

USATF Florida Association Annual Meeting

August 25, 2012

Call to Order 9:10 AM

Introductions of those present

Elected 4 Active Athletes to the House of Delegates

- Alex Garrett
- Paul Baur
- Franci Jefferson
- Doreen Small-Mercer

Elected Two Officials to the House of Delegates

- Janice Thurston
- Calvin Jackson

Elected two Coaches to the House of Delegates

- Thomas Johnson
- Erica Baker

George Linley, the Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission welcomed us to Palm Beach County and hopes that we have a successful and productive meeting

The Minutes were approved as posted on line.

The Treasurer's report -James Williams

FINANCIAL REPORT 08/11/11 THRU 08/24/12

08/11/11 Beginning Balance of \$ 18,810.17

08/24/12 Ending Balance of \$ 25,720.12

Deposits: \$147,955.34

Checks: \$140,220.37

Certificates of Deposit:

#17513096015 of \$5,000.00 @2.000% renewed value of \$5,834.50 on 2/22/12. Next maturity date of 03/22/14

#17543895134 of \$5,000.00 @2.000% renewed value of \$5,210.68 on 2/28/12. Next maturity date of 03/28/14

Expenditures:

USATF – National website: \$1,800.00

Angela Harris (newsletter): \$5,094.00
Membership/sanction, etc. process fees: \$1,525.50
Officials Certification: 165.00
Officials pay: \$480.00 (Memorial Inv)
Racewalk: \$164.50
Half Mile Timing: \$3,909.00 (1,509.00 MASTERS)
Timing (Coach to First Class Inc.): \$500.00
USATF Annual convention reimbursement: \$8,641.68
Executive board meeting reimbursement: \$1,028.90
Executive board meeting food and beverage: \$161.96
Merchandise from Coach "O": \$2,927.29
Level 1 school: \$562.19
Global Communications: \$163.00
Gainesville Sports Commission: \$3,875.00
Postage: \$1116.92
Florida Department of State Division of Corporations: \$297.50
SunTrust credit card: \$76,366.26
Bank of America credit card: \$12,523.12

Officers Reports

President Robin Beamon

- Thanked all of the officers
- Thanked Angela Harris for her work with the Web site and our Newsletter both of which are models for the rest of the country
- We hosted the NACAC Under 23 Track and Field meet and the Junior Pan Am's this year
- The Youth have increased their membership 400%
- Robin explained our Association Accreditation to the 2012 National Annual meeting; we meet 9 of 10 Required Standards and 7 of 9 Other Standards so we will have Provisional accreditation.
- The USATF National Annual will be in Daytona Beach Nov 28-Dec 2.

Executive Vice President Dave Halliday

- Also thanks the Executive Committee
- We have hosted Several National and Association Paralympic events.

Vice President of the North-Pam Betz

- Thanks to the Executive Committee for their work and pulling together this year.

Vice President of the South-Tammy King-Forester

- Thanked the Executive Committee
- Has been doing a lot with our youth

Sanction and Membership-Pam Betz

- 2122 Members
- 103 Club member 10 with multiple memberships
- 293 events were sanctioned since the 2011 Annual meeting until present.

Election of Officers

Robin Beamon was elected President

Dave Halliday was elected Executive Vice President

Angela Harris was elected VP North

Thomas Johnson was elected VP South

Rod Larsen was elected Secretary

Jim Williams was elected Treasurer

The following were elected as an Athlete at Large to the EC

1. Sara Alegria
2. Dan Koch
3. Doreen Small-Mercer

During the course of the committee reports there were several discussions regarding ethics and unethical behavior by coaches and athletes.

LDR Committees

- Joe gave the report (see attached)
- Johann Odermatt was elected to fill the 2nd year of the Men's Chair position
- Doug Tillett was elected to fill the 2nd year of the Masters Chair position

Track and Field Committees

- Charlie gave the report
- Florida will be hosting the SE Regional Masters Track and Field Championship June 1 in Miramar
- Charlie would like to see more support
- Carmen will be working on better communication letting everyone know about our events.
- Ron McRae volunteered to man a booth at our events
- Tony McQuay was the Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Year. Tony was the NCAA 400 meter champ and anchor the 4x400 relay with a 1st place finish, also lead the Univ. of Florida to the team championship. Tony place 2nd in the 400 at Olympic trials and ran the third leg of the 4x400 relay which won the silver medal at the 2012 London Olympics.
- This year the Men's, Women's and Masters Committees will host three meets:
 - March 23, 2013 at Lake Brantley High School -Altamonte Springs
 - April 13, 2013 at Miramar Fl.
 - May 11, 2013 at Miramar the state championship

Mountain/Ultra/Trail (MUT) Committee

- Ron McRae gave the report
- At the Annual meeting of USA Track and Field Florida, the organization named Amy Costa and Sung Ho Choi as its MUT female and male athletes of the year. Amy is the first four time winner of the Tallahassee Ultra Distance Classic and Sung was the dominant male ultra-distance runner

in the state of Florida with first place finishes in several races including the Tallahassee Ultra distance Classic and the Ancient Oaks 100 mile race. They are both well deserving recipients of the honors bestowed on them.

Cross Country

- Rick thanked Tammy and Johann for all of their hard work this past year
- The committee will be holding Grand Prix 4 events (Bradenton, Jacksonville, Central Florida and South Florida with the State Championship in Polk County). Open teams of 6 (4 scoring 2 pushing, Masters 3 Scoring 2 Pushing)
- NACAC has started holding Cross country races and the Committee will be trying to bring one to Palm Beach County in March
- Rick finally got all the approvals for the Cross Country Adult Running League (CCARL).
- Tentatively the schedule would look like this:
- September 22-Alligator Lake-North Florida
- October 13th-Vista View-South Florida
- October 27th-Bradenton
- Looking for a meet director-Panhandle area (Preferable Tallahassee) for October 13 or 20th.
- State Championship-November 10th
- Requirements of meet hosts
 - Sanction race through USATF-FL -go to Florida.USATF.ORG and click on sanctions-sanctioning provides insurance for race, as well as medals
 - All runners must be members of USATF-FL, as this is a state USATF-FL series.
 - Medals will be provided by USATF-FL (when your organization commits to host, Rick will arrange for the medals)
 - Teams-Male and female open- (no high school or college athletes allowed) 18-39 team of 6-4 will score, 2 pushers. Team must have a minimum of 4 runners.
 - Male and female masters (Masters-40 and up). 5 on a team-3 scores-must have a minimum of three to score. Distances of races will be at the discretion of the meet hosts.
 - Team entry fee-50.00 per team (25.00 to meet host-25.00 to USATF-FL).
 - Championship-A team must compete in two of the state races to qualify for prize money at State Championships, and members of teams must remain the same.
- USATF-FL will provide medals and championship trophies. Sanctioning and a \$600.00 licensing fee will be required to host the state championship, and to advertise it as the USATF-FL CCARL State Championship. Prize money will be offered to winning teams at the state championship-it will come from a percentage of the money sent in from the 4 preliminary races

Racewalk

- Report given by the Chair Sandra DeNoon

The racewalking community has come together to put on several Association Championships. The Central Florida Race Walkers started with the 5k race in April. There was a strong showing plus they had the added benefit of several youth walkers. Several state records were on the line.

The South Florida Racewalkers have completed the Association 10k Championship. They still have the 1500m, 3,000m on September 16th, and the 20k Master's National and Association race November 11th to complete.

Racewalking received a small boost from the newly finished London Olympics and the strong coverage by NBC. Dan Koch will host the local BECON TV to give them a race walk lesson. Then the TV station plans to tape our Association 1500m/3000m race walk which Dan Koch is Meet Director. This will take place September 13th & 16th.

As Racewalk chair I want to give a special thanks to Dan Koch and his club for putting so much effort into all his races. He is currently the face of Florida racewalking with all the racewalking events his club puts on. Dan is currently bidding for two Master's National Championships, 20k in March, 2013 and 50k for November, 2013 to be decided at the USATF Convention this December. Thank you Dan for all your hard work and effort on behalf of racewalking.

There is still more work that needs to be done to invite younger walkers to the sport as many of our current walkers are aging quickly, every year in fact. ☺

There is a coach in Central Florida who coaches a group of 20 racewalkers ranging in age from 8 to 70 years old. More of this kind of training needs to get done to build a stronger racewalk base. The walkers come from all areas and many different clubs.

Florida Association does a great job putting on Association races, now we need to get the walkers there.

2013 Association Meets:

1. 1500/3000m SFRW Mid-September --Coconut Creek
2. 5000m June 1st w/Master's S.E. Regional-- Miramar
3. 5k SFRW MAY Coconut Creek
4. 10k CFW April UCF
5. 20k SFRW March 10th Coconut Creek (also National Master's 20k, possible 6k for youth)
6. 50k National Master's only w/8k as an Association race.

All races are tentative dates and places at this time.

Youth

- Angela gave the report
- The USATF-FL Youth Committee under the direction of Angela Harris, Regional Coordinator and Tammy King-Foster (XC Coordinator) experienced major changes in 2012. Tammy King-Foster's diligence and leadership resulted in an increase in membership and participation in the FL Association youth cross-country program. The USATF-FL Regional Cross-Country Championship was held at Amelia Earhart Park in Miami-Dade County with substantial participation.

- The USATF-FL youth track & field program experienced a tremendous growth in membership and participation under the leadership and perseverance of Angela Harris. Angela initiated a state-wide information strategy to assure that the program information and availability was made available throughout the state during the developmental season. Angela also brokered a reduced entry fee to make the program more affordable in this difficult economic climate. Angela's perseverance resulted in the meet being contested at Lake Brantley High School in Altamonte Springs with participation of several hundred athletes.
- As Youth Chair, Robin has made a commitment to continue working with Angela and Tammy to attempt to further increase the USATF-FL participation numbers during the 2012 Cross-Country season and 2013 outdoor Track & Field season.
- Submitted By: Robin Brown-Beamon USATF-FL Youth Chair

Officials Committee- Rod Larsen, Chair

It was decided that since a new level of Official Certification has been introduced, those officials who start at the new Apprentice level will have to be at that level for two years and then they will have to only be at the next or Association level for two additional years before being eligible to advance to the National level. Those Officials currently at the Association level will have to work at the Association level for a minimum of three years before being eligible to advance to the National level. This only addresses the time someone has to work at a level before moving up. All other requirements remain the same.

All officials have to Re-certify late this fall once the new Rules Reviews (tests) have been written. Besides taking the tests, officials will have to be members of USATF Florida for the four years, 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016 (cost \$25 per year, total \$100) plus there will be a \$15 certification fee. A resume of meets worked including which event(s) someone worked at the meets will have to be submitted, so start updating your resume. Also, everyone must undergo the USATF.org Background screening. Go to (<http://www.usatf.org/about/programs/BackgroundChecks/>) for more information. You can do the screening now. Updated pictures for the new ID cards will be needed. More information will be sent out when it becomes available.

Rod Larsen, the officials chair was elected to be the Association Secretary, therefore an election was held and Janice Thurston was elected to be the Official's Committee Representative to the Executive Committee.

At the Awards Luncheon; Pam Betz, Sandra DeNoon, Collie Smith and Michael Williams were announced as the Outstanding Officials of the Year.

USATF Florida Athletes of the Year 2012

Track & Field

Male: Tony McQuay

Female: Sanya Richards- Ross
Masters

Male: Scott Manas
Female: Essie Faria

Long Distance Running (LDR)

Male: Matt Hensley
Female: Terri Rejimbál

Masters

Male: Ronnie Holassie
Female: Suzanne O'Malley

MUT

Male: Sung Ho Choi
Female: Amy Costa

Disabled Athlete

Female: Breanna McMahon

Cross Country

Male: Mark Parrish
Female: Bryce Seymour

Race Walk

Male: Juan Moscoso
Female: Maite Piedra-Moscoso

Youth

Male: Jeremiah Green
Female: Maite Moscoso

Official

Michael Williams
Collie Smith
Sandra DeNoon
Pam Betz

2012 USA Olympic Team Roster with Florida Connections

MEN

100M: Justin Gatlin (Orlando), Tyson Gay (Clermont)
200M: Maurice Mitchell (Tallahassee)
400M: Tony McQuay (Gainesville; Florida Association 2012 T&F "Athlete of the Year")
400M Hurdles: Kerron Clement (Gainesville)
Triple Jump: Christian Taylor (Dayton Beach)

WOMEN

200M: Sanya Richards-Ross (Miami; Florida Association 2012 T&F "Athlete of the Year")
400M: Sanya Richards-Ross (Miami; Florida Association 2012 T&F "Athlete of the Year"),
DeeDee Trotter (Orlando)
100M Hurdles: Kellie Wells (Orlando)
400M Hurdles: T'erea Brown (Miami)
Pole Vault: Lacy Janson (Sarasota)
Heptathlon: Hyleas Fountain (Daytona Beach)
Relay Pool: Lauryn Williams (Miami)

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Larsen
Officials Chair
Secretary
USATF Florida