

Minutes From The Alabama Association of USA Track & Field Meeting on February 26, 2017

The Alabama Association 2017 winter meeting was held at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Hoover, Alabama on February 26, 2017. The Youth Meeting opened at 10:30 am with the Youth Chair Dale Beard presiding. General information was given concerning the Annual USATF National Meeting held in Orlando, Florida in December 2016. Because of the the up coming track season discussions were centered around maintaining our scheduled qualifying championship meets and the possibility of adding more championship meets to our schedule.

Our Association Championship meet was to be held in Mobile, Alabama at the University of South Alabama on June 17-18, 2017. Dale Beard's Club would be the host club. Club coaches who had agreed to host track meets during the summer were discussed and simplified. Additionally, the USATF Region 6 Junior Olympic k & Field Championships would be hosted by the state of Alabama on July 6-9, 2017. Mary Birdwell, the Meet Director for Region 6, initially wanted to host the Region 6 Championships in Mobile, Alabama but finally decided to host the event in Huntsville, Alabama after discussing the particulars with Joe Henderson, President of the Alabama Association and head coach for the Huntsville Metro Track Club an agreement was initiated to host the event in Huntsville, Alabama at the Alabama A&M University Track Complex. Other general issues were discussed concerning future track & field events during the summer of 2017. The meeting was adjourned and the room was set up for lunch at 12 noon.

The general meeting started late because we were waiting on the Secretary who was on his way but running late. President Henderson called the meeting to order and asked Mary Birdwell (Membership Chair) to do the roll call, credentials check and quorum. After Mary completed her task, she recommended David Bullock, The Association Vice President to record the minutes in absence of Secretary, Mike Walker.

The agenda was accepted but the minutes were omitted because Secretary Mike walker had not arrived. The unfinished business were the adoption of the proposed amendments which had been tabled two times in the past. The amendments were presented, voted on and adopted by the membership. There were questions on how the language should read on the amendment concerning quorum for our Association meetings. The quorum issue was settled and the amendments were voted on and adopted.

Reports are to be given in writing to the secretary or who ever is designated. President Henderson directed reports to be given as written on the program. President Henderson received to two written reports, one from Mary Birdwell and one from himself. The verbal reports were accepted as presented except the treasurer report. Connie McClinton (treasurer) gave her financial report and there was a difference in the financial material and the financial statements questioned by Eugene Byrd (LOC treasurer) and President Henderson. President Henderson informed the group that his information came from one of BBVA (compass Bank) associates. After discussions and questions concerning the financial report, President Henderson suggested that the three of them give their findings to the chairperson of the audit committee Melissa

Brabson (according to our bylaws) so that she could present the finances to the selected auditing agency for processing. The treasurer disagreed and would not give over her financial statements nor allow anyone to see the Association books (finances). Our Secretary did arrive during the reports.

President Henderson continued with the announcements and other general comments on several of the reports and urging all club coaches to be in attendance at all Association meets. He also, informed the membership that he had allotted money in the 2017 budget to show appreciations to our athletes, coaches, officials, officers and outstanding members during a planned banquet in 2017. For those clubs who gave support in making the 2016 USATF National Cross Country Junior Olympic Championship (which was hosted by the Alabama Association in Hoover, Alabama) a success, he gave them a big congratulations. He also gave thanks to all persons who helped with the championships. Finally, President Henderson, explained to the membership how the USATF Accreditation Committee worked very hard in helping the Alabama Association become in compliance during the 2016 USATF Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Membership was encouraged to work hard not to place our Association in that position again. The meeting was adjourned.