

Minutes of the Alabama Association of USATF Fall Meeting  
Hampton Inn, Calera AL  
September 25, 2011

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

- Alabama Sports Festival
- North Alabama Trackers
- AG Gaston Boys and Girls Club
- Alabama Heat
- Alabama Track Masters
- Track Alabama
- Montgomery YMCA "Dream Team" Track Club
- Prichard Track Club
- Birmingham Track Club
- Hoover Parks and Recreation Track Club
- Magic City Runners
- Sprint South
- Huntsville Metro Track Club

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 handed out at the meeting. This was seconded by Ben Vail and the motion was passed.

**Reports:**

**Membership:**

Mary Birdwell

- This year we have 915 members. All Associations are going to be on 1 email system and we are looking for a coordinator that understands internet, e-mail and how to use it.
- Attended the 2011 USATF Association Workshop in San Mateo, Ca 8/19-20 2011.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

Walter Bell

- Checking \$53,394, Money Market \$16,217, 2010 XC Checking \$4085 (less final distribution to Hoover track foundation \$1242), CD \$5,175.
- The 2010 Association Accreditation Review dated September 15, 2011 has been received and Alabama is in Full Accreditation.
- Attended the 2011 USATF Association Workshop in San Mateo, Ca. 8/19-8/20/2011.

**Vice President**

Richmond Brown

- Attended the 2011 USATF Association Workshop in San Mateo, Ca. 8/19-20 2011. I would like to congratulate everybody on the job they have done this year.
- The Committee people have worked hard, the Association has really achieved a lot of things in the last couple of years. We are in a position now that we do have income and maybe now can enhance the operation of the organization.

## **Men and Women Track and Field**

Connie Tolbert- McClinton

Absent

- No Report Received

## **Masters Track and Field**

Bill Murray

- Masters Association Championships were ran successfully by Mary Birdwell and Gene Tomlin.

## **Officials:**

**John Bahakel** Submitted the following report

- 2012 will be an Olympic Games year. The National Officials Committee Chair has posted an application for those National and Master level Officials who want to apply to work the Olympic Trials. If you are a National or Master level Official who has actively officiated major meets over the last 4 years and want to apply to work the Olympic Trials then go to the USATF Officials website and pull up the application. You are able to fill out the application online and submit. You must have your Officials number as well as your USATF membership number in order to begin. You should have your officiating resume for reference when completing the application. Selections will be made and posted at the National Convention in December.
- 2012 is also the year when all Officials will have to re-certify. Keep your officiating resume up to date and ready for submission with your renewal paperwork. The National Certification Chair is close to releasing the new certification renewal procedures and written requirements. I do not expect them to be available for everyone until December.
- Birmingham has completed construction on its new CrossPlex indoor track and aquatic center. The CrossPlex features a 200 meter hydraulic lift mondo track. The facility already is much in demand. That demand means more and more opportunities for an official to grow his/her resume.
- On November 19, 2011, a certification clinic/training clinic will be held at the new CrossPlex. Tentatively, the schedule will include a large group session and smaller break out mini-clinics. There instructors include the USATF National Officials Committee Chair, USATF National Officials Committee Certification Chair, and several other distinguished Officials from across the country. Make plans to attend. We need a good turn out.
- Over the course of the last 12 months the Alabama Association has hosted several meets. It took the combined efforts of many people. The efforts of our President, Joe Henderson, who was able to pull off three meets after losing his home to the April 27 tornado. The efforts of Richmond Brown, Mary Birdwell, Walt Bell, Bill Murray, Houston Young, and many, many more made those meets successful.
- This year the National Officials Committee allowed one Outstanding Service Award. The decision of who should be recognized by the National Committee was tough. We had another year where there were a number of people who deserved the recognition. However, after much thought the award is given to recognize the time and efforts of Gene Tomlin. Gene gave unselfishly over the year, being assigned to any task where there was an opening.
- There were others who must be recognized as well. Each of the following people gave of their time and talents to advance Officiating in Alabama. Dan Passen, always available to get the times captured with little or no protests. William Spear, willing to do any task with pride, exhibiting professionalism, all the while promoting officiating by allowing official want to be to shadow him. Angela Vail, taking Officiating to the top of her list of things to do. Angela jumped in and has not slowed down. She has worked the small meets, large meets, near meets and far meets. Angela will work any assignment and will give it her best effort. Randy Yarbrough has promoted officiating both at the meets and while he is away. Randy will send equipment, gear, food, helpers and supplies whether or not he can work the meet. Randy has volunteered to work meets that were less than organized as well as highly sought after meets. He is not flashy in his efforts but consistently gets the meets completed. Kathy Yawn, for her willingness to officiate assignments she did not expect to be assigned, for her efforts to organize an officiating crew, for her efforts to recruit more officials, for her calm manner will officiating. Thank you all.

- There are many other Officials who deserve recognition. I would enjoy being able to recognize more, however, I will save some for another time.
- The National Office has advised that the number of Officials in Alabama allows the Certification Chair and one (1) additional representative to be voting representatives at the National Convention Officials Committee. However, because I also serve as the chair for the NOC Law & Legislation sub-committee, Alabama may elect to designate an additional representative to be a voting representative to the National Officials Committee meetings. If you expect to attend the convention you and have an interest in being the representative you should so advise the Association President.

**Racewalk:**

Tara Shea Dempsey

Absent

- No report received

**LDR Masters:**

Betram Golden

- Present, but no report provided.

**LDR:**

Edwin Hampton

- Present, but no report provided.

**Youth Committee**

Mary Birdwell

- Reported on the 2011 Alabama association Track and Field Championships in Huntsville, Al.- 500 Athletes. Received check for Entry Fees amounting to \$1436.40 from Joe Henderson.
- Report on the 2011 USATF Region VI Track and Field Meet at Samford University - 700 athletes. Open, Masters and Youth
- Report on the USATF National JO meet June 22-31,2011 in Wichita - 340 from our Region, 148 athletes from Alabama and 16 made All American.
- Alabama USATF 2011 Youth Cross Country Championships Nov. 19,2011 at Veterans Park in Hoover, AL.,
- Reported that she had received the President's Award form Lionel Leach last year at the USATF Convention.

**Coaches Education**

- No report received

**President's Report:**

**Joe Henderson**

- I want to thank the people who came to our Association Meet. We worked through the glitches on sign up and straightened it out. I appreciate the Coaches and everyone's assistance and patience in working this out.
- We need to think as a group here; the Clubs are the Law Makers in this organization, the President and Officers are just here to execute what you have done. We all need to get more involved in meetings and what's going on in this organization as things are evolving and changing ( as an example the Internet.) I would like everyone to take a part in our Association. We are doing a great job, but we can do better.

**Elections**

**Nomination committee- Gini Bell, Edwin Hampton, and Jeff Jackson**

Gini Bell of the nominating committee reviewed the nominations for the officers as follows:

President Joe Henderson

- Nominations for president were called for from the floor. Bill Murray made a motion that the nominations be closed and Gene Tomlin seconded it. The motion was passed.
- Gini Bell made a Proposal for a vote by acclamation. Seconded by Bill Murray
- Vote by acclamation. Passed All in favor Joe Henderson President

Vice President Richmond Brown  
Demetrious Jackson

- Nominations for vice president were called for from the floor. Bill Murray made a motion that the nominations be closed and Gene Tomlin seconded it. The motion was passed.
- A ballot vote was completed; Richmond Brown Vice President

Membership Mary Birdwell

- Nomination for membership were called for from the floor. Bill Murray made a motion that the nominations be closed and Gene Tomlin seconded it. The motion was passed.
- Gini Bell made a proposal for a vote by acclamation. Seconded by Bill Murray.
- Vote by Acclamation. Passed All in Favor Mary Birdwell Membership

Secretary-Treasurer

- The current incumbent, Walt Bell, chose to not run for re-election.
- Nominations for secretary-treasurer were called for from the floor. Angela Vail nominated by Walt Bell. Seconded Bill Murray.
- Marcia Westry made a motion that the nominations be closed and Bill Murray seconded it. The motion was passed.
- Gini Bell made a proposal for a vote by acclamation. Seconded by Bill Murray. Vote by acclamation.
- Passed All in favor Angela Vail Secretary Treasurer

#### **New Business**

- Communication Coordinator - Joe Henderson has received information regarding seeking a communication coordinator for our Association. At this year's Association Workshop the new Email Marketing System (EMS) was introduced. To help with this process USATF is asking you to identify one (1) individual in your Association to serve as Communication coordinator. Their responsibilities are to collect information from the board and committee chairs to be sent to your constituent members, and sending emails regarding upcoming meetings of interest to your members, sending information of important events(meets, master events, Junior Olympic Events using proper USATF logos and acronyms. Making sure all emails are properly composed using proper English and grammar. Please respond to Joe Henderson if you would like to be considered for this position
- JO XC Bids - Edwin Hampton made a motion for Joe Henderson to contact USATF for information pertaining to JO XC bids. Seconded by Bill Murray. Vote Unanimous. Joe has accepted and agrees that this shall be done.
- Athlete Costs - Edwin Hampton has requested a committee be set up to review ideas in order help offset the Athletes costs for transportation to the USATF National JO. Joe Henderson has agreed to set up a committee to review this.

- Delegates to National Convention - Joe Henderson has requested that persons interested in being a delegate to the National Convention, please respond to Joe Henderson directly with your area of interest. Joe Henderson will make these appointments before Nov 15,, 2011. Walt Bell made a motion that compensation be the same for delegates to the National Conventions as last year. Seconded by Edwin Hampton. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ben Vail. Seconded by Edwin Hampton. All in Favor. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Bell  
Secretary-Treasurer