

Minutes of the Alabama Association of USATF Spring Meeting
Hampton Inn, Calera AL
September 30, 2012

The Secretary confirmed there was quorum after determining that the following clubs were in attendance:

- Alabama Heat
- Alabama Track Masters
- Birmingham YMCA
- Club Elite
- Hoover Parks and Recreation Track Club
- Huntsville Metro
- Mobile City Speed
- Montgomery Parks and Recreation Track Club
- North Alabama Trackers
- Track Alabama

President Joseph Henderson called the meeting to order.

Officers present: Joe Henderson, Angela Vail, Mary Birdwell.

Bill Murray proposed that the reading of the previous meeting's minutes be dispensed as they have been posted on the website for review. This was seconded by Doug Moran; motion passed.

Reports:

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Angela Vail - Submitted the following report:

- As of 9/29/12 - Compass checking: \$24,012.79; Compass Money Market: \$45,543.53; Regions CD \$5,184.99.
- Financial reports for 2011 and the 2011 990-EZ are available for review.

Membership:

Mary Birdwell Submitted the following report:

Currently we have 937 members; 666 of these are in the 19 and under category. We had 17 sanctions completed. We have approximately 37 active clubs, and a new one in Mobile for 2013. This is the most active clubs we've had in a long time.

Vice President

Richmond Brown

Absent

- No Report Received
- President Joseph Henderson noted that Vice-president Richmond Brown is not here today due to health reasons – let's keep him in our prayers.

Masters Track and Field

Bill Murray Submitted the following report:

Currently we have about 40 members; the numbers are down due to things like Atlanta holding the regional masters' event the same weekend as our association masters meet and of course the economy. The Masters and Open championship meet will be held the first weekend in June 2013, with Mary's meet.

Officials:

Ben Vail Submitted the following report:

We currently have 126 officials and 15 new ones pending. The new first level for new officials is called the Apprentice level. Everyone who is not new must recertify this year, beginning November 1. We have 3 clinics scheduled right now, and I may be able to set up one more:

South Alabama	10/13/12
Auburn	10/20/12
Crossplex/Birmingham	11/17/12

I am asking that officials who worked the Youth National meet and Houston Young, who was chosen to work the Olympic Trials, be reimbursed for some of their travel expenses. These are officials who have applied and been chosen by the national office for these events.

The National Officials' Committee recognized Reid LaPorte and Laura Gast this year as Outstanding Officials. Twelve others were nominated from our association, but National recognizes only two for the year.

I recommend that our association recognize the group who constantly shows up to set up and take down meets – I'm suggesting we look into purchasing Frog Tog rain suits for this group. We can get 2-color suits and Magic City Sports will add the logo for us. This group of people numbers about 40, and the total cost will be around \$1,400.00.

Angela Vail described the award that Marlene Atwood, the USATF Southeast Region Representative, gave to Walt Bell at last year's annual meeting in St. Louis. Marlene indicated that Joe Henderson had submitted his name and had quite a glowing report on Walt and his accomplishments over the last several years. (Angela forgot to send this with Ben to the February meeting.) Since Walt could not attend today, we'll get this to him as soon as possible.

Joe Henderson noted how important it was to have good officials to take care of our meets.

Coaches Education

Dale Beard Submitted the following report:

November 16-18 there will be a Coaches clinic, Level I, with Loren Seagrave. This will be at Parkview High School – Lilburn, Georgia, and registration is \$150.00 if received by November 2. Call 770-231-2448 for more information, or see the national website. Level II is not set up yet – the one in Baltimore was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Racewalk:

Gene Tomlin Submitted the following report:

For the Open/Masters meet, we had 9 walkers. Lee Tipton is our most reliable walker. For Bantams through Intermediate, we had 6, and for the Association meet we had 15 walkers for the Bantams through Young Men. Solomon Pitts finished 4th in the JO Bantam Boys 1500m, and Solomon Muhammad finished 11th in the JO Youth Boys 3000m.

Men and Women Track and Field

Marcia Westry

Absent

- Report by Mary Birdwell: There was a high number of participants at the Sports Festival this year – 63 – and there were 40 at the association meet. At the Port City Classic there were 70 participants.
- Mary also noted that both Tricia Floyd and Andy Martin are no longer with the national office as of October 1.

Youth Committee

Jeff Jackson Submitted the following report:

- The Association meet had approximately 450 participants, and 165 made it to the National meet.
- Our goal for 2013 is to increase our membership by 12% - let's get at least 1027 members or more!
- At the National JO, there were issues with the background checks – what can we do to make this process easier and quicker? The issue with the Tuscaloosa coach is OK now – luckily it was a minor problem but was still frustrating. Let's make sure we get information about the background checks to David Bullock to put up on the website, along with a list of approved coaches.
- One issue we ran into at the JO this year was holding kids in the waiting area and also with Marshals getting kids to the second/simultaneous event they were in.
- Let's make sure we use our Tweet presence on the web – get me (Jeff) any/all pictures and/or info to put there. I'd like to develop a DVD to use to promote the "above Youth" level.
- The Association cross country meet is November 17th in Montgomery at 9am. The National cross country meet is December 8th in New Mexico.
- I'd like to suggest we move the Association meet back in June, to the last weekend of the month if possible.

LDR:

Edwin Hampton

- Present, but no report provided.

LDR Masters:

Betram Golden

- Present, but no report provided.

Ben Vail noted that the Operational Manual is about 90% complete, and is waiting on the amended bylaws (if any from today's meeting). The one from the National office was used as a template – it was started in 2002 but never finished.

Website Coordinator David Bullock noted that at the Workshop in Pittsburg in August, they went over the importance of using correct company logos – it must be from USATF National and approved. Basically anything that goes on our website needs to go through the National office first. Joe has asked that anyone who has a hardcopy picture of Walker get that to me so that I can scan it and put it up on the website.

Mary Birdwell noted that per discussion at the Workshop in Pittsburg, sanctions will be regulated now. She feels that the Mercedes event out to be included as a sanctioned event for us.

Old Business

- None discussed

New Business

- Dale Beard announced that he'd like to do a meet in May – 5/25-5/26. He'll need some help with this meet. That Monday is Memorial Day. Regional is always the second weekend in July
- Angela Vail noted to get the 2013 meet schedule information to her as soon as possible, so that David can then keep the website updated.
- Ben Vail asked that we set a Strategic Planning Workshop, to include both the old and new (officers, committee chairs) - this will help all planning go smoother and easier, will maintain continuity, and will help avoid overlaps.
- Jeff Jackson will send an e-mail this evening with Bid applications.
- Joe Henderson noted that the association needs a Fund Raising Committee – although the economy may be down, there is still plenty of money available.
- Bill Murray noted that things may be tough right now, but our best bet is to make sure that we bid on the National JO Cross country meet every 3 years, since we're likely to get it. Bill made a motion to get the LOC formed asap and bid on the 2015 National JO Cross country meet. Edwin Hampton seconded the motion; it was approved.
- The bid will need to be submitted in September 2013; the LOC needs to be in place in November (2012).
- Jeff Jackson made a motion to have a conference call about the LOC and selecting an event manager in two weeks (by 10/14). Bill Murray seconded the motion; it was approved.
- Delegates – having more than 100 officials in our state allows us to have a 13th delegate if we so choose.

Bylaws: Amendments approved as noted in Updated -2012 document on website.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ben Vail. Seconded by Jim Pugh. All in Favor. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela L. Vail
Secretary-Treasurer