

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Meeting Project Name:</b>	USATF Southern Association Annual Meeting		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	January 21, 2017	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Earlett Buckley	<b>Location:</b>	House of Memories Event Room
<b>1. Meeting Objective</b>			
Organization Meeting			
<b>2. Attendees</b> Detrick Massey, Charles Smith, Frankie Harris, Gloria Louis, Jimi Smith, Patrick Aucoin, Dennis Groll, Chris Barnett, Kathey Early, Marvin Early, Willis Louis, Rashad Hannah, Isaac Knightshead, Phillip Travis, Victor Montgomery, Ray Brock, Roderic Newton, John Boyer, Roger Brown, Jr., Jessica Andrews, Shelia King, Burnett King, Richard Bouckaert, Martha B. Earls, Kenyata Fountain, Greg Pierson, Wytika Beard, Ruby Chaney, Earlett Buckley			
Clubs Represented: Faith, Lafayette, Peak Performance, Play60, Progressive, Greater King David, Roadrunners, Roadrunners Elite, Pearl, SW Ms. Roadrunners, TCB, Massey, The Boot, Omega Tau, Metropolitan Track Club, Crescent City Track and Power Miler Track Club			
<b>3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
<b>Roll Call of Delegates</b>	<p>Secretary Earlett Buckley called the roll of the clubs from the list of approved clubs. At the time of the meeting there were 31 approved clubs. All of which consisted of clubs that hadn't completed background screening and/or safesport.</p> <p>At the time of the roll call only 15 clubs were present. Secretary informed the president that we did have a quorum.</p> <p>There were 2 clubs that were not approved clubs. Ms. Jessica Andrews with metropolitan Track Club indicated that the report was inaccurate as all of their coaches completed the necessary requirements in order to be approved. The other club pending was the Boot, the coach had registered 30 days prior to the meeting and the system indicated the club was pending background screening/ Safesport.</p> <p>The credentials report contained 15 clubs that met 100% of the criteria. Motion to accept the 2 clubs that are pending background screening and Safe Sport because of the problems at the National office. 30 days prior to the meeting clubs applied for membership but are pending background screening and safesport.</p>		
<b>Reading of minutes of preceding meeting</b>	<p>Correction was made to the minutes under the 2016-2017 officer votes the maximum vote was 25 on the last one it said 14-14 should have been 11. Jessica Andrews Youth Chair's report she stated there was an "l" missing. (Top of page 3)</p> <p>Minutes were accepted with the necessary amendments and adopted with a motion and seconded</p>		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Dr. Martha Brown-Earls, Association Treasurer, provided the members with the financial information relative to the revenue and expenditures of the Association.		

	<p>Report is posted on the website under financials.</p> <p>Moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as provided by the Treasurer. Proposed Budget for 2017</p> <p>Jessica Andrews questioned the amount budgeted opposed to what was spent.</p> <p>Treasurer's response: We don't host the Regional meet every year. Other items purchased last year will not be purchased this year.</p> <p>Motion made and seconded to accept the Adoption of the 2017 budget.</p>
<b>Report of Officers and Committees</b>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Phillip Travis – Will be setting up a Coaches clinic this year. When additional information becomes available he will make it available to the body.</p>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Rev. Burnett King, Sr. – Shared with the body that we must get better in promoting the sport of Racewalking.</p> <p>He encouraged the coaches and clubs to teach and train the athletes.</p>
<b>Chaplin's Report</b>	<p>At the convention we learned of the passing of Ms. Gertrude Thomasson. He has taken action on this. He asked that the Association keep the family in our prayers.</p> <p>Benevolence Committee: Rev. King, Dr. Earls, Track Landry and Earlett Buckley</p>
<b>Official's Chair</b>	<p>She will send out a link to help those who need to do background screening and safe sport.</p> <p>Kathey Early will be assisting her with putting some things on the website.</p> <p>Official's Chair – Gloria Louis – stated that she enjoyed working with everyone this past summer. She enjoyed with working with Dennis (Association Championship) and Newt (JO's) and Byron (Region VI Jos).</p> <p>Schedule for Official's Clinic can be found on the website.</p> <p>Tests were not lining up correctly with the answers.</p> <p>Official's Awarded:</p> <p>Brian and Robin Robinson and Henry Grant received Association awards. Ruby Chaney went into the Hall of Fame Joan Labodie was selected to go oversees and Korea.</p> <p>Encouraged officials to submit application for the National Master's Championship meet that will be held at LSU.</p>

<p><b>LDR Chair</b></p>	<p>Dennis Groll stated they have very few clubs to participate in the cross country meet.</p> <p>Power Milers were present because they want to be a part of the Masters Cross Country.</p> <p>Jimmy Smith president of Power Milers Track Club – ages 19 and up. Compete mostly in Road Races and Cross Country. They looked at running the Regional meet but weren't able to make it up to Mississippi. Looking at hosting a cross country meet in a centralized location.</p>
<p><b>Disabled Athlete Chair</b></p>	<p>Pam Carey submitted a report that will be posted on the website with a list of events for the 2017 GUMBO Regional Games. Meets begin in April 2017</p>
<p><b>President's Report</b></p>	<p>He attended the National Convention and the Association Workshop. He met with several National Office staff to discuss bylaws, the website, and sanctions. He asked that Kathey to move towards the National office based website. Rev. King and Jackie Callendar were asked to look at the bylaws/National office, we may have to re-write the by-laws. They will be looking into this and getting back with us on that.</p> <p>As far as the sanctions we had some technical issues but were able to get that resolved.</p> <p>July 13-July 16 [One of the events is a distance event – a 1.5 – It's going to be held around the city]</p>
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President</b></p>	<p>He is tasked with building the organization by membership and finances. We have to get our minds together to build this association together.</p> <p>Your ideas are welcome. He encouraged the body to get with any Association officers.</p> <p>Meet Director for the National Masters meet is Jackie Callendar. USATF National will be here to work the meet along with the local association.</p>
<p><b>Victor Montgomery</b></p>	<p>Tori Bowie will be doing a clinic with Southwest Ms. Roadrunners. She was burying her foster mother the day of the meeting. He asked that we keep her in our prayers.</p>
<p><b>Kathey Early</b></p>	<p>Social Media – We have Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. She encouraged the clubs to submit pictures preferably via camera rather than cell phones. The Association is proposing that we purchase a digital camera that can be used to take pictures.</p>

<p><b>President</b></p>	<p>All convention delegates have submitted reports. The National Office has posted the information online from the National Convention.</p>
<p><b>Secretary Buckley</b></p>	<p>Duplication of what the National office has posted on their website was not done at the Association level, however, those individuals that did attend the convention did provide the Association with a report.</p>
<p><b>President</b></p>	<p>When it comes to track schedule they will be voted on in 4 categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those without conflicts</li> <li>• Those with conflicts</li> <li>• The Association Championship</li> <li>• The J.O.s</li> </ul>
<p><b>Youth Chair/Track Schedule</b></p>	<p>Thanked the body for electing him to youth chair. One of the items they talked about was the new javelin. The treasurer purchased three for the Association. There is a special going on now buy two get one free.</p> <p>Next item that was a hot topic was the pole vault for the women Hep.</p> <p>This item was tabled.</p> <p>The Youth Committee has been working from day one. He encouraged clubs to go on athletic.net to get familiar with it prior to the Junior Olympic meet.</p> <p>Finn Javelin is the name of the javelin.</p> <p>We will try to propose an athlete of the week, this is in the working, we are trying to work the kinks out.</p> <p>May 27<sup>th</sup> and the Association Junior Olympics are only the two meets which have two clubs that have</p> <p>May 27<sup>th</sup> – Roadrunner and TCB</p> <p>Jos – Southwest Roadrunners and Pearl and Peak Performance Track Club</p> <p>Questions that came up during the track meet bid voting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What happens if a club placed a bid for a meet and they are not here Are they able to keep the bid or can someone place a bid if they are not here.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE TO CLUBS THAT HAVE PLACED A BID FOR A TRACK MEET:</b> You must be present at the meeting in January because the schedule will be voted on at that time. Even if you are co-hosting a meet with another club, both clubs need to be present at the meeting. If you need further clarification on anything relative to the tentative meet schedule, please feel free to contact me.</p> <p><i>All clubs that have placed a bid for a championship meet, locations need to be specified, as a SITE visit will be done prior to the January meeting.</i></p>

<b>President</b>	<p>Point of clarification: Eventhough the note was on the document that was sent out on an email by the youth chair. There is nothing in the bylaws that states that a club has to be at a meeting to bid on a meet, they have to be a club in good standing.</p>
<b>Newton</b>	<p>The youth chair stated that he sent out a document that has been sent out in the past.</p>
<b>President</b>	<p>Motion was that those were on the schedule that didn't have conflict be accepted and given the meet.</p> <p>It said you need to be present you may lose the vote if you're not present.</p>
<b>Newton</b>	<p>May 13<sup>th</sup> is the meet that came up.</p> <p>The only date that someone expressed an interest in is May 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>May 13<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Association Championship, and the JOs.</p> <p>The President says he is going according to the full body it doesn't matter if a club is present or not.</p> <p>Boyer motion was made and Kathey Early seconded to approve the dates that we don't have a conflict. 3 favored, 6 opposed. Motion failed.</p> <p>Below is the schedule that was voted on at the meeting. There was lengthy discussion relative to the schedule and is available via recording.</p> <p>There is a tentative schedule and the only dates that there are a conflict are May 13<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Association Championship, and the JOs.</p> <p>10 – In Favor</p> <p>The floor was opened to clubs that would like to host a meet on May 13<sup>th</sup> and we had Ultimate Performance who also sent in a request.</p> <p>In regard to Ultimate Performance not only they are not present at the meeting they are not an approved club.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to allow Massey Miracle Runners to place a bid for May 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Question was asked if we were voting by a show of hands because everyone may not be members?</p> <p>All constituencies were not available at the meeting.</p>

**Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>HOST</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AGE DIVISIONS</b>
<b>03/31/2017</b>	DEVELOPMENTAL MEET	Peak Performance	Madison Central HS Madison Ms.	YOM
<b>04/02/2017</b>	ALL COMERS SERIES #1	US Express Elite	Broadmoor High School	MO
<b>04/08/2017</b>	DEVELOPMENTAL MEET	Ultimate Performance	Ouachita Christian High School	YOM
<b>04/15/2017</b>	DEVELOPMENTAL MEET	Peak Performance Future TC	Madison Central HS Madison Ms. Brusly High, La.	YOM
<b>04/19/2017</b>	ALL COMERS SERIES #2	US Express Elite	Broadmoor High School	MO
<b>04/22/2017</b>	DEVELOPMENTAL MEET	US Express TC Ultimate Performance	Broadmoor High School Ouachita Christian High School	YOM
<b>04/29/2017</b>	DEVELOPMENTAL MEET			
<b>05/05/2017-05/06</b>	LHSAA State Championships			
<b>05/06/2017/05/07</b>	MHSAA State Championships			
<b>05/07/2017</b>	ALL COMERS SERIES #3	US Express Elite	Broadmoor High School	MO
<b>05/13/2017</b>	INVITATIONAL MEET	Massey Miracle Run	Carroll High School	YOM
<b>05/20/2017</b>	INVITATIONAL MEET	Faith TC Peak Performance	Scotlandville High La. St. Andrews HS Ridgeland, Ms.	YOM YOM
<b>05/27/2017</b>	INVITATIONAL MEET	Road Runner TC	Tad Gormely Stadium, New Orleans	YOM YOM
<b>06/03/2017</b>	INVITATIONAL MEET	GKDTC  Peak Performance Massey Miracle Run	Northeast High, Pride La or Broadmoor High Pearl High School, Pearl Ms. Carroll High School	YOM  YOM YOM
<b>06/10/2017</b>	ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP	USATF SOUTHERN	Zachary High School	YOM
<b>06/17/2017</b>	INVITATIONAL MEET	GKDTC	Zachary High	YOM
<b>06/22-25/2017</b>	USATF Southern Association Junior Olympic Outdoor Track and Field Championship	SW Mississippi Road Runner	McComb High School	YOUTH

<b>07/01/2017</b>	INVITATIONAL MEET			
<b>07/08/2017</b>	USATF Region 6 Junior Olympic Outdoor Track & Field Championships		TBD	
<b>07/24/2017-07/30/2017</b>	USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships		Lawrence, KS Rock Chalk Park	
<b>Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.</b>				