

2017 USATF Florida Association Annual meeting
Jacksonville, FL
August 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 which began with prayer by Phyllis Jackson.

Opening Session: President Angela Harris welcomed everyone to the 2017 USATF Florida Association Annual Meeting. Members were informed that Carol Hardemon will serve as Sergeant of Arms and Rod Larsen as Parliamentarian for this meeting.

Members were Elected to the House of Delegates

- ⌚ During the voting in for House of Delegates, Rod Lawson oversaw the officials; Gary Beswick oversaw the coaches and Carmen Jackson oversaw active athletes
- ⌚ If a person is representing a club, then he/she don't need to represent one of the positions.
- ⌚ Each Executive Committee Chair has a vote
- ⌚ Groups were separated based on interest in the below categories and elect for votes
 - ⌚ 6 active athletes
 - ⌚ 3 officials – Monica Snead, Leroy Funderburk, James Porter
 - ⌚ 3 coaches – Bayardo Sinclair, Thomas Graham, Tywana Proctor

Nate Johnson stated clubs who have one representative per organization how can they vote in two different sessions at one time. He requested the breakout sessions be staggered for organizations to have a vote in each session. President Harris stated that individual would have to leave one session to go to another session. The votes won't be held up due to another club not being present.

Per Rod Larsen, our by-laws allow us to separate and conduct breakout session/votes in this manner as stated. Joe Monks interjected and stated that we are now following the USATF National model in regard to the breakout sessions.

Introduction of Executive Committee by Angela Harris

Absent – Executive Committee members: Melinda Wheatley (Disable Athletes);

Late: Paul Baur

In Memoriam: Members were led in a moment of silence for youth athlete Caleb Harris of Metro Dade Track Club who died of a heart attack while practicing. Members were also asked to forward names of any current deceased members to the Communication Liaison so that the Association can offer its condolences.

Speaker: Ervin Lewis - Winners vs. Champions.

Main focus was athletes recognizing how their attitude, communication, character and effort play a major role in their success. Assuming accountability for actions their actions, empowering them daily and preparing them for college will enable athletes to strive for success daily. He defined winners as people who have always won but are complacent. Champions are soul searchers who look deeper than themselves; strive daily to win. He discussed upcoming events and plans for UNF (hosting high school championships and improving the track facility)

Approval of Minutes from 2016 USATF Florida Association

A motion was set for the minutes from 2016 USATF Florida Association be approved if there aren't any corrections. Minutes were voted on and approved as posted on the Web site.

President's Year in Review

- ⌚ Introduced Executive Committee Chairs
- ⌚ Thanked the various chairs and their committees for their service
- ⌚ Reported that all criteria for the USA Track & Field Association's accreditation was met and Plan For Improvement (PFI) submitted for deficiency in Membership.
- ⌚ Recognized the success of the Learn By Doing Clinic.

- Ⓛ Discussed financial progress. (PayPal, Quickbooks, etc.)
- Ⓛ Informed members about growth in Sanctions and Membership
- Ⓛ Provided information on the Association going green by using online processes.
- Ⓛ Awards nomination process has been changed to include nominations by members
- Ⓛ Discuss various recruitment tools (hosting clinics in untapped areas of Florida)
- Ⓛ Hosting clinics in areas that are high need; contact the USATF Communication chair if you would like to host a clinic
- Ⓛ Learn by Doing Clinic at IMG (5 scholarships are offered thru the association)
- Ⓛ Level 2 Clinic in January will be held at IMG in December 27 – 31, 2017 check online for additional information
- Ⓛ Discussions were held regarding Level 1 and Level 2 trainings (Coaches should be Level 1 trained, have a background check and safe sport certified to be an USATF member. Caleb stated that coaches need to realize how to use Level 1 training effectively; Joe stated IMG's Level 2 training does an excellent job on display biomechanics.)
- Ⓛ FHSAA meeting – Javelin in FHSAA will be added in 2020. Event will be exhibition for 2018 and 2019. Athletes will throw the aero-javelin. Some of the FHSAA officials are also USATF Certified Officials.

President Goals for 2017 -2018

- Ⓛ Increase growth in various committees
- Ⓛ Financial Stability - Budget for new programs
- Ⓛ Enhance visibility of SafeSport
- Ⓛ Increase membership and new programs
- Ⓛ Promoting Run Jump Throw (1-day event but 6 seek process) in Miami, Jacksonville and other areas
- Ⓛ New format in getting parks and recreation to adopting USATF model and allowing us to use their facilities
- Ⓛ Getting former and Olympic athletes to promote USATF and how it aided them
- Ⓛ Obtaining and using grants, scholarships and sponsorships for USATF FL meets for youth, LDR, Master's and coaching clinics.
- Ⓛ Marketing Initiatives for USATF Florida Association
- Ⓛ Creating new committees to enhance the association (Athlete Advisory, Athlete Ambassadors, Coaches Advisory/Education Committee, By- laws, Law and Legislation etc...)

President Angela Harris acknowledged all for assisting with the various programs and informed everyone that the Annual Document with various reports will be posted on line.

Officials Chair Election

Nominations for Official Chair was opened. Nominees were Rod Larsen and Nate Johnson. Both nominees introduced themselves and stated their qualifications.

Nate Johnson inquired about the Committee Chairs and their long term visions as well as the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) under the new administration. He has requested SOP's in the past and yet to see one. President Harris stated that she has requested the same. Therefore, Nate posed a motion that the new administration establish SOP's. If there isn't a SOP then the Committee Chair should not hold office. Rod Lawson moved the motion and it was seconded.

SOP's are due from each Committee Chair by January 31, 2018. SOP's format will be devised for consistency.

The members were informed that the bylaws vaguely state the duties and responsibilities of each committee. It was suggested that the bylaws be reviewed and revised.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, James Williams presented the treasurer's report and gave an itemization of all expenses (credit card, certificates and expenditures) for the year and the report will be online.

Nate Johnson asked that the Treasurer's report be distributed or posted prior to meeting for review and discussion.

James Williams informed members that a successful audit was completed and will be completed every year.

Motion was made by Carol Hardemon to accept the treasurer's report, Doreen Small-Mercer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lunch

The presentation of the Association's Awards was presented to the following individuals:

Men LDR Athlete of the Year

- Raymond "Ty" McCormack, Jr.

Women LDR Athlete of the Year

- Trish Butler

Masters LDR Athlete of the Year

- Robert Hendrick

Masters Track and Field Athlete of the Year

- Susan Cooke
- Thomas Sputo

Para Athlete of the Year

- Macoyah Barry

Men Mountain/Ultra/Trail (MUT) Athlete of the Year

- Patrick McMahon

Women Mountain/Ultra/Trail (MUT) Athlete of the Year

- Regina Sooey

Youth Race Walk Athlete of the Year

- Briana Moore
- Jasem Phillip

Youth Track and Field Athlete of the Year

- Kaj Baker
- Eddiyah Frye

Youth Thrower Athlete of the Year

- Giovanni Puglisi
- Kayla-Rae Gordon

Official of the Year

- Venetta Oglesby
- Janice Thurston

- Steve Thomson
- Gary Beswick

President's Award

- Tianna Bartoletta - Women Track and Field Athlete of the Year
- Justin Gatlin - Men Track and Field Athlete of the Year
- Christian Taylor
- Kerron Clement
- Kendall Ellis
- Shakima Wimbley
- Tony McQuay

Outstanding Service Award

- Mike "Mouse" Holloway
- Carmen Jackson
- Phyllis Jackson
- James Williams

Following lunch, prior to breakout sessions, the results for the Officials Chair were announced. Rod Larsen was elected as the Officials Chair.

Committee Breakout Sessions: The committees convened in breakout sessions.

- Breakout session groups and room/space assignments were made.
- Committees were instructed as to what they would need to report upon returning to the closing session.
- Secretary Venetta Oglesby informed all committee chairs to submit their committee's meeting roster of attendees, officers and meeting minutes.

Closing Session: Following the committee's breakout session meetings, the membership reconvened to report the following elections.

Youth Committee:

- Angela Holmes- Harris – Youth Chair
- Bayardo Sinclair – Assistant Youth Chair

Attendees: Phyllis Jackson, Carrol Hardemon, Thomas Graham, April Peterson, Tangela Jones-Kelly, Tameka Sanders, Monica Snead, Paul Baur, Eddie Frye, Nate Johnson, Leroy Funderburk Jr., Brenda Montgomery- King, Tywana Proctor, Venetta Oglesby, Doreen Small- Mercer

Cross Country Committee:

- Gary Beswick - Chair

Mountain, Ultra, Trail (MUT) Committee:

- Conner Bussiere - Chair

Long Distance Racing (DR)

Attendees: Joe Monks, Jean Duncombe, Gary Beswick, McLin Anderson, Doug Tillett, Jim Williams, Rod Larsen, Monica Snead, James Porter

Track- Field Committee

- ☒ Carmen Jackson – Women’s Chair
- ☒ Gary Beswick – Men’s Chair
- ☒ James Griffin – Master’s Chair

Attendees: Tom Goodman, Robert Covington, John Sales, Ronnie Brown, Janice Thurston, Monica Snead, Rod Larsen, James Anderson

Race Walk Committee

- ☒ Dan Koch –Chair
- ☒ Herman Vernon – Co-Chair
- ☒ Pam Betz - Secretary

New Business:

James Williams - Official's Coordinator 2017 USATF Junior Olympics Cross Country Championships

- ☒ Date: December 9th in Tallahassee at Apalachee Regional Park
- ☒ 45 - 50 USATF Certified Officials are needed for Championship.
- ☒ The Senior games will be contested on the same weekend.

Pam Betz - USATF National Association Committee Secretary

- ☒ The USATF Annual Meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio 11/29 -12/3/17
- ☒ Registration must be completed in order to reserve room at host hotel. There are alternate hotels near the convention center
- ☒ Application for 2018 Association grants are due by 8/1/17. These grants are available for Associations with financial hardships.

Nate Johnson - BAYTAF

BAYTAF Classic and NCAA East Regional will both be held on the same weekend, May 24th - 26th, 2018. The NCAA trying to recruit 90 officials and 30 volunteers. There are currently 23 officials. The goal is to have 45 Florida Officials. The selection process completion date is 10/2017.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45PM