

March 29, 2015

USATF Florida Executive Committee meeting

Duffy's Sports Bar, Coconut Creek, Florida

Present: McLin Anderson, Doug Tillet, Joe Monks, Rod Larsen, Janice Thurston, Robin Beamon, Thomas Johnson, Pam Betz, Carol Hardemon, James Griffin, Dan Koch, Doreen Mercer-Small, Carmen Jackson.

Absent: Kristin McWilliams, Melinda Wheatley, Charlie Harris, Jim Williams, Angela Harris, Dave Halliday.

A quorum was present.

Robin reported that planning for the 2015 Junior Olympics and the 2015 Masters Track and Field Outdoor championships both being held in Jacksonville this summer is coming along nicely and she is working with the National office on the youth. Angela is working on a list of "Other" jobs that are going to be needed for these two meets. Robin received the meet schedule for the masters meet last week.

The Florida regional JO qualifier will be July 9-12, with the 9th and 10th being the combined events and the meet, the 11th and 12th. Most of the meet will be at Dwyer HS but the Hammer will be at FAU on the 10th and the Javelin will be across the street at Benjamin HS.

Dan reported he has measured out a Race Walk road course in Jacksonville and has submitted it for certification.

Robin said she will be applying for a sanction for the June 7th 2015 Florida Association Men's Women's and Masters Track and Field Championships to be held at the Ansin Center in Miramar, on Monday.

Everyone was reminded by Robin that according to our Bylaws **ALL** money was to go through our treasurer.

It was approved that in order to get reimbursed for expenses for events both pre and post event reports need to be submitted. Also for travel reimbursement a request needs to be submitted to the President, Secretary and Treasurer in advance of the travel. The Bylaws require pre and post reports to be submitted even if there are no reimbursements are needed.

There was a discussion that open athletes are those athletes who are 19 through 39 and Masters Athletes are 40 and over. Also it was noted that many events have overall completions in addition to age groups but overall has nothing to do with open when scoring an event.

After much discussion the Budget was passed, see the separate budget for the year.

Thomas said we need to support cities and counties that want to grow our sports so we need to support the JO qualifier in July, July 9-12.

Dave Halliday and Kristin McWilliams were both removed from the Executive Committee due to lack of attendance over the last two years.

Robin has requested for nominations for a replacement for Kristin's Cross Country Chair position even if it is up for election this coming October.

The next annual meeting of the Florida Association of USA Track and Field will be in the Central Florida area on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

Joe Monks reported on the 2015 USATF Florida Association 5K Championships:

Thanks to our race participants for supporting our first ever USATF association 5km The USATF 5km championships at Tradewinds park 7am on 3/29/15 also a 1 mile road race for under 8- 18 years and kids run.

On a beautiful and cool (62*) early morning on March 29th 2015a total of 32 participants toed the line for our Associations first ever LDR road race, a 5km championship event at Tradewinds park in Coconut Creek Florida. All participants finished the event.

Mike Stone from team Running Wild availed of the cool temperatures and fleet footedness of his Pearl iZUMi to whisk him around the course in a 17:45 min/sec., win. Mike is also a volunteer coach at FAU. Not to be outdone his teammate Danielle Kleppan from Team Running Wild won the Women's event in a swift 20:24 min/sec. Danielle is a coach at Westminster Academy.

Features south Florida rep Aldo Virano took the masters title in 18:48 min/sec while the infamous Trish Butler took the women's masters title in 21:30min/sec .Butler is a former coach of the year and puts her energies back into coaching and building state champions at STA and PBSC. Way to go Butler.

Many thanks to Dan Koch and the kind and generous and youthful 92 year old Gene Wijotkowski who set up the road race. The course was also previously certified by Gene.

In the elementary to youth mile events a total of 7 participants showcased their speed and agility in the mile race. The boys event was won by Jonathan Werble from Weston, in a time of 4:51 min/sec., and the girls was won by Olivia Childress from Weston, in a time of 6:18 min/sec.

Thanks to all the local running stores who provided race sign ups our on line service was provided by www.runsignup.com. I would like to thank Tom Vladimir for setting that up for us. Applications were also available at the local library, boys and girls club, sports authority and Tradewinds Park. Thanks to Al and Sue Harding and Nicole for very timely race results. They results are posted on www.Accuchip.com and the USATF – FL website.

Income of \$780 expenses \$2,906.88 net loss of \$2,126.88 or \$66.47 per athlete.

Respectfully submitted

Rod Larsen

Secretary