

Minutes of the Alabama Association of USATF Fall Meeting
Hoover High School
Hoover, Alabama
September 14, 2008

A roll call showed that the following clubs were represented:

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| Huntsville Metro | Magic City Runners |
| Sprint South TC | Hoover Track Club |
| North Alabama Trackers | Alabama Sports Festival |
| Magic City Track Club | Montgomery YMCA Track Club |

After determining there was a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

The following officers were present:

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| President | Richmond Brown |
| Vice president | Joe Henderson |
| Membership | Rose Murphy |
| Secretary/treasurer | Judi Allen |

The minutes of the 2008 Spring meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Reports:

Richmond Brown gave a report on the association's accreditation report and that Alabama is meeting all criteria for the first time. We also have the largest number of members we have ever had. He explained that the importance of meeting the criteria affects our associations ability to vote at the annual meetings.

Officials: Bill Murray gave the officials report for John Bahakal. We have 203 certified officials(56 females and 147 males), who were certified from association through national levels. Bill also announced the two certified officials who John had nominated for outstanding official awards. Connie Tolbert- McClinton and William "Bill" Evans were recognized for their many hours contributed as well as their capacity to learn and excel at their tasks.

The new certification tests for this Olympiad are not yet available but John wants the officials to review all new rule changes and reminds the group that all officials must be current members of USATF. He also suggests that officials go to the website USATFofficials, com, to update information and upload a digital photo.

Membership: Rose Murphy reported that our association now had 933 individual members and 24 clubs registered. We are not meeting secondary standard in the sanction area.

Treasurer: Judi Allen reported that we have gained \$7630.18 so far this calendar year.

Vice-President: no report

Youth committee: Mary Birdwell has been appointed as the Regional Coordinator for Region VI. She gave reports on the various youth meets held in the state and also reported on the National JO's where she helped officiate. Our Alabama athletes performed very well in Omaha.

She is also planning on putting on the Association Cross Country Championship and it was voted on in the youth committee meeting that it would be held on November 15th in Hoover. She will be looking for a venue.

Racewalk committee: Judi Allen reported that she officiated at the Association meet and the Regional meet as a racewalk judge. No championship has been held, yet.

Masters committee: Bill Murray stated that at the Indoor events, that there were a large number of out of state participants.

Background screening: Walt Bell announced that 28 individuals and 8 clubs have completed background screening. At this time, there are no sanctions against clubs who have not been screened. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not we should implement at the association level. Nothing was decided at this time

Coaches' Education: Paul Brueske reported that a Level I Coaches' Education clinic had been held and 41 coaches were certified. He reminded that group that there are four certified instructors who would be willing to go anywhere in the state to hold clinics. His goal is to improve the education and expertise of our coaches. He stated a plan to hold clinics every other year, but would hold one more often, as needed.

Other: Lars Porter, track coach for Birmingham-Southern stated that they have an excellent track facility and offered as needed for track meets.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New business: Richmond Brown proposed that the association support another series of indoor meets at Priceville, pointing out the success of last year's series. This was seconded and passed by the group.

Rose Murphy explained the importance of incorporating the bylaw changes as proposed by the national office. These changes would bring our bylaws in line with the national bylaws. She proposed the changes. It was seconded and passed unanimously by the group.

Steve Bedsole spoke about the association's bid for the 2010 National J.O. Cross Country meet.

Since it is proposed that it be held in Hoover, a contingent perhaps including the Mayor and other local politicians would be attending the annual meeting. All delegates who will be attending were asked to help man the display in order to help win the meet.

Richmond announced that the annual meeting will be held in Reno, Nevada from December 3 through December 7. We have been allowed 12 delegates. All officers will be going, in addition to a 10-year athlete.

Walt Bell introduced a proposal for funding for the annual meeting. The officers will be fully funded. All other delegates will receive a reimbursement of their \$160 registration fee, plus \$50 per diem up to 5 days. The delegates need to attend either the opening or closing session, checking with an officer. The delegates will receive their reimbursement upon completion of their duties and sending a report within 15 days. The proposal was seconded and passed.

The delegates were strongly encouraged to attend the opening session due to the fact that there will a vital vote on the restructuring of USATF.

The following indicated that they would attend:

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| Richmond Brown | Walt Bell |
| Joe Henderson | Gini Bell |
| Rose Murphy | Steve Bedsole |
| Judi Allen | John Bahakal |
| Mary Birdwell | Scott Strand-10 year athlete |
| Bill Murray | Connie Tolbert-McClinton |
| | Sundra Holmes-Alternate |

Richmond will make the assignments for the delegates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Allen
Secretray/Treasurer

