

January 19, 2013
Greater King David Baptist Church
Educational Center
222 Blount Rd.
Baton Rouge, La

Meeting was called to order by President Dennis Groll. Rev. Burnett King, Sr. opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary called the roll of the member clubs/organization that were registered for the 2013. Of the 34 clubs that were registered 14 were in attendance. We had a quorum in order to conduct the business of the Association.

Minutes from the preceding meeting were presented to the body. They were accepted as posted on the website with the change of Mr. Bird's club affiliation being changed to Peak Performance Track Club.

Treasurer's Report was provided to the body by Dr. Martha Harris. She went through the finances of the Association. Byron inquired about the Enterprise transactions on the account transaction sheet. Clarification was provided by the Membership Chair. Report was accepted as presented.

Rev. King was called up to kick off the by-laws committee. Lead Statements: As the chair of the committee he indicated that they did meet to discuss the by-laws and they went through every piece of the by-laws and gave the body the opportunity to recommend changes. He listed the members of the committee:

Keith Johnson, Herbert Jefferson, Byron Turner, Ursula Branch

In terms of the by-laws. Misconception – once the bylaws are updated that is it. That's incorrect, we can go back to the table and revisit the bylaws.

Keith went through the by-laws article by article

Question came up on Article 3B no. 4 to update the verbiage to add National Office

Article 9:

National Delegates: G
Masters Chair and LDR Chair and Coaches Education
Amendment to the verbiage

Kathy asked that we make an effort to consider the people who have never attended the convention.

The Youth Chair is to now be elected.

Officials Chair is now to be elected.
To make sure that the Executive Committee is structured.
Section A lists the officers total.
Section B the duty of the president.

Byron/Keith went through Section by Section with the body. Several items warranted lengthy discussion.

Sanction approval process was questioned by Hannah. This item was tabled. He stated he would get something back to the committee to review for clarification purposes.

Based on the discussion from this meeting and items that were tabled for further discussion the by-laws committee will submit the draft of the by-laws with the suggested changes to the National Office

Membership Committee: Body voted on this addition to the bylaws. Removed by majority vote.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: IT WAS STATED THAT THE REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING WOULD BE PLACED ON THE WEBSITE, THE INFORMATION HAD BEEN COMPILED INTO ONE DOCUMENT.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 SCHEDULE

Question was asked, how do you go about bidding for a track meet. Response was that the Youth Chair sent out a request to all of the clubs asking that they submit bids to him no later than November 1, 2012. Question was asked if bids would be accepted from the floor. It was responded that the only date that anyone could place a bid for was June 29, 2013 because that was the only open date.

Future Track Club withdrew their bids for meets which posed conflict with another club.

Question was asked about June 1st, response was we will go back to it.

Youth Chair wasn't present to display the track meet matrix/grid, Byron Turner, 1st Vice-President handled that duty in his absence.

Started with the schedule beginning with the developmental meets.

Peak Performance, US Express were to host those meets.

May 18, 2013 – Feliciana Classic to be hosted by Faith Track Club; Kathy Early asked a question of the First Vice President, Byron Turner if he would be hosting an AAU meet in Baton Rouge on the same day as this meet. He stated he wasn't sure or didn't know as of yet. She asked the question again and indicated that as an officer of USATF Southern Association he should not want to host a meet on the same day as another USATF Southern Association meet. This conversation escalated and Kathy asked

that if he would be considering hosting a meet on the same day as this meet, he should resign as 1st Vice, Byron replied after the meeting he will turn in his resignation.

As Kathy and Byron's conversation continued, Dennis Groll at that point assumed presiding over the announcing and awarding of the track meets.

Question was asked what's the criteria for hosting a meet. Response: you have to be a club in good standing.

It was stated that meets with multiple clubs submitting bids would make a presentation to the body and the body would vote on the club to host those meets.

Meets to be voted on were:

Region Meet: Peak Performance, Greater King David and Southwest MS Roadrunners.

June 29th – Gulf Coast Striders and Youth Express bided and presented to host a meet on this date as this was the only date on the calendar that no one had placed a bid for.

Clubs bidding on the Regional meet were asked to make a presentation to the body.

Peak Performance, Greater King David and Southwest Mississippi Roadrunners had placed a bid for the meet. Discussion was held that the meet should be hosted by Mississippi in accordance to the rotation that has been implemented by the Association for years. Motion was made to move the meet to Louisiana, didn't carry. Meet to remain in rotation to Mississippi.

Dennis Groll gave his presentation on behalf of Peak Performance Track Club and Coach Charlie Floyd gave his presentation on behalf of Southwest Mississippi Roadrunners.

Southwest Mississippi Roadrunners won by unanimous vote.

June 29th Gulf Coast Striders won by unanimous vote.

By motion of 2nd VP, Byron Turner and 2nd of Rashad Hannah to table acceptance of new Youth operating procedures for the club.

President Groll recognized and informed the body that Coach Kathy Early of New Orleans Road Runners has been appointed the duties of the Association's newsletter. Please send any pictures or information you would like posted for your club to Coach Early.

William Campbell, the new Masters Chair addressed the body asking that Clubs hosting Youth meets add events for Masters to their meet schedules. He plans to partner with the Sr. Olympic Chair to add Master's events to their schedules. Masters meets scheduled for

Feb 16 -- LSU

Mar 2 -- LSU

Gloria Louis, Officials Chair stated that the number of officials in the association has grown. Study groups are going on now for official's certification. Contact Ms Louis if you would like to attend. Official Clinic dates will be posted online. Training dates will also be posted online. She emphasized the fact that clinics and trainings are different. Certification dates are always between January & March.

2nd VP, Byron Turner stated that the National has stated that any athlete competing at the World Youth Championship will be waived into the Regional JO automatically because of the closeness of the competition dates.

Kathy Early of New Orleans Road Runners will host Association meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned by motion of Coach Charlie Floyd with 2nd of Coach Rashaad Hannah.