaniel Orndorf
2. Aaron Benka
3. Tim Haglund

Women's

1. Bre Bakan
2. Alicia Rich
3. Jeannie Rice

Master's

1. Andrew Quigg (41)
2. Bill Dennison (45)

- Peace Race (October 17th)
- Bridge-to-Bridge Half Marathon (October 24th)
- 2021 Lake Erie Association Open & Masters Cross Country Championships

It's not too late to join! We still have a majority of the race series left!



Men's Track & Field Chair Report

2020-2021

- Attended annual meeting by webinar
- Motion was made to delay election of offices until 2021 at Annual Convention
- Discussion on need shoes and fast times
- Meets for 2021:
 - USATF Sprint Summit
 - Miramall INV- Cancelled
 - Drake Relays- Cancelled
 - Grand Prix at Oregon Relays
 - Golden Games
 - Reggie Jager was 3rd 63.01 in Discus
 - Matt Lugwig was 3rd 5.70 in PV
 - Clayton Murphy was 3rd 1:45:31 in 800m
- USATF Open
- Throw Festival
 - Reggie Jager was 11th 58.47 I Discus
- USATF Inv
 - Matt Lugwig was 5th 5.60 PV
- Olympic Trials
 - Reggie Jager was 2nd 62.61 in Discus
 - Clayton Murphy was 1st 1:43.17 in 800m
 - Matt Ludwig was 4th 5.80 in PV
- Olympics
 - Clayton Murphy was 9th 1:46.53 in 800m
 - Reggie Jager (Solon) 14th 61.47 in Discus
 - Matt Ludwig (Chardon) 19th 5.50 in PV



Mountain Ultra Trail (MUT) Chair Report

A report from the 2020 Annual Meeting on the activities of the national Mountain Ultra Trail (MUT) group was submitted published earlier this year in the association newsletter.

As with other groups, 2021 has represented an abbreviated year of activities for the MUT group. To date, four national championships have been held in 2021:

April 23 - 24

2021 USATF 100 Mile Road Championships - No Lake Erie Association finishers

June 13

2021 USATF 50 km Road Championships - No Lake Erie Association finishers

August 8

2021 USATF 50 km Trail Championships - No Lake Erie Association finishers

August 15

2021 USATF Mountain Running Championships - No Lake Erie Association finishers

Four additional championships will be held later this year:

September 25

2021 USATF Half Marathon Trail Championships, Birkie (WI)

October 2

2021 100K Road Championships , Notomom 100K (CA)

November 6

2021 Marathon Trail Championships , Moab Trail Marathon (UT)

December 4-5

2021 100 Mile Trail Championships , Brazos Bend (TX)

No national championships are being held in the Lake Erie region and the association doesn't have any MUT championships.

I'm a member and the championship chair of the MUT Executive Committee which meets every 6-8 weeks on a Zoom call. There has been somewhat less activity in the group for the last 18 months or so because of the pandemic and the resulting uncertainty of events taking place across the country.

Joe Jurczyk

Mountain, Ultramarathon and Trail Running (MUT) Chair



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2021 Certification Chair Report

Submitted by Dave Woytek

Current Certifications (2021-2024)

(As of 8/18/21)

Apprentice:	21 (17)	
Association:	18 (12)	
National:	16 (14)	
Master:	20 (16)	
Total:	75 (59)	+16

Invalid Officials: 38 (77) -39

- Expired SafeSport
- Expired Background Check
- Non-Renewed Members

Break down of Officials

- Male: 51 (68%)
- Female: 24 (32%)

- Age 20-29: 7 (9%)
- Age 30-39: 2 (2%)
- Age 40-49: 5 (7%)
- Age 50-59: 20 (27%)
- Age 60-69: 29 (39%)
- Age 70-79: 11 (15%)
- Age 80+: 1 (1%)

USATF Connect

https://usatf.sport80.com/account_access

The website is designed to give you access to your information in the USATF database, including your USATF membership, SafeSport, Background Screen, and Officials Certification.



IMPORTANT: The ability of the Certification Chair (Dave Woytek) to update your information will be limited if your membership, SafeSport, or Background Screen are lapsed. Please be sure that these are updated as soon as possible.

Please review your certification with what is indicated on your official's card. If they do not match, simply send me a picture of your "old" certification card showing all your disciplines.

Certification Cards

I have received a majority of 2021-2024 certification cards and pins. Some have been handed out at the summer meets and some at the annual meeting. All other cards and pins will be mailed out in early September.

USATF National Track & Field Officials Committee Outstanding Services Awards

Since 1986 at the USATF Convention in Tampa, the National Officials Committee instituted an annual program for issuing a National Outstanding Official Awards. The National Outstanding Official Award is an opportunity for each association to demonstrate their appreciation to officials for their dynamic officiating, contributions to the organization and support to the athletes.

This year's Lake Erie Association recipients are:

- Cynthia Beacham
- Douglas Glass
- Michael Jankowski
- Kenneth Vogt

2020 USATF Selections

We currently have approximately 4,900 certified officials with an average age of 57. That age is coming down from recent years. We also have approximately 1,000 less officials from the last Olympiad. Most likely due to Background Screening and SafeSport.

This year there were 491 officials who applied for one or more of the 2020 Senior or U20 USATF Championship meets. Unfortunately, there were far more qualified officials who applied than there were positions available. If you were not selected to the meets for which you applied, I encourage you to not lose heart and to continue to work and apply. There are still many championship meets that need your skills and expertise and that will enhance your chances for future selections.

Let's congratulate the following Lake Erie Officials that were selected:

US Olympic Team Trials – Eugene, OR

- Terry Armstead – Marshal Crew
- Lyle Shull – Discus Alternate



US Indoor Championships - Albuquerque, NM

- Terry Armstead – Marshal Alternate
- Larry Dixon – Head Clerk
- Lyle Shull – Throws Crew

US U20 Championships

- Larry Dixon - Clerk Alternate
- Tony Longino-Thomas – Marshal Crew
- Christine Stancliff – Javelin Crew
- Ken Vogt – Horizontal Jumps Crew

NOTE: Only National and Master Level officials are eligible to apply the meets listed above. Please be sure that you are certified as a National or Master Level official when applying for the Championships. For example, you may be a Master or National Level official overall and you apply for the Pole Vault. But, on your card you are only listed as an Apprentice Field Events or an Association Pole Vault you do NOT meet the requirements and you will not be chosen. Below is a chart of all the level disciplines. If you wish to upgrade from one level to another, please make sure you meet all the requirements and be sure to tell me what you want to upgrade from and to. For example, if you wish to upgrade from an Association Level Shot Put, the next level is National Throws.

2020 NCAA Selections

This year nearly 900 officials applied for the (8) NCAA competitions making it a competitive and difficult selection process. There will always be more qualified officials than there are positions for at the championships. But, please continue to apply even if you were not selected this year.

Let's congratulate the following Lake Erie Officials that were selected:

Division I Indoor Championships - Albuquerque, NM

- David Woytek - Head EDM
- Douglas Glass - Head Umpire

Division I Outdoor East Preliminary - Lexington, KY

- Lyle Shull - Throws Crew

Division I Outdoor Championships - Austin, TX

- David Woytek – EDM Crew
- Douglas Glass - Umpire Crew

Division II Indoor Championships - Birmingham, AL

- Karen McKeehan – Umpire Crew

Division III Indoor Championships - Winston-Salem, NC

- Mary Santana – Horizontal Jumps Crew



Division III Outdoor Championships - Rochester, NY

- Mary Santana – Horizontal Jumps Crew
- Kenneth Vogt – Horizontal Jumps Crew
- Christine Stancliff – Head Inspector of Implements
- Kenneth Dworzniak – Starting Crew

2021 NCAA Selections

Division I Indoor Championships -

Division I Outdoor East Preliminary -

Division I Outdoor Championships -

Division II Indoor Championships -

Division III Indoor Championships -

Division III Outdoor Championships -

USATF National Championship Applications

Coming in September, applications will become available for national championships. The applications will be online and available on the NOC Dashboard (<http://noc.mach2k.net>). The applications will include:

- USATF Senior Indoor and Outdoor Championships (National and Master level officials)
- USATF U20 Outdoor Championships (National and Master level officials)
- World Athletics World Championships (National and Master level officials)

Selection Considerations and What You Can Do

Here are some perspectives on what you might do to improve your chances of selection for the major championship events.

Since there are always more qualified applicants than spots available for our championship meets, and though there is never a guarantee of selection, there are steps you can take now to better position yourself for consideration:

- Travel to meets outside of your association. Traveling allows you to see how events are run in other places and learn how to function as a part of a team of officials from



different places. This can include NCAA meets, conference championship meets, and major relay meets.

- Work USATF Youth, Junior Olympic, and Masters Championship meets. These meets give you a chance to work in a championship setting. They also allow other officials get a sense of your abilities so that you are a known official and not just a name on an application. Most of these meets also include evaluations by head officials which provide valuable information to selection committees and to you on how to improve as an official.
- Build your resume in a variety of areas. There are some events that require fewer officials than others. It is wise to be experienced in multiple areas so that there are more spots that you can fill. But make sure that your resume reflects that you have worked and are knowledgeable in the areas for which you apply.

Begin applying now and continue to apply. Do not be discouraged if you are not selected. It is not unusual for officials to not be selected every year. But if you do not apply you cannot be selected.

NCAA National Championship Applications

The registration portal to apply to work the 2022 NCAA Championship meets is now live. The application will remain open through September 30th, 2021. Assignments will be made and posted in late December.

The link is as follows:

<https://ncaatrackandfield.arbitersports.com/front/107533/Site/Default/Welcome-to-the-Starting-Line>

SPIRE Application

Please use the following link to sign up for the 2021-2022 Indoor Track Season at SPIRE Institute: <https://2021-2022-spire-officials.paperform.co>

All applications are due by September 12 by 11:59 pm.

Grants

- Young Officials Grants
- Rising Implement Inspectors Grants
- Technical Manager Grants

More Information at: <https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/grant-programs>

2020 Officials Clinics

- Basic Rules Review: 10/13/20, 10/15/20, 10/20/20
- Advanced Rules Review: 10/29/20, 11/5/20
- Recertification: 11/12/20



2021 Officials Clinic

- How to use the PV/HJ Laser Measuring Stick
- How to use FieldLynx
- Implement Inspection
- Any suggestions for future clinics?

Helpful Links:

- USATF Officials Website
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials>
- National Officials Committee Dashboard
<http://noc.mach2k.net/>
- Officials Resources and Best Practices:
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/resources-best-practices>
- Rule Books:
<https://www.usatf.org/governance/rule-books>
- Training:
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/training>
- Safety and Insurance:
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/training>
- Uniforms:
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/uniforms-and-equipment>
- Lake Erie Apparel
<https://fssportinggoods.com/collections/usatf>



Para Athletes

Listed below is the 2021 United States Paralympic Track and Field team that will be competing in Tokyo from 08/24 – 09/05.

<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
<p>Danielle Aravich, T47</p> <p>Femita Ayanbeku, T64</p> <p>Sydney Barta, T64</p> <p>Breanna Clark, T20</p> <p>Elizabeth Corso, T13</p> <p>Kym Crosby, T13</p> <p>Hannah Dederick, T54</p> <p>Jenna Fesemyer, T54</p> <p>Alexa Halko, T34</p> <p>Beatriz Hatz, T64</p> <p>Jessica Heims*, F64</p> <p>Yen Hoang, T53</p> <p>Eva Houston, T34</p> <p>Erin Kerkhoff, T13</p> <p>Noelle Lambert, T63</p> <p>Kelsey LeFevour, T53</p> <p>Cheri Madsen, T54</p> <p>Brittni Mason, T47</p> <p>Chelsea McClammer, T53</p> <p>Tatyana McFadden, T54</p> <p>Amanda McGrory, T54</p> <p>Cassie Mitchell, F51</p> <p>Jaleen Roberts, T37</p> <p>Susannah Scaroni, T54</p> <p>Taylor Talbot, T13</p> <p>Taleah Williams, T47</p> <p>Deja Young, T47</p>	<p>David Blair, F44</p> <p>Michael Brannigan*, T20</p> <p>David Brown, T11</p> <p>Jeremy Campbell, F64</p> <p>Josh Cinnamo, F46</p> <p>Tobi Fawehinmi, T47</p> <p>Ezra Frech, T63</p> <p>Michael Gallardo, F64</p> <p>Joshua George, T53</p> <p>Lex Gillette, T11</p> <p>Joel Gomez, T13</p> <p>Jonathan Gore, T64</p> <p>Sam Grewe, T63</p> <p>Erik Hightower*, T54</p> <p>Gianfranco Iannotta*, T52</p> <p>Isaac Jean-Paul, T13</p> <p>Hagan Landry, F40</p> <p>Noah Malone, T12</p> <p>Raymond Martin, T52</p> <p>Nick Mayhugh, T37</p> <p>Trenten Merrill, T64</p> <p>Justin Phongsavanh, F54</p> <p>Aaron Pike, T54</p> <p>Luis Puertas, T61</p> <p>Isaiah Rigo, T52</p> <p>Nick Rogers, T62</p> <p>Daniel Romanchuk, T54</p> <p>Rayven Sample, T45</p> <p>Scot Severn, F53</p> <p>Brian Siemann, T53</p> <p>Moray Steward, Guide</p> <p>Roderick Townsend, T47</p> <p>Jarryd Wallace, T64</p> <p>Wesley Williams, Guide</p> <p>Dallas Wise, T47</p>

<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
	Hunter Woodhall, T62 Regas Woods, T42 Tanner Wright, T46 Marshall Zackery, T35

The Lake Erie Association has 4 officials that are Para certified:

Ken Vogt

Brian Jones

Bobby Phillips

Richard Popio

Ken worked the Oklahoma Endeavor Games in Edmond, OK. He served as the Head Umpire during the track events and worked a variety of field events.

Brian worked the Turnstone Games in Fort Wayne, IN and the Junior Nationals in Denver, CO.

Bobby just certified for the first time and has yet to work any Para events.

At last count, I believe that there are about 300 officials across the country that are Para certified. I encourage all of you to get your Para certification. It is a very rewarding experience.

For additional information on how to get certified and to find meets to work, check the following website: <http://www.atfusa.org/default.html> (Adaptive Track and Field USA). You can also check out <https://www.moveunitedsport.org/> (Move United)



Recruiter Chair Report

- USATF Lake Erie Facebook Page now has 86 Likes and 101 Followers.
 - Our posts have reached 445 people with 205 engagements
 - Some posts have over 100 reached for one post
- USATF Instagram has 130 Followers, we are Following 123, and have 146 Posts.
 - This is up about 125 followers since January 2021.
- Our Social Media presence has certainly had a positive impact as it allows people to reach out to us with questions, for us to promote our meets, and to even recruit Officials
- Phil Pillin and Phil J. Pillin hosted a Rules Review for potential new Officials 10th August 2021
 - We had about 6 attendees
 - The meeting was recorded and can be used in the future
- Payton Breehl is our newest Official recruited to USATF Lake Erie.
 - We are expecting several others to be processed soon.
- I have not been able to recruit on college campuses yet
 - We will see if that will be possible this spring
- Business Cards have been passed out to people interested in becoming officials
- USATF Lake Erie was present at the Women's 6K Championship in Canton 7/17/21
 - We gave out A LOT of merchandise
- We could consider making promo videos for YouTube, Instagram, and Facebook
 - USATF Southern California has made videos like this.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzoSQRLdMe8>
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ae_ioE-3Kg
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUBKNP3icBs>
- My assessment is that there is still a lot of work to be done, but we are off to a good start.
 - Everything needs to be promoted on Social Media
 - Maybe with colorful digital flyers.
 - Keep recruiting and stay connected with the potential officials



Safe Sport Chair Report

2020-2021

- Attended annual Meeting by Webinar
- Attended meeting chaired by Madeleine Vala
- Reviewed- meaning of MAAPP- Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy
- Reviewed- all training must be done thru USATF Connect. If done outside of USATF Connect you wouldn't get credit for completing training.
- When over three ways to report misconduct: fill out form (on USATF website), Email or call 317-713-4688
- Read Monthly Newsletters on Safe Sports
- Had a one on one with Madeleine Vala to show me how to get information about who's SAFE SPORT certified and who is not. Was supposed to be able to make reports but National IT never added that ability to my Connection.
- Check Safe Sport Compliant List for people in Lake Erie area (we have one)



Webmaster Report

- Late this spring we finally received access to the new Lake Erie website
- Events are being posted as information is passed along
- There will be more content added as time goes on, it is a big shift from our old website
- The web address is lakeerie.usatf.org
- Lake Erie Association will continue to keep lakeerie.org as well, it will redirect you to lakeerie.usatf.org but many people know our address from the old website
- Sending out mass emails is still a complicated process, we are doing our best for now but I hope to keep the website current when things change with events



2020 USATF Women's Commission Meeting

Officers:

Chair – Bonnie Edmondson

Vice Chair – Wendy Truvillion

Secretary – LaVonna Martin-Floreal

2020 Annual Meeting Discussion:

Determination made to promote the Mission Statement of the Women's Commission through Success Stories featuring female leaders in USATF.

Mission Statement: To empower women in all aspects of track and field by identifying barriers and creating solutions to promote gender equity and diversity. We will highlight accomplishments and provide resources to further skill sets and leadership opportunities for women in track and field.



Women's Track & Field Chair Report

This year we had several women at the trials and later make the Olympic team

- I will start with Jessica Beard, this was only her second time as a pro to not make a final or national team.

- She made it out of the first round with a time of 51.10 but came up short in round 2 with a 51.49 in the 400 meters

- Kaila Barber also came up short, making it pass the 1st round 57.58 in the 400H, later running a 1.00 2nd Round

- Emily Infield took 8th in the 10,000 meters at the trials with a time of 32.19.94
Now our Olympics

- Adelaide Aquillia of Mags/Ohio state University, took 3rd at the in the shot put with a put of 62.2 1/4 inch, Making the team by 1/2 inch.

- Anavia Battle another Buckeye broke the college record in the 200 meter making the team with a third place Finish Both Buckeyes failed to medal at the games

Now we did have one medalist from northeast Ohio Katie Negeatte came home with the gold, this Olmsted Falls/Ashland University grad had a vault of 16-2

And lastly Brittany Mason is competing in the Paralympic right now, she has the WR in the 100 meters, a grad of Eastern Michigan and West Geauga

Tony Longino-Thomas
Lake Erie Women Track and Field Chair



Youth Chair Report

We held a Lake Erie Association Junior Olympic Championship Cross Country Meet at Columbiana High School. The Meet was held in conjunction with the open/masters meet.

The 2020 National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships were scheduled for 12/12 -12/13/2020

The Instructions stated that "Masks must be worn at all times. Masks will need to be put on as soon as they finish."

The 2020 Youth Indoor Championships scheduled for 3/20-3/22/2020 in the Ocean Breeze Sports Complex in Staten Island, NY was canceled due to Covid 19 concerns.

A big discussion during the 2020 Meetings surrounded USATF connect and getting Athlete Birth Dates Verified.

The 2021 USATF National Junior Olympic Championship was Scheduled for 7/26 – 8/01/2021 at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL. The meet happened. There was on site Covid PCR testing.

During the 2021 summer youth season and the few months leading up to our association championships it was very difficult to locate facilities that were allowing outside groups to participate at their facilities. In January there was concern whether we could hold meets at all. By the middle of May we were able to get clearance to hold the JO meet at Bedford High School. Although there was limited participation, it was nice to be able to hold a USATF LEA JO Championship. There was automatic advancement to this year's National JO Meet in Jacksonville. No Region 5 meet was held in 2021.