

United States *Luge* Association

ANNUAL MEETING of MEMBERS
August 22, 2015

Minutes

Board of Directors Present: Dwight Bell, Peter Gillwald, Brian Martin, Chris Mazdzer, Brian Martin, Jeff Stratton

Members Present: Doug Bohl, Jill Cardinale, Milton Farbstein, Maryann Germaine, Robert Germaine, Robert Hughes, Nancy Mayers, Joseph Meadows, Joey Meadows, Frank Segger,

Guests Present: Liz Clark, Claire DelNegro

Staff Present: Jim Leahy, Gordy Sheer, Mark Grimmette, Amy Chapin

The Meeting was called to order at 2:15pm.

Approval of Minutes of 2014 Assembly

With no comments on the minutes of the 2014 Annual Assembly, Dwight called for a Motion. Motion to Accept Minutes of 2014 made by Milt Farbstein, second by Bob Germaine - PASS

Report by the President – Dwight Bell

Mr. Bell reported that USA Luge has made excellent progress since our Bylaws and Structure was overhauled last year to bring us into compliance with NY State Laws and the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act. He continued that we are a member based organization that is performance based.

Mr. Bell also reported that he was happy to announce that the Contract of CEO Jim Leahy was approved the BOD Meeting through 2018.

Internationally, the FIL Congress will be held in Lake Placid in June of 2016 with the help of ORDA and the approved World Cup schedule has 2 General Class World Cup events to be held in the USA this December. The FIL has also had a Bylaw amendment to allow an Athlete in a voting position for the first time. USA Athlete Chris Mazdzer holds this position. Mr. Bell took this opportunity to introduce Claire DelNegro, FIL VP of Sport who is joining us today.

The BOD has issued an RFP for the possible relocation of the National Offices. We have been pleased to receive responses from both Lake Placid and Park City regarding their interest. The BOD will appoint a working group for this matter that will keep the BOD updated.

The BOD adopted the Budget today that shifts the fiscal and membership year from a 6/30 end date to an 8/31 end date. This will fall in line with the USOC Annual Grant.

Mr. Bell was part of the IOC Evaluation Committee that awarded the 2022 Games to Beijing, China.

In closing Mr. Bell said he believes the Board is functioning at a very high level, working hard and representing the organization well.

Report by the CEO – Jim Leahy

Mr. Leahy thanked the BOD, Mr. Bell and all those who were in attendance today for coming. He recapped our successful season last year and again added that we are looking forward to hosting 2 World Cup events in the USA next year as well as one in Calgary. With this we will give our athletes a competitive home field edge, but this doesn't come without a price tag as we will need to subsidize the TV production costs.

Mr. Leahy continued that our success in Sochi has given us momentum. We have 89 athletes in our Team Structure, we have started a branding community and we continue to offer a free recruitment program. We continue to build a best in class organization and the U.S. Olympic Committee is our most important Partner and our annual grant us up 15% this year.

We are continuing to work on building sleds domestically, and have a number of new partners to assist with this endeavor.

Our Foundation has had a number of Bylaw changes increasing its Board from 8 to 14 members. They have a long range strategic focus on fundraising.

Mr. Leahy closed by saying that although we have some revenue struggles we continue to move the organization in a better direction. He thanked the Board of Directors, Staff and Members for their hard work throughout the year.

Other Business

Mr. Leahy was happy to announce and present the following annual awards:

Venezia Award: Chuck & Sandy Yanke

Jenkins Award: Pete Gillwald

In addition we awarded the Athlete of the Year Awards for the past two years as they were not awarded last year. Those awards were given to:

2013-2014

Jr. Male: Tucker West

Jr. Female: Summer Britcher

Male: Chris Mazdzer

Female: Erin Hamlin

Team: Kate Hansen, Chris Mazdzer, Matt Mortensen/Preston Griffall

2014-2015

Jr. Male: Elijah Pedriani

Jr. Female: Brittney Arndt

Male: Tucker West

Female: Erin Hamlin

Team: Emily Sweeney, Chris Mazdzer, Matt Mortensen/Jayson Terdiman

2015 Matarese Award: Duncan Segger

2015 Most Improved Junior:

Male: Elijah Pedriani

Female: Brittney Arndt

Appointment of Independent Auditors – Jim Leahy

Motion to Appoint McSoley McCoy as the Independent Auditing Firm made by Bob Germaine, second by Bob Hughes-PASS

With no other items for discussion, the Meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM and Dwight invited all Members present and their families to the Luge Office for a barbeque from 4:30-6PM