

**USATF- ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

Meeting called to order by David Bullock.

Membership Chair, Mary Birdwell, confirmed that we had a quorum.

Minutes from last meeting. Gene Tomlin offered a motion that the reading of the minutes from the last meeting be suspended. The motion was seconded by Bill Evans. The motion passed with one "nay" (Jeff Jackson).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS: Joseph Henderson reminded the membership that the discussion of the amendments had been tabled at the last meeting and that they were due to be voted on at the annual meeting. David Bullock suggested that the discussion of by-laws and amendments be moved to the end of the agenda, after the elections. He stated we are currently operating under a "temporary board". The majority of the members present agreed to move the discussion of the by-laws to the end of the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Committee- (Dale Beard)- Dale reported that the Association JO's was held in Selma, Alabama. We had 24 teams to compete in the Association JO's, with 22 unattached athletes for a total of 392 athletes competing; 288 athletes qualified for Regional. We had 22 teams along with 12 unattached athletes represented at Regional. We had several athletes qualify for the National JO's and several made All-American. We are currently working on the Cross Country JO's. The regional will be held on November 19, 2016 at Veterans Park in Hoover, Alabama and the National Cross Country JO's will be December 10, 2016 at the same location. Dale encouraged everyone to come out and support/volunteer at these events. The Youth Committee will begin having meetings (conference calls) immediately after the National Cross Country JO's. The Committee will begin getting the schedule together for next year. e already have several meets scheduled for next year. All of the meets we hosted last year are on the schedule for next year. A motion to accept the report was made by Bill Evans with a second by Bryan Lorge. The motion carried and the report was accepted.

Treasurer-(Connie Tolbert-McClinton)- Connie reported the current balance as; Basic checking account-\$44,201.14, LOC-\$13,019.42 and CD-\$5,404.37. The total account for the association is \$62,624.93. Jeff Jackson asked if there were any outstanding debts owed by the Association? Connie stated that the report she gave was the balance as of this date. If any outstanding debts arrive the account/balance will be adjusted as debts may come in. Motion to accept Treasure's report was made by Dale Beard and second by Bryan Lorge. The motion carried and the report was accepted.

Men's/Women's/Master LDR- (Darryl Woods)- No report. Darryl was not present.

Mary Birdwell reported that this is the only championship we are lacking this year and she is currently working on teaming up with a group in Priceville, Alabama to host a Championship. She will have it posted on the Association website as soon as she gets everything approved.

Race Walk-(Shaquille Mosley)- No Report.

Membership -(Mary Birdwell)- Mary reported that currently the Association has 1105 total members; 465 adults and 640 youths. We had over 30 sanctions for the year. We have 41 active clubs, 10 of these clubs do not coach or have youths on them. The manage meets. She reported that as far as accreditation we are up to par. A motion to accept the report was made by Jeff Jackson, second by Bryan Lorge. The motion carried and the report was accepted.

Men's/Women's T&F- (Debbie McMoore)- Debbie reported that she has been working on some clinics trying to get more athletes involved. Motion to accept report made by dale Beard, second by Martha. The motion carried and the report was accepted.

Officials-(Houston Young)- Not present.....No Report.

Coaches' Education-(Paul Brueske)- There was no Level 1 class this year. It usually alternates between Birmingham and Mobile. Held a clinic in South Alabama this year. He reported that he is looking to host a Level 1 school this coming summer, possibly in the Birmingham area. He informed the membership that he is willing to travel to different areas to put on a Level 1 school. On November 12, 2016 there will be a one day clinic in Mobile, Alabama for kids. On November 16, 2016 there will be a lunch-n-learn held in Montgomery, Alabama. The Lunch-n-Learn will be hosted by the Alabama High School Association. Also in December the USATF Cross Country Coach's Association will be hosting a Coaches Academy at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. He believes the dates will be December 2-4, 2016.

Questions: dale raised the question about a Level II school being held in Alabama. Paul stated that he would love to host one at USA in Mobile. However, he stated that if someone knows of a better venue, maybe in the Birmingham area, he would be open to that as well. He did note that there are certain requirements which have to be met in order to host a Level II school. He asked Dale and Mary to stay on him about hosting a Level II school.

A motion to accept was made by Bill Evans and second by dale Beard the report was accepted.

LOC-(Connie Tolbert-McClinton)- Connie reported that representatives from National were in town this weekend discussing the National Cross Country JO's. The close-out meeting with National will be this evening (9/25/16) at 4:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites. She reported that everything was progressing fine and the site committee from National was extremely happy with what they have observed so far.

President's Report-(David Bullock)- David reported that the former President, Ben Vail had resigned as well as the former Secretary/Treasurer Angela Vail. He also noted that several other Board members had resigned as well.

- informed National that the Alabama Association will host the National XC JO's

- LOC- Connie Tolbert-McClinton stepped up and volunteered to accept LOC Chair.

- Financials- The Association is not broke. The books are open to any member who wishes to review them. A member should not have to go through an attorney to review the books of the Association.

- National meeting- Tentative delegates list was shared with members present. Those delegates are: David Bullock, Dale Beard, Eugene Byrd, Connie Tolbert-McClinton, Joseph Henderson, Jeff Jackson, Lyle Coleman, Melissa Brabson, Michael Walker, TJ Williams, Mary Birdwell, Shaquille Mosley, Raymond Bell and Darryl Woods.

-Appointments- The Interim President, David Bullock made some emergency appointments of members to fill vacancies created by the resignations of the former president, secretary/treasurer and other Board members. The following appointments were made:

Certification Chair- Connie Tolbert-McClinton
Treasurer- Connie Tolbert McClinton
Secretary- Michael H. Walker
Parliamentarian- Raymond Bell
Eugene Byrd- LOC Finance Committee

-Elections- Elections will be held at this meeting to fill those vacancies and to have permanent officers in place. The positions up for election are; President, Treasurer, Secretary, Member at large (rotational), Coach (rotational) and Athletes (2 positions). Elections will be held later in the meeting.

-Grievances- grievances have been filed by Ben and Angela Vail. National is assembling a panel to hear the grievances. Once the panel has been established National will contact those individuals who are party to the grievance. The grievance was against ALL sitting Board members at the time with the exception of Alice Biggs and Houston Young.

- Accreditation- as reported earlier by the Membership Chair we are fine on accreditation. Bill Evans(Meet director) made comments in reference to the National XC JO's. He solicited help from the membership to assist with the JO's. He also asked for volunteers to assist with the Regional JO's in November.

A Motion was made by Dale Beard and a second by Bryan Lorge. The Motion carried and the report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS- (Gene Tomlin)- Then Association is conducting a special election to fill vacancies created by several resignations as referenced above. These officers will only serve the remainder of the unexpired terms of those who resigned. The Election Committee recommended that Connie Tolbert-McClinton be voted by voice acclamation due to the urgency of needing to fill the position. It was not meant to deter or discourage nominations from the floor.

Gene reported that only one name had been received by the Nominating Committee for the position of President and that was Joseph Henderson. A motion was made by Paul Brueske to close the nominations for President with the name of Joseph Henderson. Motion was seconded by Darryl Woods. Joseph Henderson was elected as President.

Only one name was submitted for the position of Treasurer, Connie Tolbert-McClinton. A motion was made by Martha Moran to accept Connie Tolbert McClinton as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Bill Evans. Connie Tolbert-McClinton was elected as Treasurer.

Only one name was submitted for Secretary, Michael H. Walker. A motion was made by Joseph Henderson and seconded by Melissa Brabson. The Motion carried and Michael H. Walker was elected as Secretary.

Eugene Byrd was nominated from the floor by Jeff Jackson to be the Member at Large. A motion to close nominations with the name of Eugene Byrd was made by Brian Lorge and seconded by Debbie McMoore. The motion carried. Eugene Byrd was elected as Member at Large.

Lyle Coleman was nominated for Coach at Large by David Bullock. A motion was made to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Paul Brueske. The motion carried and Lyle Coleman was elected as Coach at Large.

There were no athletes that meet the qualifications for the Athlete position.

The newly elected officers for the USATF-Alabama Association are:

President-Joseph Henderson
Secretary- Michael H. Walker
Treasurer- Connie Tolbert-McClinton
Certification Chair- Connie Tolbert McClinton
Member at Large- Eugene Byrd
Coach at Large- Lyle Coleman
Athlete- open

BY LAWS- Gene Tomlin motioned that the bylaws discussion/review be tabled until the semi-annual meeting in February 2017. The motion was seconded by Dale Beard. Question: Joseph Henderson. There was some discussion over this motion. Joseph Henderson suggested that we take up the issue of the bylaws at this meeting. It was tabled at the last meeting. He questioned if an issue that had been tabled at a previous meeting could be tabled again. Raymond Bell (Parliamentarian) clarified that it can be tabled again. The original motion passed and the bylaws will be discussed/reviewed at the February 2017 meeting. **(ACTION)**

Gene reminded everyone that any proposed changes to the bylaws need to be submitted in advance to give members time to review the proposed changes and make proper comment. He told everyone who wishes to submit something on the bylaws to get those proposed changes to the Secretary or President so they can be forwarded to the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

The newly elected President, Joseph Henderson thanked the membership for electing him. He encouraged everyone to work together to make the Association a great organization and to assist the LOC in making the National XC JO's a success. He stated that his main principles are:

RESPECT, DISCIPLINE, HARDWORK. He also encouraged us to bring those back who have left the Association.

Dale mentioned that he wants to set up some clinics at our semi-annual meeting to assist board members in doing their jobs better and more efficient. He state that he will get with the President and get this approved.

Edwin Hampton asked about the schedule of meets for the upcoming 2017 outdoor season. Dale stated that the schedule is being worked on and that the meets from this year will be held again in2017. He stated that the Youth Committee will begin working on that after the XC JO's.

Budget proposals were submitted to the Secretary by the Youth Committee, Treasurer and Officials Certification Chair.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Submitted by,

Michael H. Walker, Secretary
USATF-Alabama Association