

United States *Luge* Association

ANNUAL MEETING of MEMBERS
October 22, 2016

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by USLA President Dwight Bell after verification of a quorum from Amy Chapin.

Approval of Minutes of 2015 Assembly

With no comments on the minutes of the 2015 Annual Assembly, Mr. Dwight Bell called for a Motion. Motion to Accept Minutes of 2015 made by Mr. Jeff Stratton, second by Mr. Bob Hughes – Motion Carried

Report by the President – Mr. Dwight Bell

Mr. Bell reported on the productive year just completed by the USLA. His remarks included the overall budget growth and the vastly improved athletic results that's putting the association in a great position to win medals. He also addressed the continued partnerships with the USOC and the FIL. He also outlined the negotiations concluded by the USLA Board in May of 2016 that brought \$6M in funding from the State of New York.

He finished by praising the entire USLA staff for their hard work and dedication in fulfilling the mission of supporting the success of all our athletes.

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

Report by the CEO – Mr. Jim Leahy

Mr. Leahy gave an overview of the previous season's athletic success. He discussed the value of multiple World Cups in North America, and the great strides the association has made with all their stakeholders which included sponsors, donors, USOC, FIL, ORDA, UOP and NBC.

He thanked ORDA for their strong partnership by working with USA Luge to host the FIL Congress this past June in Lake Placid.

He went on to explain the commitment breakdown via the new deal with the State of New York that enabled the association to continue to call Lake Placid its home.

He addressed the addition of two new sponsors, US Venture and World Financial Group that recently signed on through 2018. He also addressed two new full time hires, Bengt Walden and Matt Oakes, which recently joined USLA and are working hard to put our athletes on the podium.

Mr. Leahy closed by saying that the entire organization is focused on providing all the resources possible to help our athletes be successful. He humbly thanked the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, club members and officials for all their hard work throughout the year.

Appointment of Independent Auditors – Mr. Jim Leahy

After a brief discussion and via our bylaws, Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the appointment of McSoley McCoy as the independent auditing firm for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Motion to approve the appointment of McSoley McCoy as the Independent Auditing Firm for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Made first by Mr. Jeff Stratton, second by Mr. Don Simkin. Motion Carried

AWARDS – Mr. Jim Leahy, Mr. Mark Grimmette

The following awards announced by Mr. Leahy

- Sam Venezia Award – Fred Anderson
- John Jenkins – Dave Garland
- Special retirement recognition to Julia Clukey

Athlete awards announced by Mr. Grimmette

- JNT Male Athlete of the Year – Jonny Gustafson
- JNT Female Athlete of the Year – Brittney Arndt
- SNT Male Athlete of the Year – Chris Mazdzer
- SNT Female Athlete of the Year – Summer Britcher
- Team Award – Lake Placid 2015 World Cup winner – Erin Hamlin, Chris Mazdzer, Justin Krewson and Andrew Sherk

ELECTIONS – Ms. Mary Ann Deignan

As the Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee, Ms. Deignan thanked Jeff Stratton for his service to the Board. She then put forth the following nominees for election to the USLA Board:

For Independent Director: Mr. Adam Berlew

For Eastern Club Director: Mr. Don Simkin

For Western Club Director: Mr. Pete Gillwald

Mr. Bell asked for a Motion to approve the nominees as a block by acclamation.

Motion to Approve the Nominees presented by the Nominating Committee for seats on the USLA Board. Motion made first by Mr. Bob Hughes, second by Ms. Erin Warren. All in Favor -Motion Carried

Ms. Deignan then addressed the recent AAC Election run separately by the Athletes with the help of the USLA. She noted that Mr. Brian Martin was no longer eligible to run because he fell outside the Ten Year Rule. She announced that Matt Mortensen was elected as the AAC representative to fill Mr. Martin's seat and that Julia Clukey was elected as the Alternate AAC representative and will retain her seat on the USLA Board.

With no other business to conduct and no additional comments, Mr. Bell asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn - Made first by Ms. Erin Warren, second by Mr. Jeff Stratton. All in Favor -Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:42PM.