



Annual Association Meeting
August 25, 2024

1. USATF Lake Erie Association 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Sign-in Sheets
3. Officer and Committee Chair Reports

The recorded meeting is available at the following link:
THERE IS NO MEETING RECORDING THIS YEAR.



Annual Association Meeting

**USATF Lake Erie
Association Meeting
Minutes**



Annual Association Meeting Minutes **August 25, 2024**

President David Woytek called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. There were (32) Members in attendance and (1) virtual.

David Woytek reminded everyone of the parliamentary procedures for the meeting and asked for additional agenda topics of which there were none.

President, David Woytek, asked that the 2023 LEA Annual Meeting Minutes be Approved. Donald Porz made the motion to approve, Jeff Gerson second to accept.

Dave Woytek introduced the LEA Board. Talked about the Paris Olympics and the LEA meets for 2024 as well as the upcoming events. Dave is currently working on LEA bylaws and will email to the body when complete. Proposal of new bylaw to add past president and two (2) At Large members. Explained the "Grow to Impact" and Directors Association Grant and how monies were spent.

- Vice President – Brian Jones
- Secretary – JoAnn Kitchen
- Treasurer – Doug Glass

Starting Balance:	\$51,438.52
Total Income:	\$33,261.17
Expenses:	\$22,500.31
Ending Balance:	\$62,199.38

1. Committee Chair Reports

1. Association Chair: Dave Woytek – Included in presidents report -
2. Athlete Advisory Committee Chair (AAC): Kelly Reblin -Explained the concerns of the elite athletes
3. Club Chair: JoAnn Kitchen – 28 active clubs
4. Coaching Education Chair: Chip Johnson – Did not attend convention
5. Communication Chair: Frank Martinek – Sent 24 emails
6. Cross Country Chair: Phil Pillin – upcoming cross country meet dates
7. Diversity & Leadership Chair: Chip Johnson - no report
8. Masters LDR Chair: Doug Glass – Report attached
9. Masters T&F Chair: Donald Porz – mentioned Championships
10. Membership Chair: JoAnn Kitchen – 809 members
11. Men's LDR Chair: Luke Hickman – Road race series
12. Men's T&F Chair: John Matune – Mentioned local athletes.
13. Mountain, Ultramarathon and Trail Running (MUT) Chair: Joe Jurczyk – mentioned championships 2024
14. Newsletter Chair: Karen McKeehan – Newsletter emailed out in April and September
15. Officials Chair: Dave Woytek – 98 current Lake Erie Officials – Listed association officials awards
16. Para Athletics: Ken Vogt – 22 events in 2024 Paris Olympics
17. Race Walk Chair: Ken Vogt – No USA racewalkers in Paris Olympics
18. Recruiter Chair: Phillip J. Pillin – Active platforms – Instagram and Facebook
19. SafeSport Coordinator Chair: Brian Jones
20. Sanctions Chair: JoAnn Kitchen – 36 Sanctions
21. Webmaster Chair: Frank Martinek – Maintaining website
22. Women's Commission Representative Chair: Kelly Reblin – creating operating code – Will be a committee in 2025
23. Women's LDR Chair: Karen McKeehan – Road race series – Report attached
24. Women's T&F Chair: Anthony Longino-Thomas Absent – no report
25. Youth Chair: Brian Jones – Disconnect between Youth and National Office. Meet conflicts with USATF and AAU.

2. Officer Duties and Responsibilities

- The President shall preside at all meetings of USATF and its Board. Be an ex-officio non-voting member of all committees. Shall manage and supervise the affairs of this Association. Select committee chairs and other such members that he or she is entitled to appoint as well as other appointments authorized by these by-laws after consultation with the other officers. He or she may likewise terminate such appointments for a good cause upon written notice to such appointees and the other officers.
- The Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President and Board. In the temporary absence of the President from a meeting they shall serve as acting chair, in the above order.

- The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept all records of this Association and all minutes of the meeting of this Association and its Board and, in general shall perform all duties normally, pertaining to the office of secretary
- The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be keep a correct and complete record of accounts, showing accurately at all times the financial condition of this Association. In addition, that person shall collect all memberships for intervals and groups within the Association and provide liaison to the USATF National Office in all matters of membership, including reporting and disbursement of benefits.

3. Voting on Officers

ARTICLE 6 - VOTING MEMBERS

- All members who are over the age of eighteen are entitled to participate in voting at meetings of this Association. No individual may cast more than one vote on any motion or in any election. All voters must be current member of this Association of USATF at the time that they are voting.

ARTICLE 9 – Officers And Their Duties

- New: All officers are to be elected for four (4) years at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at every other even year. Term limits shall be for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms or until his/her successor is chosen.

4. Approval of Election of Officers: Kelly Reblin presided over the elections. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers were elected by acclamation. Phil Pillin made the motion to approve, Doug Glass second to accept.

President : David Woytek

Vice President : Jim Henson

Secretary: Sherri Liebschner

Treasurer: Doug Glass

5. Adjourn – President Dave Woytek adjourned the meeting at 4:05 P.M. Terry Armstead made the motion to adjourn, Seconded by Doug Glass.

Submitted by Lake Erie Association



Annual Association Meeting

**Sign-in
Sheets**



2024 Annual Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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Printed Name:	Donald Parr	Signature:	<i>Donald Parr</i>	USATF Membership Number:	038762
Printed Name:	Phillip Pillin	Signature:	<i>Phillip J. Pillin</i>	USATF Membership Number:	1400122949
Printed Name:	Phillip J. Pillin	Signature:	<i>Phillip J. Pillin</i>	USATF Membership Number:	1407496957
Printed Name:	Bryan Tovar	Signature:	<i>Bryan Tovar</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	Jeff Gerson	Signature:	<i>Jeff Gerson</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	John Butler	Signature:	<i>John Butler</i>	USATF Membership Number:	1461269534
Printed Name:	Kelly L. Rabin	Signature:	<i>Kelly L. Rabin</i>	USATF Membership Number:	1406269828
Printed Name:	Jonathan Franklin	Signature:	<i>Jonathan Franklin</i>	USATF Membership Number:	1719531301
Printed Name:	Benjie Jones	Signature:	<i>Benjie Jones</i>	USATF Membership Number:	14841533
Printed Name:	David D. Woychik	Signature:	<i>David D. Woychik</i>	USATF Membership Number:	1406334626
Printed Name:	Douglas Evers	Signature:	<i>Douglas Evers</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	John Matura	Signature:	<i>John Matura</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	Tim Henson	Signature:	<i>Tim Henson</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	Jaren Metzger	Signature:	<i>Jaren Metzger</i>	USATF Membership Number:	032084
Printed Name:	William Stross	Signature:	<i>William Stross</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	KAREN STROSS	Signature:	<i>KAREN STROSS</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	YEN GRINICZ	Signature:	<i>Yen Grinicz</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	Bruce Sherman	Signature:	<i>Bruce Sherman</i>	USATF Membership Number:	2050245420
Printed Name:	Chip Johnson	Signature:	<i>Chip Johnson</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	Frank Morkin	Signature:	<i>Frank Morkin</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	Walker Onwin	Signature:	<i>Walker Onwin</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	DEJUACZYK	Signature:	<i>DEJUACZYK</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-
Printed Name:	MIKE DODDLEW	Signature:	<i>MIKE DODDLEW</i>	USATF Membership Number:	-

Printed Name: Cynthia D. Beach Signature: Cynthia D. Beach USATF Membership Number: 1407595501

Printed Name: Mike Hickman Signature: Mike Hickman USATF Membership Number: 1819806254

Printed Name: Gloria Patricia Signature: Gloria Patricia USATF Membership Number: 17191662312

Printed Name: TERRY ARMSTRONG Signature: Terry Armstrong USATF Membership Number: _____

Printed Name: JACK HEZEX Signature: Jack Hezex USATF Membership Number: _____

Printed Name: Karen Dobbs Signature: Karen Dobbs USATF Membership Number: _____

Printed Name: Tim Baving Signature: Tim Baving USATF Membership Number: _____

Printed Name: Gail Bowers-Craig Signature: Gail Bowers-Craig USATF Membership Number: _____

Printed Name: Karen Mcelfern Signature: Karen Mcelfern USATF Membership Number: 2050215018

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Annual Association Meeting

2024 USATF Officer and Chair Reports



2024 President / Association Chair Report

Submitted by Dave Woytek

2024 Paris Olympics - Athletics

- Gold Medals – 14
 - Silver Medals -11
 - Bronze Medals – 9
- Total Medals = 34**

MEN	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
100	Noah Lyles		Fred Kerley
200		Kenny Bednarek	Noah Lyles
400	Quincy Hall		
1500	Cole Hocker		Yared Nuguse
Steeple		Kenneth Rooks	
5000			Grant Fisher
10000			Grant Fisher
110 Hurdles	Grant Holloway	Daniel Roberts	
400 Hurdles	Rai Benjamin		
4 x 400	United States		
High Jump		Shelby McEwen	
Pole Vault		Sam Kendricks	
Shot	Ryan Crouser	Joe Kovacs	
Mixed 4 x 400		United States	
WOMEN	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
100		Sha'Carri Richardson	Melissa Jefferson
200	Gabby Thomas		Brittany Brown
100 Hurdles	Masai Russell		
400 Hurdles	Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone	Anna Cockrell	
4 x 100	United States		
4 x 400	United States		
Pole Vault		Katie Moon	
Long Jump	Tara Davis-Woodhall		Jasmine Moore
Triple Jump			Jasmine Moore
Discus	Valarie Allman		
Hammer		Annette Echikunwoke	

2024 USATF Annual Meeting

The Lake Erie Association was Represented by the following delegates:

1. Anthony Longino-Thomas
2. Brian Jones
3. Donald Porz
4. Douglas Glass
5. Frank Martinek
6. Joe Jurczyk
7. John Matune
8. Karen McKeehan
9. Kelly Reblin
10. Kenneth Vogt
11. Phillip Pillin
12. Phillip J. Pillin
13. David Woytek

The following Lake Erie members also attended the Annual:

1. Kibwe Johnson
2. Jane Parks
3. David Pavlansky

2023 USATF Annual Meeting

- November 30 – December 3
- Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Lake Buena Vista, FL
- Click on the following link for Annual Meeting reports:
<https://lakeerie.usatf.org/getattachment/news/2024/2023-usatf-annual-meeting-reports/2023-USATF-LEA-Annual-Meeting-Reports.pdf>

BOD and Committee Chair Meetings

1. February 13
2. April 18
3. July 2

Meetings Attended

- 10/12/23: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 10/25/23: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 12/11/23: Association Grow to Impact Meeting
- 12/4/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 1/8/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 1/29/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 2/19/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 2/27/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 4/1/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 5/13/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 6/9/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session
- 6/12/24 2024: Pan-American Masters Games - Planning Session

- 7/8/24: July Grow to Impact Collaboration Meeting

2024 USATF Lake Erie Association Meets

- 02/18/24: Lake Erie Association Indoor T&F Championships
- 05/27/24: Lake Erie Association 1 Mile Road Championship - Boardman, Ohio
- 06/8/24: Katie Moon Pole Vault Classic - Olmsted Fall HS
- 06/15/24: Lake Erie Association Junior Olympic Outdoor Track & Field Championships - The SPIRE Institute
- 07/06/24: Lake Erie Association Open & Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships - The SPIRE Institute
- 07/13/24 to 07/17/24: Pan-American Master Games - Baldwin Wallace University

Upcoming Major Meets

- 09/15/24: Lake Erie Association Throws Championships - The SPIRE Institute
- 11/9/24: Lake Erie Association Cross Country Championships - Columbiana High School
- 2025 NCAA DIII Outdoor Track & Field Championships
May 29 – May 31 @ The SPIRE Institute
- 2026 USATF Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships
TBD @ The SPIRE Institute

USATF Lake Erie Association Bylaws

- **Bylaw Changes**

USATF Grow to Impact Grant

- Received \$5000 to aid in the development of programs and ideas that will increase membership growth within our association.
- Wrote the grant on 12/18/23.
- The LEA BOD generated the following initiatives to increase membership:
 1. Invest in Marketing Collateral to promote USATF. This includes, but not limited to advertisements, brochures, flyers, post cards and posters.
 2. Sponsor a recruiting table at the Ohio High School Athletic Associations Coaches Clinic, Official's Clinic, at the state indoor and outdoor track meets and at the state cross country championships.
 3. Provide prize money at The Lake Erie Association's Grand Prix (Road Race Series) to encourage more runners to purchase a membership.

USATF Board of Directors Association Grant - Grow to Impact Grant

- The Lake Erie Association requested the "Board of Directors Association Grant" in the amount of \$2,000 to purchase the implements for the Pa-American Master Games and then have them for our Open & Master's athletes in our future local Open and Master meets.
- We spent a total of \$2,390.15.

ITEM	SOURCE	QTY.	COST	TOTAL COST	DISCOUNT	FINAL COST
TURNED IRON HAMMER; 3K	Gill Athletics	2	\$99.00	\$198.00	\$99.00	\$99.00
TURNED IRON HAMMER; 4K	Gill Athletics	1	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$52.50	\$52.50
TURNED IRON HAMMER; 5K	Gill Athletics	2	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
TURNED IRON HAMMER; 6K	Gill Athletics	2	\$129.00	\$258.00	\$129.00	\$129.00
TURNED IRON HAMMER; 16LB	Gill Athletics	1	\$131.00	\$131.00	\$65.50	\$65.50
STAINLESS STEEL SHOT; 4K; 109MM	Gill Athletics	1	\$203.00	\$203.00	\$101.50	\$101.50
CAST IRON SHOT; 5K	Gill Athletics	2	\$48.00	\$96.00	\$48.00	\$48.00
CAST IRON SHOT; 6K	Gill Athletics	2	\$53.00	\$106.00	\$53.00	\$53.00
STAINLESS STEEL SHOT; 16LB; 129MM	Gill Athletics	1	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$137.50	\$137.50
S6 DISCUS; 58% RIM; 1K	Gill Athletics	1	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$44.00	\$44.00
S6 DISCUS; 67% RIM; 2K	Gill Athletics	1	\$119.00	\$119.00	\$59.50	\$59.50
GILL TRU-FLIGHT 40 JAVELIN; 600G; 40M	Gill Athletics	1	\$224.00	\$224.00	\$112.00	\$112.00
GILL TRU-FLIGHT 50 JAVELIN; 800G; 50M	Gill Athletics	1	\$248.00	\$248.00	\$124.00	\$124.00
PACER STAINLESS STEEL HAMMER; 4K; 95MM	Gill Athletics	1	\$206.00	\$206.00	\$103.00	\$103.00
PACER STAINLESS STEEL HAMMER; 16LB; 110MM	Gill Athletics	1	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$127.50	\$127.50
STAINLESS STEEL SHOT; 4K; 95MM	Gill Athletics	1	\$174.00	\$174.00	\$87.00	\$87.00
STAINLESS STEEL SHOT; 16LB; 110MM	Gill Athletics	1	\$227.00	\$227.00	\$113.50	\$113.50
S7 DISCUS; 75% RIM; 1K	Gill Athletics	1	\$102.00	\$102.00	\$51.00	\$51.00
S7 DISCUS; 75% RIM; 2K	Gill Athletics	1	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$72.50	\$72.50
Gill Athletics Shipping	Gill Athletics	1	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Polanik Fiber Glass Discus 80% Rim, 0.75 KG	4THROWS.com	1	\$99.99	\$99.99	\$0.00	\$99.99
NELCO LO-SPIN Discus, 0.75 kg	4THROWS.com	1	\$89.99	\$89.00	\$0.00	\$89.00
ATE CHALLENGER UNTURNED IRON HAMMER, 2.0 KG (TURNER)	4THROWS.com	1	\$39.99	\$39.99	\$0.00	\$39.99
4THROWS.COM Shipping	4THROWS.com	1	\$42.98	\$42.98	\$0.00	\$42.98
International Athletics Shot, 2kg. (108mm/Masters)	OnTrack and Field	1	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$36.00
OnTrack and Field Shipping	OnTrack and Field	1	\$39.71	\$39.71	\$0.00	\$39.71
First Place Iron Hammer-2kg	MF Athletics	1	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$72.00
MF Athletics Shipping	MF Athletics	1	\$9.95	\$9.95	\$0.00	\$9.95
MF Athletics Tax	MF Athletics	1	\$5.53	\$5.53	\$0.00	\$5.53
Total Cost =						\$2,390.15

Grant = \$2,000.00
 Total Cost = \$2,390.15
 Amount Paid by Association = \$390.15

- The Lake Erie Association now has implements for all age groups to use.

Lake Erie Association Sanctions

- Lake Erie Mid-ear Report

LAKE ERIE				
Standard	Details			Comments
	Population from 2020 census	4,467,768	1= Pass 0= Fail	
Individual Members, 20/100K and at least 400 total	Total Members: 1057 Minimum 400 Members/100K: 24 Total members short of meeting 20/100K: Meets Standard	meets standard	1	Year over Year +243
Organizational Members, 0.5 Clubs per 100k population	Total Clubs: 26 Clubs/100K 0.6 Total Clubs needed to meet 0.5/100K: Meets standard		1	
Sanctions, 1 per 100k population and at least 20 total	Total Sanctions: 29 Sanctions/100K: 0.6 Total Sanctions short of meeting the 1/100k: 15.67768		0	PFI Required
15 Required Championships	Championships reported	14	0	PFI Required
Fully Certified Officials	Revised 12/17 Standard	45	1	
	Certified officials	109		
Fiscal Solvency	Net Assets:	yes	1	
Communication	Website Meets all criteria:	Under Review	1	
	Annual meeting email to membership	yes		
Association Documents	2 Newsletters sent:	yes	1	
	Current Bylaws:	yes		
	Previous year 990:	yes		
	990 Proof of Submission	yes		
Representation	Your Annual Mtg. Minutes	yes	1	
	Proof of good standing	yes		
	Both Assoc Committee Sessions	yes		
	Either Workshop Session	yes		
	Annual Meeting Reps	12		
	Rev 12/17 Required Reps:	8		

- Members = 11057 (Need 894)
- Clubs = 26 (Need 24)
- Sanctions = 29 (Need 45)**
 - (7) more to come. For a total of 36. Still 9 short.**
- Championships = 14 (Need 15)
 - Does not include Throw Championship
 - Does not include JO XC Championships
 - Does not include Open & Masters XC Championships
 - Will have at least 18 championships.
- Plan for Improvement

Necrology Report

- Bernard "Bernie" Nirode
October 19, 1941 ~ July 24, 2024 (age 82)

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.

Helpful Links:

- USATF Lake Erie: <https://lakeerie.usatf.org/>
- USATF Videos:
<https://usatf.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/360003049231-Videos-Documents>
- Bylaws of Lake Erie Association of USA Track & Field Inc.:
<https://lakeerie.usatf.org/getattachment/Governance/USATF-Lake-Erie-Bylaws-2023-08-20.pdf>



LAKE ERIE

2024 Vice President Report

Submitted by Brian Jones

- Attended association workshop.
- Filled in on zoom meeting when directed by president.
- Part of decision making for association with the executive board.



LAKE ERIE

2024 Treasurer Report
Submitted by Doug Glass

LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2024

BALANCE AS OF 1-1-2024 **\$51,438.52**

INCOME

Registration - Individual and Clubs	\$9,594.50
Sanctions	\$1,562.50
Track Meets	\$15,444.50
Road Racing Series	\$0.00
Outdoor Track Championship Series	\$0.00
Bank Interest	\$622.69
Officials	\$1,000.00
Other	\$5,036.98

Total Income: \$33,261.17

Expenses

Office Expenses	\$771.98
Track Meets	\$11,549.16
Road Racing Series	\$1,170.00
Outdoor Track Championship Series	\$0.00
Annual Meeting USATF	\$975.00
Officials	\$1,126.12
Other	\$6,908.05

Total Expenses: \$22,500.31

Net Income: \$10,760.86

BALANCE AS OF 07-31-2024

\$62,199.38



2024 Athlete Advisory Committee (AAC) Chair Report
Submitted by Kelly Reblin

- No report to submit.
- Verbally discussed at Annual Meeting



2025 Coaches Chair Report
Submitted by Chip Johnson

Nothing to report.

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- 02/18/24: Lake Erie Association Indoor T&F Championships
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Will probably officiate at the following events...

- 09/15/24: Lake Erie Association Throws Championships - The SPIRE Institute
- 11/9/24: Lake Erie Association Cross Country Championships - Columbiana High School



2024 Communications / Webmaster Chair Report
Submitted by Frank Martinek

Emails Sent Via Campaign Manager for 2024:

- 24 have been sent via Campaign Manager
- 6 were sent to all member, remaining 18 to officials for track meets looking for officials and for our own meets
- Make sure you are subscribed to “Association Communications” to receive our emails

2024 USATF Lake Erie Championship Track Meets

- LEA has held four Championship track meets for far in 2024
 - Indoor Track & Field Championships @ SPIRE on 2/18/24
 - 206 entries by 106 athletes
 - Junior Olympics Championships @ SPIRE on 6/15/24
 - 135 entries by 58 athletes
 - Para Junior Olympics Championships
 - 3 entries by 1 athlete
 - Open/Masters & Midwest Regional Outdoor Championships @ SPIRE on 7/6/24
 - 461 entries by 190 athletes representing track clubs from all over the United States

Upcoming Track Meets

- Throws Championships & Throws Pentathlon @ SPIRE on 9/15/24
 - So far there are 23 entries from 15 athletes
 - Registration closes on 9/11/24, do not wait to get signed up!
- Cross Country Championships
 - More information and registration will be available soon

Website

- Formatting is largely controlled by USATF to maintain a consistent look and function across all associations
- Events and results are added when I receive the information, the same goes for updated documents and media

Ready to step down

- I am looking to step down from the positions of Communications Chair and Webmaster
- If anyone is interested in taking over, please reach out to me or the President
- I will help get you up to speed on posting things on the website and sending emails, either templates or prior events make posting new events fairly simple
- No tech experience necessary!



2024 Cross Country Chair Report
Submitted by Phillip Pillin

Once again, in 2024, the USATF Lake Erie Association will have a three race cross country series leading up to the USATF Open/Masters Cross Country Championship held at Columbiana High School on Saturday November 9. Lake Erie Open and Masters Athletes who compete in two for the three events and the November 9 Championship will receive a Lake Erie Association T-shirt.

1. . Saturday, September 21 is the Lordstown Open/Masters meet at Lordstown H.S. The race begins at 8:15 am and the entry fee is \$10.00. Day of meet entry only and I have entry forms that I can email you.
2. Saturday September 28 at the YSU/Mill Creek Park Open/Masters 5km CC Meet at 9:00 am. I have entry forms I can email you.
3. Saturday October 12 at Columbiana HS Open/Masters 5km CC Meet at 9:00 am. Day of registration only. I have entry forms I can email you.

Saturday November 9 is the USATF Lake Erie Association Youth/Open/Masters 5km Cross Country Championships at Columbiana High School. Information sheets will be out soon and all entries will be done online and NO day of Meet entries.

Other National Open/Masters Cross Country Events:

The 2024 USATF Masters 5K Cross Country Championships, hosted by T.E.A.M Boulder, will take place on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, in Boulder, CO.

December 14 is the USATF Club Cross Country Meet in Tacoma, WA . This is an Open and Masters event that has become a very popular event for teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Pillin
Cross Country Chairperson



2025 Diversity Chair Report
Submitted by Chip Johnson

Nothing to report.

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- 07/06/24: Lake Erie Association Open & Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships - The SPIRE Institute

Will probably officiate at the following events...

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- 11/9/24: Lake Erie Association Cross Country Championships - Columbiana High School



2024 Masters LDR Chair Report
Submitted by Doug Glass

2024 Masters Grand Prix Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Location</i>
Dec 9, 2023	USATF Club XC Championships Masters Women's 6K overall Winner - Carrie Dimoff <u>Lake Erie Assn. 75-79 age group Winner - Jeannie Rice - 29:31.7 - overall 97th</u> Masters Men's 8K overall Winner - Nat Larson Masters Men's 10K overall Winner - Malcolm Richards	10K, 8K, 6K	Tallahassee, FL,
Jan 20, 2024	USATF XC National Championships Masters Women's overall Winner - Carrie Dimoff Masters Men's overall Winner - Forest Braden Women's 10K - Weini Kelati Men's 10K - Cooper Teare	5K, 10k	Richmond, VA.
Feb 24, 2024	USATF Masters 5K Championships Publix Atlanta Marathon Masters Women's overall Winner – April Lund Masters Men's overall Winner – David Angell <u>Lake Erie Assn. 50-54 age group – Jason Newport - 18:31 - overall 43rd</u> <u>Lake Erie Lightning Track Club</u>	5K	Atlanta, GA.
Apr 28, 2024	USATF Masters 10 km Championships James Joyce Ramble Masters Women's 10K overall Winner – Stephanie Pezullo Masters Men's 10K overall Winner – Joseph Gray	10K	Dedham, MA.
May 19, 2024	USATF Masters 1 Mile Championships Masters Women's 1 Mile overall Winner – Kristen Rohde Masters Men's 1 Mile overall Winner – Neil McDonagh	1 Mile	Danville CA
Aug 13 - Aug 25, 2024	WMA Outdoor Championship	XC, HM	Gothenburg, Sweden
Aug 24, 2024	USATF Masters 10 Mile Championship	10 Miles	Flint, MI.
Sep 15, 2024	USATF Masters 12K Championships By Hook Or Crook 12K	12K	Highlands, NJ.
Nov 2, 2024	USATF Masters 5 Km XC Championships	12K	Boulder CO



Other 2024 Masters Races of Interest

<i>Date</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Location</i>
Mar 21- Mar 24, 2024	USATF Masters Indoor Championships		Chicago IL
		<u>Lake Erie Assn. M50 1 Mile – Jason Newport – 5:21.21 – 8th place Lake Erie Lightning Track Club</u>	
		<u>Lake Erie Assn. M70 1 Mile – David Williams – 6:32.77 – 6th place Eastern Buckeye Track Club</u>	
		<u>Lake Erie Assn. M60 3000m – Phillip Pillin – 14:07.64 – 12th place Eastern Buckeye Track Club</u>	
		<u>Lake Erie Assn. M60 3000m – Donald Porz – 14:40.14 – 14th place Over the Hill Track Club</u>	
Jul 17- Jul 21, 2024	USATF Masters Outdoor Championships		Sacramento, CA
		<u>Lake Erie Assn. M60 5000m – Phillip Pillin – 24:56.20 – 13th place Eastern Buckeye Track Club</u>	
Dec 14	USATF Club Cross Country Championships		Tacoma, WA



2024 USATF Masters Chair Report
Submitted by **Donald Porz**

Annual Meeting Report

I attended the USATF National Meeting on Nov. 30-Dec 3. Report is at the following link

<https://lakeerie.usatf.org/getattachment/news/2024/2023-usatf-annual-meeting-reports/2023-USATF-LEA-Annual-Meeting-Reports.pdf>

BOD and Committee Chair Meetings

February 13

April 1

July 2

2024 USATF Lake Erie Masters Association Meets

02/18/24: Lake Erie Association Indoor T&F Championships (106 athletes)
(49 Lake Erie Assoc. Athletes)

07/06/24: Lake Erie Association Open & Masters Outdoor Track Field
& Masters Midwest Region Meet - The SPIRE Institute (190 athletes) (62
Lake Erie Assoc. Athletes)

2024 Masters Meets

3/20-23/24 USATF National Masters Indoor T&F Championships - Chicago, IL (9 Lake Erie Assoc. Athletes)

6/15/24 Ohio Senior Games - Westerville, OH

6/29/24 Cleveland Track Classic - Cleveland Hts., Ohio

7/13-17/24 Pan American Masters Games - Cleveland, Ohio

7/18-20/24 USATF National Masters Outdoor T&F Championships - Sacramento, CA

8/13-25/24 World Masters Athletics Championships - Gothenburg, Sweden.

8/18/24 Michigan Senior Games - Rochester, MI (5 Lake Erie Assoc. Athletes)

Upcoming Meets

9/7-8/2025 USATF National Masters Throws Championships - Lisle, IL

9/15/2025 Lake Erie Assoc. Throws Championships & Throws Pent. -Geneva, OH

2/9/2025 Lake Erie Assoc. Indoor Championships - Geneva, OH

2/20-23/2025 USATF National Masters Indoor Championships - Gainesville, FL

3/23-20/205 WMA Indoor Championships - Gainesville, FL



2024 Newsletter Chair Report
Submitted by Karen McKeehan

The spring newsletter was distributed via email in April. If you didn't get a copy and would like one, please contact Frank Martinek, communications@lakeerie.usatf.org.

The fall newsletter will be distributed in mid- to late September and will include at least the following:

- A link to minutes from our annual meeting, which will include committee chair reports
- Results from our association meets, including the throws meet
- Results from our association members who participated in regional and national meets
- An update on the Road Race Series and publicity for the remaining races
- Publicity for the cross-country meet in November
- USATF annual meeting information, if available
- Other news from USATF
- Links to the USATF home pages for masters and youth
- A link to the monthly USATF officials' newsletter
- Dave Woytek may write a column from his perspective as our President

Submissions – especially pictures – are welcome! Send material to: kmckeehan@sbcglobal.net



LAKE ERIE

2024 Certification Chair Report

Submitted by Dave Woytek

Annual Meeting Report

- <https://lakeerie.usatf.org/getattachment/news/2024/2023-usatf-annual-meeting-reports/2023-USATF-LEA-Annual-Meeting-Reports.pdf>

Meetings Attended

- 12/26/23 – Midwest Region
- 2/20/24 - USATF NOC Certification Chair Meeting
- 4/24/24 - USATF NOC Certification Chair Meeting
- 6/17/24 - USATF NOC Certification Chair Meeting
- 7/7/24 - USATF NOC Certification Chair Meeting

Current Certifications (2021-2024)

(As of 8/1/24)

Apprentice:	34	(34)	
Association:	22	(20)	
National:	20	(21)	
Master:	24	(23)	
Total:	100	(98)	+2

Invalid Officials: 43 (38) +5

- Expired SafeSport
- Expired Background Check
- Non-Renewed Members
- No longer want to officiate



Breakdown of Officials

- Male: 67 - 67% (57)
- Female: 33 - 33% (28)

- Age 18-29: 5 - 5% (5)
- Age 30-39: 7 - 7% (5)
- Age 40-49: 8 - 8% (6)
- Age 50-59: 20 - 20% (19)
- Age 60-69: 33 - 33% (33)
- Age 70-79: 23 - 23% (17)
- Age 80+: 4 - 4% (1)

- Oldest Official: 84
- Youngest Officials: 21
- Average Age: 59

Top ten officials with most seniority (based on official's certification number):

1. Phillip Pillin
2. Jeffrey Gerson
3. JoAnn Kitchen
4. David Woytek
5. Larry Dixon
6. Deborah Molnar
7. Tim Barnes
8. Brian Jones
9. Nicholas Molnar
10. Lyle Shull



USATF National break down of Officials

- As of October 13, 2023, there are 4616 Certified Officials in USATF (up about 8% from a year ago), with another 310 “Pending Approval”.
- This number will fluctuate from day to day as officials’ SafeSport certification or Background Screens expire.

<u>As Of:</u>	<u>October 2023</u>		<u>October 2022</u>	
Men	3,146	68%	2,945	70%
Women	1,471	32%	1,331	30%
Total	4,617		4,276	
Apprentice	1,350	29%	1,080	25%
Association	1,097	24%	1,070	25%
National	990	21%	963	23%
Master	1,082	23%	1,074	25%
Unspecified	98	2%	89	2%
Total	4,617		4,276	
Average Age	59		59	

- As of July 31, 2024, there are 4804 Certified Officials in USATF. 188 increases since October of 2023.

Re-certification Starts November 1

With this being an Olympic year, per our Certification Regulations, Officials certified during this Olympiad may recertify for the next Olympiad starting November 1, 2024.

Officials that have never been previously certified will be granted certification for the next certification period and will not need to pay the certification fee and retake the Basic Rules review.

In the coming months, more detailed information on re-certification will be provided. The typical steps will be:

1. Renew your USATF Membership (if necessary).
2. Update your photo (if you desire) on your USATF Connect profile.
3. Complete Safe Sport training (if expired).
4. Complete and receive a current background screen (if expired).
5. Complete the Recertification Application Form and acknowledge you have read and understand the Officials' Code of Ethics and Officials' Performance Guidelines.
6. Pay the Association Certification Fee through your USATF Connect profile.
7. Pass the basic USATF rules review test (all officials). National and Master level officials must also pass the advanced review test.

2025-2028 Rules Reviews will include:

- Basic Review
- National/Master Review
- Implement Inspector
- Referee
- Race Walk

Uniform

The National Officials Uniform consists of the following:

- National solid Navy-Blue Nike polo shirt, short and long sleeve (2016/2017). There are two styles of short sleeve shirts; loose fitted and fitted. Loose fitted shirts are to be tucked in, fitted shirts can be worn out. National Polo DOES NOT include Associations logo.
- Light khaki pants or shorts. Shorts length is to be no more than 2 inches above the knee. No skirts, skorts, jeggings, jogging pants, leggings, jogging or running shorts.
- Brown or khaki belt.
- Nike preferred or non-branded athletic-style shoes. Socks shall be worn whether crew, ankle, or no show.
- National rain suit Navy Jacket Black Pants, for inclement weather (Pending additional items being added to the official's store). If an official does not have a national rain suit, then a non-branded rain suit of the same color may be worn.
- National cold weather jacket Navy or Black (Pending additional items being added to the official's store). If an official does not have a national jacket, then a non-branded jacket of the same color may be worn.



- Hats worn for outdoor events should be a national-issued ball cap or a plain white in color ball cap with small or no manufacturer logo. USATF or meet pin only. Plain khaki color bucket hat may also be worn.
- There are to be no Association Logos on any items worn at **National Meets**.
- <https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/uniforms-and-equipment>

Basic Equipment for New Officials

- <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/basic-equipment-for-new-officials/download-pdf.html>

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.

The BOD and committee chairs voted on the Outstanding Service Awards. The top (4) vote getters received the award.

This year's Lake Erie Association recipients are:

- James Henson
- JoAnn Kitchen
- Donald Porz
- Dave Woytek



2024 USATF Selections

1. Let us congratulate the following Lake Erie Officials who were selected to work the following meets:

USATF U20 Championships - Eugene, OR

- John Matune
- Bobby Phillips

U. S. Olympic Team Trials - Eugene, OR

- Dave Woytek

U.S. Paralympic National Championships – Walnut, CA

- Brian Jones
- Ken Vogt

U.S. Paralympic Team Trials – Miramar, FL

- Brian Jones

2. Let us congratulate the following Lake Erie Officials who traveled outside the Lake Erie Association to work the following meets:

USATF Masters Indoor Championships - Chicago, IL

- Julie Gauvreau
- John Matune
- Karen McKeehan

USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships - College Station, TX

- John Matune
- Donald Porz

USATF Women's 6 km Championships - Canton, OH

- Carmen Fontana
- Karen McKeehan
- Phil Pillin

Nike Outdoor T & F Nationals – Eugene, OR

- John Matune
- Bobby Phillips

Adidas T & F Indoor Nationals – Greensboro, NC

- John Matune

Huntsman World Senior Games – St. George, Utah

- John Matune



2024 Collegiate Selections

1. Let us congratulate the following Lake Erie Officials who were selected:

NCAA DI Indoor T & F Championships – Boston, MA

- John Matune
- Donald Porz

NCAA DIII Indoor T & F Championships – Virginia Beach, VA

- Karen McKeehan
- Ken Vogt

NCAA DI Outdoor T & F Championships East First Round – Lexington, KY

- Lyle Shull

NCAA DI Outdoor T & F Championships West First Round – Fayetteville, AR

- Doug Glass
- Ken Vogt

NCAA DI Outdoor T & F Championships – Eugene, OR

- John Matune

NCAA DIII Outdoor T & F Championships Officials List – Myrtle Beach, SC

- Brian Jones
- Karen McKeehan
- Christine Stancliff

NAIA Outdoor T & F Championships - Marion, IN

- John Matune
- Phillip J. Pillin
- Donald Porz



2024 Pan-American Master Games

1. Let us congratulate the following Lake Erie Officials who were selected:
 1. Terry Armstead
 2. Emily Belovich
 3. Larry Dixon
 4. Karen Dobbs
 5. Dennis Gaunter
 6. Julie Gauvreau
 7. Doug Glass
 8. James Henson
 9. Richard Hughes
 10. Barb Hunter
 11. Brian Jones
 12. JoAnn Kitchen
 13. Tony Longino-Thomas
 14. Geoff Malcomson
 15. Frank Martinek
 16. John Matune
 17. Susan McGrath-Powell
 18. Tyrone Morris
 19. Christopher Mullan
 20. Susan Pete
 21. Dalr Palumbo
 22. Phil Pillin
 23. Phillip J. Pillin
 24. Donald Porz
 25. Charlie Powell
 26. Kenneth Prince
 27. Jillian Roberts
 28. Bruce Sherman
 29. Lyle Shull
 30. Dale Smith
 31. Christine Stancliff
 32. Ken Vogt
 33. Dave Woytek
 34. Bob Zimny



NCAA National Championship Applications

The application process to officiate the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships for the 2024-2025 season is now open. The application process closes on **September 15, 2024**.

- 1) First step: login to your Refquest (RQ+) account at <https://www.refquest.com/> and select “Login RQ+” at the top of the home page. If you do not have an account, go to Refquest and select “Register” in the upper right corner.
- 2) Step two: Read the welcome letter posted on the left side of the website home page after you login.
- 3) Step three: Fill out the resume form posted on the left side of the home page. The form allows you to apply to work at the eight indoor and outdoor NCAA championship meets across all three divisions.

The 2025 NCAA Championship meets are as follows:

- March 14-15, 2025: Division I Indoor T&F Championships (Virginia Beach, VA)
- March 13-15, 2025: Division II Indoor T&F Championships (Indianapolis, IN)
- March 14-15, 2025: Division III Indoor T&F Championships (Rochester, NY)
- May 22-24, 2025: Division II Outdoor T&F Championships (Pueblo, CO)
- May 22-24, 2025: Division III Outdoor T&F Championships (Geneva, OH)
- May 28-31, 2025: Division I Outdoor T&F East First Rounds (Jacksonville, FL)
- May 28-31, 2025: Division I Outdoor T&F West First Rounds (College Station, TX)
- June 11-14, 2025: Division I Outdoor T&F Championships (Eugene, OR)

NOTE: Coming soon will be NCAA certification.

NCAA Rule Changes

The NCAA Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Rules Committee and Playing Rules Oversight Panel recently approved 13 major rules changes.

Eleven of the changes will be effective December 1, 2024. They will be included in the 2025-2026 NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country Rules Book.

One of the changes will be effective on December 1, 2026, while another will be effective on August 1, 2027.

For a summary of rules changes, go to the following link:

https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/sports/crosstrack/rules/2025-26PRXTF_MajorRulesChanges.pdf?utm_source=USATF+Certified+Officials&utm_campaign=4cc9bb1bd1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6_9_2023_5_49_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e4884c838e-4cc9bb1bd1-313131489



SPIRE Applications

- College/University Meet Officials Application:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIFPURqv7enjlB5A8a0WcNwyNhrKW2AqwL8fgoJ4At5MCtlw/viewform?usp=sf_link
- High School/Youth Meet Officials Application:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexZPLwDsCoS4B0osDyBKL24Wlg-9VBMVVSnuceTYzxp-_g/viewform?usp=sf_link
- NEOITC High School Meet Officials Application:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYHbZEJJeaHsFZ-ZWKX3P4FOh5T1H2ncO9GG85h-ksWAQpDg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please respond by 11:59 pm on September 17, 2024.

For additional information, please contact Sue Powell at: spowell@spireacademy.com

Youngstown State University Applications

- The general applications can be found here:
https://www.lightningtiming.com/Meetinfo/2024-25_YSU_Indoor_Schedule_and_Application_Forms.pdf

For additional information, please contact Donald Groubert at
groubert.ysuindoortrack@gmail.com

2025 NCAA DIII Outdoor Track & Field Championships

- May 29 – May 31 @ the SPIRE Academy
- **You must apply via Refquest (RQ+)**

2026 USATF Master Championships

- TBD @ the SPIRE Academy

Grants

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

More eligibility criteria go to the following link:

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



2024 - 2025 Officials Clinics

- Implement Inspection
- How to use the PV/HJ Laser Measuring Stick
- Para Athletics
- Race Walking
- Any suggestions for future clinics?

Helpful Links:

- USATF Lake Erie Website
<https://lakeerie.usatf.org/>
- 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>





2024 MLDR and WLDR Chair Report
Submitted by Luke Hickman and Karen McKeehan

Road Race Series

We collaborated on putting together the 2024 Road Race Series, which features six races in Northeast Ohio. Thanks to **JoAnn Kitchen, Frank Martinek, Phil Pillin,** and **Dave Woytek** for help and advice, and to all the Association members who participate. Results from the first three races (Memorial Mile in Boardman, Bay Days in Bay Village, Friday Night Lights in Mentor) are below. The remaining races in the series are the Akron Half-Marathon, Sept. 28: Youngstown Peace Race, Oct. 6: and the Lake Erie Association Cross-Country championship, Columbiana, Nov. 9. Further details on the Road Race Series are on the Association website:

<https://lakeerie.usatf.org/news/2024/2024-usatf-lake-erie-road-race-series-rules>

Women's 6 KM Championships

On July 13, Canton hosted the 2024 USATF Women's 6 KM Championships. This road race was part of the USATF Running Circuit, and points and prize money were awarded to the top ten places. Annie Rodenfels won with a time of 18:03. LEA officials **Mike Edelman, Carmen Fontana, Tom Koskinen, Karen McKeehan,** and **Kelli Pastore** were there to make sure everything went well. Special thanks to **Phil Pillin** for coordinating all this. We were delighted to have a national championship in our Association and to see some of the best distance runners in the country.

The USATF Running Circuit is a USATF road series featuring USATF championships from one mile through the marathon and consistently attracts the best American distance runners with more than \$500,000 to be awarded in total prize money. A total of \$20,100 in prize money was awarded at the USATF 6 km Championships. The remaining races on the USATF Running Circuit are the 20 KM Championships on

Sept. 2 in New Haven, CT; 10 KM Championships on Sept. 21 in Northport, NY; and 5 KM championships on Nov. 2 in New York, NY.

Current Road Race Series leader board (top 3 win prizes at the end of the year)

Open Men

James Mooney, Mark Grogan, 15 points
Cody Dawson, 12 points

Open Women

Becca Schulte, Ashton Swinford, 15 points
Catherine Joecken, Macy McAdams, 12 points

Masters Men

Donald Porz, 18 points
Michael Edelman, John Fernandez, Luke Stecki, 15 points

Masters Women

Sheri Liebschner, Jeannie Rice, Cindy Wildman, 15 points



2024 Men's Track and Field Chair Report
Submitted by John Matune

2023 USATF Annual Meeting Orlando, Florida

Nov 30 – Dec 3 Attended
Submitted Report which is available on the Lake Erie Website

2024 USATF Lake Erie Open Track/CC Meets

Feb 18 – Open and Masters Indoor
July 6 – Open and Masters Outdoor
Sept 15 – Lake Erie Throws and Pentathlon
Nov 9 – Lake Erie Cross Country

2024 Meetings Attended

Attended meetings prior to meets to assist with meet details.

Men from Lake Erie Association in the Olympics

Trevor Bessett – Trevor is from Bluffton and attended Ashland University. He competed in the 400m Hurdles where he made it to the semi-finals. Trevor now trains at the University of Florida.

I am not aware of any other Men from our Association who were at the Olympic Games. Trevor is the only name found in a web search.

2024 Officiating

I attended a variety of meet this year trying to represent Lake Erie in a positive manner. Also spreading the word that Lake Erie Officials are willing to travel to their meets if we know about them. If there is a meet you want to go to, contact the meet director.

Personal Note

This was my first year as Men's Track and Field Chair. If anyone has any suggestion as to how to do more for our association please let me know.

John Matune
menstf@lakeerie.usatf.org



2024 Para Chair Report
Submitted by Ken Vogt

In May, the US sent 30 athletes to the Para World Championships in Kobe Japan. The US finished 5th in the medal count with 24 (6 Gold, 13, Silver, 5 Bronze). Brittini Mason from the Cleveland area came home with a Silver in T47 200M with a time of 25.10.

The 2024 Paralympics will take place in Paris from 08/29 – 09/07. The US will be sending 54 athletes. You can find complete information including the schedule at <https://olympics.com/en/paris-2024/information/competition-schedule-for-the-paralympic-games>. Select events will air on CNBC, USA Network, E! and NBC, while all 22 Paralympic events will be available to stream on Peacock.

Brittini Mason and Jenna Fesemyer will be representing the Northeast Ohio area.

Currently there are 5 Lake Erie members that are Para certified. Only 2 of the 5 are actively working Para meets. In 2024 Ken Vogt and Brian Jones were selected to work the Para Nationals in March at Mt. Sac. Ken also worked the Endeavor Games in Edmond, OK and Fort Wayne, IN. Brian has also worked the Endeavor Games in Fort Wayne and the Para Trials in Miramar, FL.

Over the last couple of years, I have had several officials tell me that they want to get involved. With USATF recertification happening this year, you can also get certified in Para. You can go to WWW.ATFUSA.ORG to get all of the information you need to get certified. With the Olympics/Paralympics coming to LA in 2028, this could be a great opportunity.



2024 MUT Chair Report
Submitted by Joe Jurczyk

There are no Lake Erie Association MUT (Mountain Ultra Trail) events in 2024 .

2024 National Championships to Date

100 Mile Road	Jackpot 100	2/16/2024	Henderson, NV
50 KM Road	Heckscher State Park 50K	3/10/2024	East Islip, NY
100K Road	Mad City	4/20/2024	Madison, WI
Vertical Mountain	Loon	7/7/2024	Lincoln, New Hampshire
Mountain Running Champs	Cirque Snowbird	7/13/2024	Snowbird, UT
50K Trail	Tamalpa Headlands 50K	8/17/2024	Muir Beach, CA

Upcoming National Championships

Marathon Trail	Birkie	9/28/2024	Cable, WI
50 M Road	Tussey Mountainback	10/27/2024	State College, PA
Half Marathon Trail	Moab	11/2/2024	Moab, UT
10K Trail	Dirt Circus 10K	11/16/2024	Bentonville, AR
24 Hour	Fat Ox	11/17/2024	Nevada

Lake Erie Finishers (year to date)

Jackpot 100: Walter Orwin, Chagrin Falls OH 63 M AG1 19:44:29

Heckscher State Park 50K - None

Mad City - None

Loon - None

Cirque Snowbird- None

Tamalpa Headlands 50K - None

I'm the Championship Chair and Member of the MUT Executive Committee for USATF. My primary role on the committee is to solicit national championship bids for various distances/events, answer questions and present submitted bids at our meetings. The committee, which meets on Zoom every 4-6 weeks and I have attended 5 of the 6 meetings this year. I will be the USATF liaison at the Moab and Dirt Circus events later this year.



2024 Race Walk Chair Report
Submitted by Ken Vogt

I am sorry to report that the state of Race Walking in the US appears to be on life support. There were no entries from the US in any of the 3 Olympic Race Walk events (M 20K, W 20K, Marathon Race Walk Relay Mixed). The relay was a new event for 2024.

In doing research for this report, I did a lot of searches to make sure that I didn't miss anything. In my searches, I came across a commentary/opinion article (see link following). Apparently, this is the 1st time since 1904 that the US has not had a Race Walk entry in the Olympics. Link:
<https://www.3wiresports.com/articles/2024/6/29/dont-laugh-no-american-in-the-race-walk-since-1904-this-is-a-problem-it-needs-solution>.

There are no events or results posted on the USATF website. I have not received any emails or updates from anyone associated with the Race Walk committee.

I am planning on attending the USATF Annual Meeting and will attend the Race Walk breakout session. I am going to guess that this will be a big topic of discussion.



Recruiter Chair Report
Submitted by Phil J. Pillin

- USATF Lake Erie Facebook Page now has 261 Likes and 348 Followers (8/11/24).
 - Which is up from 197 Likes and 255 Followers from this time last year.
- USATF Instagram has 360 Followers, we follow 227, and have 658 Posts.
 - This is up about 60 followers since last year.
- I believe that our social media presence is having a positive impact as it allows people to reach out to us with questions, for us to promote our meets, and to even recruit.
- We have continued to recruit new Athletes, Officials, and Members
 - We are at about 100 Officials.
 - + 5 from last year
- I have been slowly recruiting on college campuses when officiating meets.
 - Coaches have been interested in talking to graduating seniors.
- We also have the USATF LEA YouTube Channel.
 - We started a USATF LEA YouTube Channel over a year ago.
 - We currently have 15 Subscribers on YouTube (underdeveloped).
- My assessment is that there is still a lot of work to be done (Same as last year).
 - Everything, especially meets, must be promoted on Social Media
 - Keep recruiting and stay connected with the potential athletes and officials
- We need to focus on retention of officials, coaches, athletes, and other members
 - With this being the 2024 Olympiad, we are anticipating losing about 12 officials.
- At the 2023 USATF Annual Meeting I attended the Media Marketing meetings
 - They said that it was very important to not have platforms that are not used much
 - This might mean that if we are not going to invest as much in YouTube, we may need to close the account.
 - USATF switched from a monthly marketing kit to a marketing portal, to which only association presidents currently have access.
 - They also encourage us to reuse old materials
- We need to promote more photos on social media of our meets.

- I need help doing this from other members as I am often officiating the meet.



2024 Safe Sport Report
Submitted by Brian Jones

- At convention most of the session were part of training for MAAPP- Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies.
- Had a speaker talk about grooming.
- Was on Monthly Zoom meeting for SafeSport

- Received monthly Safe Sport at USATF Newsletter

- Filled out paperwork for Volunteer at association who were not safesport certified and sent it back to national office.
- Answered questions on SafeSport training and yearly recertification.



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2024 Women's Commission **Chair Report**

Submitted by Kelly L. Reblin

Annual Meeting Report

- <https://lakeerie.usatf.org/getattachment/news/2024/2023-usatf-annual-meeting-reports/2023-USATF-LEA-Annual-Meeting-Reports.pdf>

Meetings Attended

- 01/21/24 – USATF Women's Commission Operating Codes Subcommittee

Projects

- Assigned by LaVonna Martin Floreal to the Operating Codes Subcommittee with Terry Crawford and Julie McKinney
- Determined in May, 2024 that the Women's Commission is slated to become a Committee in 2025





2024 Youth Chair Report
Submitted by Brian Jones

- ❖ Attended Youth Summit last Oct in Indiana.
- ❖ Attended Annual convention in FL.
- ❖ Hosted Indoor and Association meet for youth.
- ❖ Again, we had issue with AAU having an association meet the same weekend as ours.
- ❖ Answered questions about registering for the association meet, finding clubs to run on and verifying birthdates.
- ❖ Several youths ran at Jr Olympic in Tx. None reached All-American statue.
- ❖ Youth National results are:
 - Oberlin Spikes
 - 1st Oliver Wooten 1500RW 11-12 boys
 - 2nd 11-12 boys 4x800R (Wooten, Himes, Lyon and Wooten)
 - 4th Preston Himes High Jump 11-12 boys
 - 8th Haper Lyon Javelin 9-10 Boys
 - Cleveland Youth Running Club
 - 1st Lucas Thomas 3000 11-12 boys, 5th 1500 and 7th javelin.
 - 6th Evan Thomas 1500 9-10 boys
 - 9th Nolan Thomas 1500 8 under boys
- ❖ As of today, I don't know where the Indoor meet, Youth National or Jr Oylmpic will be. Either nobody submitted a bid or couldn't
- ❖ People didn't have a good opinion of Station Park, TX and how the national was run.