

Minutes of the Alabama Association of USATF Fall Meeting  
ACADome, Montgomery AL  
February 27,2011

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

- Alabama Sports Festival
- Community Track Club
- North Alabama trackers
- Track Alabama
- Montgomery YMCA
- Hoover Track Club
- Sprint South
- Huntsville Metro Track Club
- Mobile Parks and Recreation
- Mercury Alabama

President Joseph 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. This was seconded by Edwin Hampton and the motion was passed.

**Reports:**

**Membership:**

Mary Birdwell reported USATF Alabama had 965 members in calendar year 2010: 282 were adult memberships and 683 were Youth memberships (19 and under). We currently have 281 members in 2011, 152 are adult members (121 Male 31 females) and 129 youth members (87 male 42 female). There were 37 Clubs in 2010. Currently there are about 12 or 14 that have paid Club Membership in 2011 We had 30 sanctions in 2010. We have 4 sanctions on file at the present time for 2011.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

Checking \$2895, Money Market \$16,207, 2010 XC Checking \$80,262 (subject to final distribution), CD \$5,166

**Vice President**

Richmond Brown attended the 2010 Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach and also attended the USATF Workshop in Buffalo, NY. Officiated at the Protest table at the 2010 USATF National XC Championships in Birmingham, AL.

**Mens/Womens Track & Field**

Connie Tolbert- McClinton Referred to Mary Birdwell

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 National Indoor Masters Championships will be in Albuquerque, NM on March 4-6, 2011. Alabama Association Masters Championships will be the first weekend in June, 2011 at a location still to be determined. The Southeastern Regional Masters Track and Field Championships are June 10-11,2011 in Raleigh ,NC.. The Masters decathlon Masters Championships are in Dallas ,TX on June11-12, 2011. The WMA World Championships are in Sacramento, CA this year July 7-17, 2011. The USATF Masters National Outdoor Championships are in Berea ,OH on July 28-31, 2011. At the USATF National Convention in Virginia Beach information was discussed that we are building a Indoor Track Facility in Birmingham, AL and we have been asked for information about holding the Indoor Combined Events Masters Championships and the Southeastern Regional Track and Field Masters Championships.

**Officials:**

**John Bahakel** Submitted the following report.

I report that the Alabama Association has held Certification clinics in Madison, Birmingham, and Mobile. Out of three clinics only nine (9) people have completed their paperwork and paid their fee. Eight (8) others have expressed an interest, however, have not followed through with membership.

The National Officials Committee has begun reviewing the Certification Process and ways to make it more consistent across the nation. I will be working with the National Certification Chair on suggestions for improvement. We expect some changes in time for the re-certification process next Olympiad.

**Racewalk:**

Tara Shea Dempsey

Last year a Racewalk Meet was put on at Alabama A&M. It will also be done this year. With a AHSAA 1 mile race walk. The USATF Racewalk was a 5K distance.

**LDR Masters:**

Lyle Coleman, No report given

**LDR:**

Edwin Hampton

Virginia Beach a major topic was the Area around the Water Stations. People are interfering with the racers as they approach the stations. If you are dispensing water you are to remain within two (2) feet of the booth. We held a sanctioned LDR meet which included a 5K and 8K in Vestavia Hills, AL .

**Youth Committee**

Mary Birdwell

At Virginia Beach it was discussed that the USATF and AAU Regional meets will not be scheduled on the same dates this year. Meet scheduled and sanctioned will be posted on the Alabama USATF website. 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. On November 21, 2010 the Regional Cross country Championship was held at Veterans Park in Hoover, AL. Alabama Association athletes numbered 150 runners. Clubs represented from AL USATF were Alabama Heat, Alabama Track Club, Auburn Track Club, Cross Country Flyers, Hoover Parks and Recreation, Florence Striders, Mercury Alabama Track, and Track Alabama. Overall 230-235 athletes competed for the Regional. On December 11, 2010 the National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships were held at Veterans Park in Hoover, AL. Approximately 2200 athletes participated. 215 Volunteers gave their time and efforts to this event.

**New Business**

Screening of Coaches-You must go on-line and complete this , it costs \$8 and it will give you a printout when you have completed it. Coaches, You must fill out the Hard copy of the form and send it to Mary Birdwell, it is a printable PDF and can be done on line. This must be sent with your Club Application. Also a copy of your Club Practice Schedule must be submitted.

Club Renewals need to be in by May 1 ,2011. Otherwise it costs an additional \$100

Richmond Brown made a motion to accept the Huntsville bid for the Youth JO Association Meet. Seconded by Bill Murray. Voted Unanimously..

Alabama Association Youth Meet will be the 10-11<sup>th</sup> of June, 2011 in Huntsville, AL at the Milton Frank Stadium. The Region Meet will either be July 6-9, 2011, or July 7-10, 2011 dependent on the track that is used. I am in contact with Samford University and Hoover High School.

**THANKS TO:**

Joe Henderson, Richmond Brown- Administrative support

Walt Bell-Financial Support

**Person Securing Sponsors or Ads for Meet events:**

Joe Henderson, Richmond Brown, Bill Murray, Paul Shea, Mary Birdwell, Steve Bedsole

Thanks to John Bahakel for securing a great officials group.

**All for Course set up**

Ben Vail, Angela Vail, ,Bill Murray, Walt Bell, Devon Hind, William Spear, John Bahakel, Bill Evans.

**Registration-** Lori Sharrow

**Opening/Closing Ceremonies-**Mary Harrington, William Spear, Linda Spear, Gini Bell, Patti Fore, and Kelli Harrington

Steve Bedsole-Overall Meet Management

**Coaches Education:**

A USATF Level I school was held at the University of South Alabama in January 2010. A Holiday Coaches Clinic was held at the University of South Alabama in December, 2010. Paul Brueske would like to offer a USATF Level I Coaching School annually in the state of Alabama, preferably alternating sites between the North and South. If any community is interested in hosting a USATF Level I Coaching School, please contact Paul Brueske (251)753-4316.

**President's Report:**

**Joe Henderson**

I attended the Associations Group at the USATF National Convention in Virginia Beach, VA. An Important statement was made and follows; Your job as President is to Manage the Direction of the Board Of the Association and to Supervise the Affairs of the Association. You are to make sure that these Committee Chairs do their jobs. Manage and be Productive in your Groups and Committees. I would like to submit and appoint Bertram Golden as Committee Chairman of the LDR Masters

**Unfinished Business**

Joe Henderson stated that the proposed By-Laws Changes must be distributed to the membership prior to their being voted upon. He would like for these to be voted upon at the June 10, 2011 Association Meet in Huntsville.

Discussed the proposed USATF ALABAMA ASSOCIATION TRACK 7 FIELD ELITE YOUTH ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT. Look at this and nothing has to be done at this time. Generated a large discussion, many topics discussed. Joe requested any input, please review and respond.

**New Business:**

I am appointing Bertram Golden as Committee Chairman for LDR Masters.

A proposal was made that a Committee be set up by the USATF AL President to make a bid for the next available Central Region JO XC National Championship at the 2011 USATF National Convention was made by Bill Murray. Seconded by Edwin Hampton. Voted Unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Murray. Seconded by Edwin Hampton. All in Favor. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Bell  
Secretary-treasurer

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