

UNITED STATES WOMEN'S TRACK COACHES ASSOCIATION

USWTCA Meeting – USATF Annual Meeting 2020

Meeting called to order at 11:11 am

Participants:

Cristy Snellgroves – President

April Smith – 1st Vice President

Simone Terry - Secretary

Kim Dismuke – Treasurer

Shariffa Barksdale – Moderator

Additional Guest Present

Cristy Snellgroves - History of Organization

Kim Dismuke – Treasurers Report

- Current Account Balance - \$1075
- Before Pay Pal Deposits - \$948.84
- Previous Balance - \$626.75–
- Nel Jackson scholarship funds have been held by the National Office. We are working with the National Office to get the funds transferred back to USWTCA and they have agreed to do so. get the deposit of a large sum out to USWTCA.
- Two scholarships were awarded before COVID but have not yet been paid out.

April Smith – 1st VP

April shared a greeting and a little about her background.

Simone - Secretary

Simone shared a greeting and a little about her background.

Cristy Snellgroves – Scholarships

Had two scholarship applications from the same school. There is a need to get the information out. They applied in Oct-Nov, and the due date was May 1st. We are still working on getting the previous scholarships out. The plan is to add them in for the next season. We want to get the word out. If anyone sees anything on the website or has ideas or recognition or blogs, let us know.

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Cristy Snellgroves – Website

- She would like to add the website as a line item. <https://www.uswtca.com/>
- If anyone can help with the website on Wix let us know. – Simone Terry offered help.
- Would like to possibly appoint delegates for all the different divisions. – Bring Ideas into the group and bring awareness of what we have out.
- Networking board on the website.
- Joy Upshaw – Talked about getting out as a blurb to associations emails, so people are aware that we have scholarship money
- April Smith - Verbal activity – Give out that information at every event we attend or speak at. We should inspire through word of mouth.

Sonja Robinson – Do we support women that coach men. Would we consider this so Women can get head coaches positions that are combined? Fear that there are not very many women that coach the entire program because of lack of experience coaching men.

- Christy - Empathized and has experienced this. We want to be the voice of equality across all standards.
- April – The legislation of Title 9 includes women, but it would be interesting to look at men
- Kim – Shared experience as the first women Head Coach for the Men’s team. Shared experience.
- Renee - Kim has been an outstanding leader for women coaches. There are women who are head of men and women's practice, at least at the community college levels. I have for 37 years. It has been a challenge for sure.
- Sonja – Feels like the spot in the room when it comes to major event. It is predominantly male. She is typically one of only female. They gave her information at the last minute.
- April – A lot of women have dealt with being overlooked. When you walk in the room you have to be proactive and let them know you are there. Female coaches sit in shadows or let the men guide the meeting. The more you can let them know you are serious, the more help you will get. Sometimes it is accidental. So what we are doing is breaking ground. When the other women do well you do well it allows. This is sometimes stemmed from political correctness and fear. Would love to hear from other men.

Cristy – Monthly Meetings

- Would love to have a monthly Zoom call to collaborate. April agreed it was great. We may not be able to make it every month, but we can put out topics for the month to collaborate.
- People can then break out into other groups if someone has a problem.
- Christy will send out information.
- Will put information on FB page.

Christy – FaceBook

- If we have someone to take on the FB and Instagram posting, we are looking for a volunteer. – April will take FB. We will keep reaching out for help with Instagram.
- Erica – You can link the FB and Instagram - Erica Fraley will assist April Smith

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Christy – Other Updates

USATF has other coaching opportunities and grants on their site. A lot of education opportunities now online.

Encourages people to attend the Women's Commission meeting at 10:30 am 12/5/2020. Shariffa commented they have done an amazing job of setting up this meeting despite being virtual.

April – Annual Award

We always do a special honor

Marissa Chew – Went above and beyond to start the Coaching Education platform. We will be giving her a call. She does not know she is receiving the award and recognition.

- Marissa shared about the Coaches Collab that she started in Mid March. She began to get a group of people together that she knew to share some thoughts around coaching and talk as this was a unique time. She put up a FB post with 62 names. Within 24 hours, the number doubled, and then, within another 24 hours, it quadrupled. Then at the first zoom call, there were 12 people and random names. From there, the desire started flowing, and now it is established as an LLC. They do not want to rival any entities. They want to complement what everyone is doing. We lose the artistic side after CE. This is where we can talk about and grow ideas. Over the last 9-10 months, 3500 members and international.

Membership

Applications online – Yearly or Lifetime. – Better Communication – Zoom calls

Joy asked if there is a record of the membership. cristryrunsmile@yahoo.com

- On the list to add active members on the website.
- Award Recipients
- Possible members only feature

If you want to pay by check, it will go to Kim - 4928 W Wahalla Lane Glendale AZ 85308 - 602 620 7765

PayPal is linked on the website.

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Meeting Adjourned