



USATF Southern Association
Annual Meeting
Pinache
8/17/13
9:00 a.m.

Meeting attendees: Clarence Morgan, Jr., Stewart Blue, James Simmons, Barrett Nugent, Leroy Brisco, Byron Turner, Lakesha Davis, Vincent White, Wando Stampley, Sr., Debra Stampley, Richard Davis, Leesa Augustine, Marvin Early, Trent Ellis, Vanassa Ursin, Al Olive, Pam Carey, John Boyer, Donald Mills, Keith Johnson, Rhodna Robertson, Shawnica Turner, Keturah Maurice, P. Auzenne, Dennis Groll, Jackie Callender, Kathy Early, Carlton Austin, Mrmie Austin, Mr. Yusuf, Joseph Sincere, John Solte, Eric Engemann, Rashad Hannah, David Georgetown, Gloria Louis, Phillip Travis, Damon Brumfield, Herbert Jefferson, Lionel Leach, Dianne Hall, Lloyd McMillan, Jerica Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Groll.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Burnett King, Sr. led the group in prayer

Roll Call of Clubs

Secretary Buckley did the roll call of clubs. Of the 66 registered clubs, there were 17 present. Because we needed 25% of the total clubs available, we needed 17 in order to have a quorum and be able to address the business of the Association.

Introduction of USATF National Youth Chair

National Chair Lionel Leach addressed the group. He congratulated the Association on a job well done this past year. He stated he had been looking across the board at the numbers at the Association meet and the Regional meet. He congratulated the Southern Association on a job well done with those two meets. He stated they had 8300 athletes at the National meet this year.

QUESTIONS/ANSWER SESSION

1. Someone inquired about the location for the Junior Olympic meet for next year. Mr. Leach informed them that Houston is looking brighter/good
2. Did you ever think about combining AAU/USATF together?
USATF is the governing body of track and field. AAU and USATF handle things differently (ie. Individual age groups – USATF has two age groups)
3. How do you personally feel about an officer of an organization hosting a meet with another organization on the same day as the organization he/she is an officer of?
As it was stressed personally Mr. Leach wouldn't tell us how an organization would handle this matter it was understood that if the person who was elected to do a task and was not performing that task, the members of the organization have the right to get rid of them.

Kathy Early asked a question pertaining to the Executive Committee Meetings. She was informed that the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held the night prior will be made available to the body. They would be forwarded a copy of the minutes via email as well as the minutes would be posted on the website. It was stated that various committees were formed and the minutes would identify those committees and their makeup.

Reading of minutes of preceding meeting

Minutes from the January 19th Association meeting were presented to the body and accepted with technical adjustments made to correct the 1st vice as he was identified as the 2nd vice. It was also noted that the statement made by 1st Vice president Byron Turner in regard to him resigning after the meeting was made publically and needed to be addressed publically. After the acceptance of the meeting Byron Turner rescinded his statement and indicated verbally that he would continue to serve in the capacity as the 1st Vice-President.

Treasurer's Report

Association Treasurer Dr. Martha Harris made available a hard-copied Account Transactions report from January through July which was presented to the Executive Committee the night before. Question was asked if the 2013 Budget was approved prior to spending. Clarification was made as to the fact that the budget was accepted as approved by the Executive Committee on January 18th. Copy of this report is always made available to the body on the Association's website.

Report of Officers and Committees

Dennis Groll – Association President gave his report. He stated that he had six initiatives when he got in office: 1) They by-laws be re-written. They passed in January and listed/posted on the website. He thanked the by-laws committee chaired by Rev. Burnett King and assisted by Keith Johnson. 2) Increase in participation in meets; 3) Website – more functional, additional information; Coaches Education
4) Racewalking; 5) Increase in renewals of certification 6) Youth Chair/Meet Directors work closer together to assure better quality meets.

Committees were established last night at the Executive Committee meeting. The minutes from the Executive committee meeting will be made available to the body by forwarding a copy electronically in addition to possibly posting the minutes on the website.

1st Vice-President Byron Turner identified his area of responsibility as is identified to the new organizational structure within the by-laws. He oversees the Sports Committees.

Sports Committees consists of: Men's & Women's Track and Field, Race Walking, Masters Track & Field, Youth Athletics.

2nd Vice-President Rev. Burnett King, Sr. stated his role

He is the President overseeing Administrative Committees, Law and Legislation, Officials, Records and Recognition Athletes Advisory, Coaches Advisory and Athletes for the Disabled

Ms. Pam Carey was introduced as the Chair of the Athletes for the Disabled Committee.

3rd Vice-President Carlton Austin stated his role.

He oversees Education Committees, Coaching Education, Long Distance Running. He said when he was elected he sent an inquiry out to all the Coaches last year. He didn't receive any responses. We need to understand the need to education our kids, we need to teach at the youth level.

Secretary Earlett Buckley gave her report

Sanctions – To date we have 63 events that have been sanctioned. In 2012 we had 54 clubs registered and 1,888 individual members, inclusive of youth, open and masters athletes as well as spectators. We currently have 66 clubs registered with individual membership of 2,308. Currently reflecting an increase of 420 members. 9 clubs from 2,012 did not renew membership. Examples of how some birth certificates are forwarding to the Secretary

were also presented to the body. Noted past minutes, (ie. Page numbers and dates showing that deadlines were in place in past years) There needs to be a deadline set for date of birth verification to allow time to clean up any profiles that have discrepancies. For public acknowledgement asked Leesa Augustine to confirm that she did make every effort to assist her with sanctioning her event until it became an issue after she stated it was a youth track meet at that point in which she was redirected to the Youth Chair.

Youth Chair Leroy Brisco gave his report

He thanked the clubs that hosted meets this past year. He stated that this year deadlines will be followed. No exceptions.

He then went on to discuss the Cross Country meets.

He asked if any person was interested in hosting developmental Cross Country meets
Coach Carlton Austin indicated that he wanted to host a meet on Saturday, September 28, 2013

Dennis Groll of Peak Performance asked that he host four developmental cross country meets to be held on
October 3rd, October 10th, October 17th, and October 24th

Question was asked of him, if the meets are held on Thursday how is it expected that someone from another area participate in the meet. His response was he understood developmental meets to be meets that are held and the community area athletes participate.

Leroy went on to ask if anyone was interested in hosting
the Association Championship cross country meet which is scheduled to be held on November 23rd.
Youth Xpress Track Club expressed an interest

Motion was made to allow the Association to host the Cross Country Championship meet until criteria can be established by which bids are accepted for track meets

Jackie Callender called for a recount of the Quorum –

It was explained to him by Keith Johnson, Association Parliamentarian that if we do not have a quorum because he has questioned the quorum then from the point where we are and moving forward the remaining items on the agenda can be discussed as informational items only as no vote nor action can be taken.

Roll call was made and we did not have a quorum.

Official's Chair Gloria Louis gave her report. She stressed to the Meet Directors, if you need officials to work your track meet organize the request with her and she will get the notification out to the officials. She identified New Orleans as th first site on her list to host an Official's clinic. Recertification to resume in September. She will have the calendar posted on the website.

She identified those individuals who work with her with certification:

Mr. James Simmons, Lloyd McMillan, Pam Carey, Rev. Burnett King, Al Olive, and Donald Mills.

Rashad Hannah took the opportunity to thank Ms. Louis for helping coordinate the officials for the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference meet.

Donald Mills stressed the need to thank Ms. Louis as he stated she doesn't get enough thank you's.

It was noted that the Southern Association is ranked #8 out of 57 Associations in Officials.

Barrett Nugent – Athlete stated he was glad to be a part of the Association. He stated that he was looking forward to getting more involved.

Trent Ellis was named Chair of the Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee

Acknowledgement from Coach Charlie Floyd (SW Ms. Roadrunners)

Coach Charlie Floyd took a moment to thank everyone who provided assistance to help make the Regional track meet a success. He named individuals that assisted him: Gloria Louis – Officials, Martha Harris, Jackie Callender, Leroy Brisco and Earlett Buckley

He said he received a good report from the Regional Coordinator, Mary Birdwell. He also stated that he was commended on the Opening Ceremony that was held at the Regional meet.

Adjournment

All unfinished business and new business requiring was not able to be acting upon, meeting was adjourned.

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