

Minutes of the Alabama Association of USATF Fall Meeting
Hampton Inn, Calera, Al
September 26, 2010

The secretary determined there was quorum after determining that the following clubs were in attendance:

- Alabama Sports Festival
- A.G. Gaston Boys & Girls Club
- Alabama heat
- Club Elite
- Community Track Club
- North Alabama trackers
- Track Alabama
- Montgomery YMCA
- Hoover Track Club
- Hoover Track Foundation
- Sprint South
- Huntsville Metro Track Club

President Henderson called the meeting to order.

Officers present: Joe Henderson, Richmond Brown, Mary Birdwell, and Walt Bell.

Bill Murray proposed that the reading of the previous meetings minutes be dispensed as they have been posted on the website for 6 months. This was seconded by Jim Pugh and the motion was passed.

Reports:

Membership:

Mary Birdwell reported USATF Alabama has 904 members in calendar year 2010: 269 were adult memberships and 635 were Youth memberships (19 and under We have 22 sanctions on file at the present time for 2010 with several more to come. We have 35 clubs registered at the present time.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Checking \$12,184.25, Money Market \$19,200.51, 2010 XC Checking \$9536.00

Vice President

Transition has went very well since last year's election from me to Joe Henderson. All the Officers have picked up naturally and have done all they needed to do.

Mens/Womens Track & Field

Connie Tolbert- McClinton No report given.

Mary Birdwell reported that there were right at 100 Men/Women Open and Masters at the Meet on June 5, 2010 and about the same number or a few more at the Alabama Sports Festival.

Masters Track and Field

Bill Murray The Alabama Association Masters Championships were contested at Hoover High School the first weekend of June, 2010. 36 Masters Men competed in 57 events and 6 Masters Women in competed in 17 events. Our numbers were down as compared with 2009.

Officials:

John Bahakel The National Office is putting a committee together to look at how the certification process is being done. They have put a lot of resources on the internet on best practices and they are hoping to try and standardize the certification process across the country. Our numbers are still down and I have asked the National Office for an update on our number of Officials. I have had one or two requests for certification

training between now and January and it didn't seem to be cost effective for us to do an onesy or twosy. I would like to do clinics in January, where we can do maybe 4 clinics, 1 in North, 1 in Central, 1 in Mid part of the State, and 1 in the South and ask all of the Officials to come to one of those, as opposed as trying to do them as onesy's and twosy's across the state. We do have need for Officials at a number of events. We have an application available on the internet for anyone interested as an official or Marshal for the JO Championship on 12/11/2010. It is on the Officials Newsletter website at USATF.org/officials and there should be a dropdown tab that talks about the newsletter or events needing officials. We have enough Officials Membership that we have been contacted in order to identify an additional representative for the national convention.

Racewalk:

Tara Shea Dempsey No report given

Mary Birdwell reported that a Racewalk Championship was held this year in Huntsville in May of this year.

LDR Masters:

Lyle Coleman, No report given

Mary Birdwell stated that the LDR Masters Championship will be Nov 20, 2010 at the Cross Country Regional Meet.

LDR:

No Report Given

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Youth Committee:

Mary Birdwell, Regional Coordinator, states that the 2010 USATF Association meet was held in Hoover, AL., our USATF Regional youth meet was held in Monroe, Louisiana; the 2010 USATF Nationals were held in Sacramento, California. The meet for the youth, open and masters championships was held June 5, 2010 with the Birmingham Track Club

Coaches Education:

Paul Breuske No report given

Mary Birdwell reported that Paul is trying to get a Level 2 course in Alabama. There was a Level 1 school in January 2010.

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President's Report:

I have the report showing that we are in compliance with the association Statistics for this year. Our association has met 9 of the 9 required Standards. We also met 6 of the other standards and are close on 3 additional standards.

Unfinished Business

Status on the 2010 National USATF Cross Country Meet at Veterans Park, Hoover, Al. on 12/11/2010

- Mary Birdwell
Championship will affect all parts of the state as people driving there will be coming from north, south, east and west.
- Steve Bedsole

Rocking right along working out the final details with Sanford, The Opening Ceremonies and the Pasta dinner will be there that night. Spain Park High School has had some personnel changes at their High School and we have been able secure that we will have closing ceremonies at Spain Park high School on Saturday night. I am about to start the volunteer list for the National XC event and anyone interested in working that event as a volunteer, please let me know. We will let you know which organization that you are representing and we will take the proceeds from the Hoover Track Foundation portion of the event to pay to your group. Closing ceremonies will be Saturday at 6 PM. We will need more Officials than we have ever used before and we will know more after the site visit on Oct 9, 2010. The numbers for the Southeast Showdown will be very close to what we are expecting for the National XC Meet. We will have a Representative from USATF at this meet and there will be a Press Conference at this meet announcing the 2010 USATF National XC Meet.

Joe Henderson stated that Board of Managers should participate in the Championship Cross Country Meet with your time, talents and hard work; this is your State and Association on display. Every manager and or his/her designee should be working in some position at the meet.

Joe then requested input to appoint members to serve on the following committees;

1. One member to serve on the Budget Committee along with the President & Secretary Treasurer. President named Angela Vail
2. Additional members to serve along with T.J. Williams and Edward Hampton on the Grant/Scholarship committee and Travel Policy Committee. President named DeRico Tilley, Demetius Jackson, Bill Murray
3. One member to serve on the Bylaws Committee along with John Bahakel and Sundra Holmes. President named Ben Vail.
4. Banquet Committee (3) members. To be appointed later by Executive Board
5. M&W LDR-Chair person (1) President named LDR Edwin Hampton

New Business:

Joe Henderson is proposing that we do something to help our top athletes represent our Association. To set up a formula so that we may financially assist our athletes that qualify for the National Junior Olympics. Also to revise the formula for delegates that attend the National Meetings and workshops

Steve Bedsole made a proposal that for the 2010 National Convention the selected delegates be reimbursed as follows. Seconded by Edwin Hampton. Passed unanimously

- Lodging, Travel and Per Diem Policy
 - Section 1: The president or his designee with authorization from the executive board shall, select and negotiate hotel accommodations for its active members who will be attending a national or regional USATF meeting/conference/convention or workshop.
 - Section 2: All officers when traveling to a national USATF meeting/conference/convention or workshop on official Association business, shall receive full compensation for lodging, travel, registration fees, and taxi cost (not to exceed \$30.00).
 - Section 3: The Association shall reimburse a delegate attending a national meeting/conference/convention or workshop on official business for the Association at one half (1/2) the rate of a double room occupancy hotel. If the delegate chooses double room occupancy, then he/she shall pay out of pocket the difference between the one half room rates. Also, if the delegate chooses to select lodging other than what was selected by the Association, delegate will only be paid the amount calculated for the one half rates that was selected by Association. If the delegate chooses a lodging that is less than the Association selection, the one half the room rate will still applies.
 - Section 4: Each delegate is responsible for all incidental expenses, i.e., laundry, telephone calls, etc., that must be paid directly to the hotel.
 - Section 5: Delegate must have receipts to obtain all reimbursements. Receipts aren't necessary to receive per diem.
 - Section 6: Delegates will receive \$50.00 per day for per diem based upon the number of days in
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- attendance at the meeting. Per Diem allowance will be given for meeting days only and not for traveling days that do not coincide with meeting days.
- Section 7: Officers and delegates must be in attendance at all meetings assigned to them by the Association president or his designee in order to be eligible to receive per diem.
- Section 8: All reimbursement requests must be sent to the Association treasurer within 20 days of the event.
- Section 9: Delegate must make their own reservation at the designated lodging/hotel. After it has been verified that all delegates are present and have met the requirements of their assignments, the Association treasurer can pay the one half room rate for those delegates lodging at the designated hotel before leaving the meeting.
- TRAVEL
- Section 1: Association officers when traveling will be reimbursed according to air fare 30 days prior to the designated meeting. What ever mode of travel taken (air, train bus, rail) , reimbursement can not exceed the air fare (coach) train (coach) fare quote 30 days before the meeting date.
- Section 2: Delegate will be provided a flat rate of \$100.00 for travel or the Association will provide ground transportation (one van)for the group free of charge).

John Bahakel reported that the National Office has recognized Dan Bond for officiating in the Alabama Association.

Ben Vail proposed a motion that the Association reimburse expenses (\$500 total for up to 3 volunteers) to assist teams/clubs in order to host Alabama Association meet, if necessary. (Ex. Meet referee, field referee, etc.) To be approved by the Executive Board. Seconded by Richmond Brown. Passed unanimously.

Bill Murray introduced Molly McGregor as the newly named head of the Birmingham Indoor Track facility.

Bill Murray proposed a motion that the delegates to the 2010 National convention be selected by the Executive Committee. Seconded by Ben Vail. Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Bell
Secretary-treasurer
