

USATF Florida Annual meeting
October 19, 2013
Hilton Inn

Elected the other members to the House of Delegates
Frank Wolfsheimer Officials
Phyllis Jackson Officials
Wanda Johnson Coach/Parent/Admin
Melynda Hani Coach/Parent/Admin

The minutes of the Special meeting held March 10, 2013 and the last annual meeting August 2012 were approved as published.

Membership report 2423 members (1165 youth 48.1%) (47.5% of the membership are affiliated with a USATF club). We have issued 295 sanctions. We have 102 Clubs.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$25,720.12. 10/18/2013 Ending balance of \$56,022.61.

Vice President of the North (Newsletter and Web Master) Angela Harris. Please send Angela any information you know about that highlights USATF Florida and it's members. We need to be our own advocates. Thanks Angela for all you do. A discussion about how we can grow the Association ensued.

Vice President of the South Thomas Johnson- We supported a Sprint Series which was very successful however we should have done a better job of advertising it and following up with the athletes. We need to identify mentors for our emerging elite athletes.

Officials Committee

This year at our Association and Regional Championships there was a high percentage of people being used as officials who were not certified. The Association's Committee chairs were asked to please use certified officials in the future and they agreed. It was decided to post the names and email address of certified officials on our web site. This year several Florida officials worked National USATF meets.

For officials wanting to advance from the National level to the Masters level, they need work meets outside of the Association. It is easier to be selected to work Master's and Youth Nationals Championships rather than Open Championships. For those who are interested in applying to work meets outside of Florida Contact Rod Larsen (Larsenrod@aol.com) who will help you walk through the process of applying to work meets outside of Florida.

Melinda Wheatley is a finalist for the National Officials Committee's John Davis Award and Rod Larsen is a finalist for the National Officials committee's James Grey Award.

It was decided to continue to require a person to be certified to have a USATF Florida membership for the entire Olympiad of their certification. Rod Larsen was re-elected to be the Officials Certification Chair. Janice Thurston was re-elected to be the Officials Representative to the Executive Committee.

Race Walk Committee Dan wants to grow Race Walking, he would be present at as many of our Walks as possible throughout the state. He has a history of developing Race Walk Officiating. Dan was elected by acclimation. Dan is committed to youth development and will be working with the Youth Committee to develop Youth Race Walkers. Races that were approved were: the Association 10 Km held with the National Masters 20 KM Feb 23rd, the Association 5 Km held April 7th by the Central Florida Walkers, the South Florida Race Walkers will hold the Association 1 500m and 3 000m date to be determine, the Association 5 000m will be held in conjunction with the Open Association T&F Championships and the Association 20 Km will be held in conjunction with the National Masters 50 Km.

Mountain, Ultra and Trails (MUT) Ron is hoping to grow these events.

Track and Field Charlie Harris, his vision is to bring more Elite Athletes into the Association. Carmen Jackson reported on Women's Track and Field. Her report re-caps our Florida Athletes and their accomplishments. It was agreed that we need to focus on athlete development which starts at the youth level. Charlie Harris and Carmen Jackson were elected by acclimation.

Youth Robin reported. The Association hosted the Regional JO Championships and despite numerous problems the meet was run exceptionally well. Angela Harris was elected by Acclimation. Her vision is to move forward to increase our membership. She is reaching out to Race Walk and LDR to increase youth development. She will be sending out survey's to get input. She will be appointing a committee to increase membership. Also, she will look at what other Associations are doing well plus holding symposiums, look at establishing a Hall of Fame possibly hold a banquet in the evening. We need to engage our members. She will try to rekindle the fire our membership to get our numbers up to where they have been in the past.

Masters Track and Field Sara Alegria was elected Chair. And she reported. The Masters Track and Field committee hosted the Association Masters Track & Field and the SE Regional Open Track & Field Championships both were very well attended by some amazing Masters athletes.

LDR Joe Monks was elected Women's Chair, Doug Tillet was elected the Masters Chair and McLin Anderson was elected the Men's Chair. All were elected by acclimation. All have the vision to grow LDR in the state of Florida. Joe reported.

Cross Country Rick Rothman reported. Kristen McWilliams was elected chair.

New Business

A discussion was held regarding the Association moving forward to grow our membership and to involve both elite athletes and emerging elite athletes.

Charlie Harris is looking at the Hall of Fame.

The Executive Committee will be establishing a Mission Statement.

Starting November 1st USATF membership numbers will become permanent numbers and no longer change from year to year.

Nate Johnson invited Officials to work the meets being held at USF, see the web site for details.

Event Directors are very strongly encouraged to look at the calendar when deciding when to hold their meets as we have a limited number of certified Officials.

The Executive Committee will through president establish a scholarship program to benefit the athletes within the USATF Florida Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Larsen
Secretary