

USATF Florida Association Annual meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2011

1. Voting delegates were elected and voting cards were distributed. The following additional members were elected to the House of Delegates. The Athletes: Chuck McLaughlin, Malcolm Jackson, Sara Alegria and Doug Tillett. The Officials: Scott Peters and Frank W . The Coaches: Jesse Holt and Reggie McCrea.
2. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved. Beginning balance \$25,981.30 (8/14/2010) Ending balance \$18,810.17 (8/10/2011).
4. **Sanctions and membership report:** 196 Sanctions have been issued YTD, Member Clubs total 93, 1984 total members of which 640 are Youth
5. By-Law Amendments: Insertions are underlined and deletions are ~~crossed out~~.

It was approved to create a Disabled Athlete Sports Committee:

Article 10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (page 4)

- B. The Chairpersons of each Standing Sports Committee (~~10-11~~ persons).

Article 16: COMMITTEES: (page 9)

3. General Competition Division:

<u>Disabled Athletes Committee</u>	<u>Sports</u>
Race Walking Committee	Sport
Officials Committee	Operating
Youth Athletics Committee	Sport

It was approved to have the Association take a more active role in hosting our championships and hold our Chairs to be more accountable therefore the following is to be added.

Article 16: COMMITTEES: (page 9)

- B to conduct, manage and award all championships in its sport and submit a proposed budget to the Executive Committee for approval 60 days prior to the event
- C Direct all Association Championship entry fees to USATF-FL
- D Direct all invoices/expenses to the Treasurer of USATF-FL for payment
- E Submit a financial statement to the Treasurer at the conclusion of their Association Championships

Re-letter C through H due to insertion of a new C, D and E.

It should be noted that Association championships held in conjunction with an established event shall be exempt from Association championship mandates except that the event will be USATF Florida sanctioned and USATF Florida membership is required.

It was approved, to create an Event Management Committee, (the Committee can be a single person-the chair) and to give it the power it needs to assist the Sports committee Chairs with the above added responsibilities.

ARTICLE 16: COMMITTEES (Continued): (page 10)

5. Administrative Division

- Budget and Finance
- Coaches Education/Certification
- Event Management
- Law and Legislation
- Any Temporary Committee

D. Event Management

(i) The Committee shall assist the various sports committee chairs in preparing their championship's budget and concluding financial statement.

(ii) Ensure that entry fees are paid to the Association.

(iii) Ensure that all USATF Rules of Competition for Association Championships and Records are complied with.

(iv) Assist with on-line registration.

~~D-E~~ Temporary Administrative Committees

(Re-lettered due to new D.)

It was approved in order to clarify USATF Annual Meeting Reimbursements a new paragraph should be added to Article 10. Executive Committee at the end of the article

ARTICLE 10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Continued):

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The Executive Committee shall set a maximum amount for reimbursement for actual costs related to registration, travel and housing for Delegates to the USATF Annual convention. Meals will not be included. In other words, if the allocation is \$500.00 and the actual costs do not equal that amount, and then a person will only be reimbursed for their actual expenses. No reimbursements will be made without actual receipts, attend the final meeting and submission of the mandated committee reports.

New Business

1. Jose Alegria expressed a concern that the Association needs to do a better job of promoting our sports and a discussion followed. There was a consensus that he was correct.
2. Newsletter – If you are a current USATF Florida member and you have not received the first two issues be sure to update your email address. Also, Angela Harris our newsletter editor has done an excellent job with these two issues and she wants input from everyone, her email address is epitomeofex@comcast.net.
3. The Website - Andy Martin and the national office has agreed to help build the Florida website as the National model template for all of the Associations. Committee Chairs need to provide updated information as it is starting to go up. Again input from everyone is welcome. Angela Harris is our webmaster and her email address is epitomeofex@comcast.net.
4. It will be brought up at this afternoon's Executive Committee meeting that the Association bid for the 2013 JO's and the 2013 Youth Outdoor Championships. (Note it was approved at Saturday's afternoon meeting).
5. Please remember that the 2012 National Annual meeting will be held in Florida at the Daytona Beach Hilton, the first weekend in December.
6. Garrett Johnson has developed a website (**InfoReach**) that enables users to easily send group text messages. Sign-up is **Fast** and sending messages is **FREE**. Many of the features he built into the system were inspired by things that would help make communication easier and help other coaches/officials/parents. So, if you ever need to send one text message to groups of 10/50/100 or more of your parents/athletes/volunteers, this is the way to do it. Also great for your churches, schools, community groups, etc. Check out the site here: www.InfoRate.com

Committee Meetings

LDR – Joe Monks The Association held or will have held 7 Championships this year, three of these events were also National championships. The committee has been very active in developing the Athlete Development Program (ADP). Joe Monks was elected as the Women’s chair. The Masters and Men’s were held vacant.

Cross Country - Rick Rothman Rick was elected to be the chair. Rick and Tammy Foster-King explained the South Florida Cross Country Series to promote and develop Health, Fitness and Wellness for Elementary and Middle School students across South Florida. He also wants clubs to host open and masters cross country meets with the possibility of setting up a series. It was suggested that the committee look into the “Mileage” program, a program where elementary students run laps during recess and earn awards based on the number of miles run during the year.

Kacy Smith and James Clark were recognized as the Outstanding Runners of the Year.

Track and Field – Charles Harris The T & F committees are reaching out to the community and various camps to encourage a greater participation in our Association championships. The 2012 Association Championships will be Sunday, May 20th at the Anson Sports Center in Marimar. Charles Harris was elected Men’s chair, Carmen Jackson was elected the Women’s Chair. Sharla Cobb the Master chair reported that several Masters meets were held across the state. Sharla Cobb was elected Masters Chair.

MUT Ron McRea It was reported that In Florida it is difficult hold Mountain event here in Florida and that most MUT Association championships will be piggy back event with existing events.

Race Walk Sandra DeNoon Reported that 6 Association Championships were held in addition to hosting the Pan Am cup 10 and 20 Km trials.

July/August Race Walk report

Due to a conflict with the track for the June 11th 1500m & 5,000m the meet was rescheduled for the later part of June. One week before the rescheduled meet was to take place the whole meet was cancelled.

Dan Koch was willing to add the distances to his already scheduled events. The 5,000m will take place September 18th in Plantation Central Park Starting at 7:30am. He will also host a 1500m youth development race walk. The 1500m will be at a later date. The FAC purchased State Association medals for both events at no cost to USATF FL. **Thank you Dan for taking on these events.**

Dan is also putting on the State 20k sometime in November. More information will be available when the event gets closer.

Must follow rules or may not be selected for future events

Event	Location	Date	Club
1. 1500m/3000m	Plantation Park	TBA	SFRW
2. 5000m	Miramar	May 20 th	USATF FL
3. 10K	Plantation Park	TBA	SFRW
4. 5K & 5K Youth	UCF Campus	April 13 th	CFW
5. 20K	Plantation Park	TBA	SFRW

+All courses will need to be certified in advance of the race.

***All races must have the proper Officials for possible records**

i. e., track 3=5, road 6-9 and at least one must be a master Level or IAAF official

BTC-Breakaway Track Club; Sheryl Gilliland: (352) 516-2314

CFW-Central Florida Walkers; Chuck McLaughlin: cgmclaughlin@cfi.rr.com (407) 678-2323

FAC-Florida Athletic Club; Don DeNoon: noonwalk_99@yahoo.net (352) 217-3966

NTC-National Training Center; Track and Field Coordinator – (352) 241-7144 EXT. 4206

Sandra DeNoon was elected to be the Chair.
Joan Terry and were recognized as the Outstanding Walkers of the Year.

Disabled Athletes Scott Peters The USATF National Disabled Athletes committee does not have voting rights at the USATF National meeting as USATF is not currently the sanction body of the sport. Scott has been very active on the National level working with the National office. He sees that more promotion is needed to create a greater awareness. Scott Peters was elected as the Chair.

Youth Angela Harris has been doing an excellent job as our Regional Chair. It was reported that our numbers have declined this past year through no fault of our Chair Joey Scott and it is known that we need to rebuild our program. Robin was elected chair. A discussion was held on youth coaching philosophy. The youth committee will be comprised of members from all over the state. Robin Reynolds and Marvin Bracy were recognized as our Outstanding Youth Athletes of the Year.

Officials

Applications for 2012 Olympic Trials, Indoor, Indoor Combined and Junior Outdoor Championships

Starting with the application for the 2012 Championships, we will move to an online-only application process. Applications will no longer be mailed out and no printable application will be made available to mail back. To ease the transition we will open the application in mid-August. The mid-October deadline and all other requirements will remain the same. More information including all links and instructions will be sent out in the newsletter and posted on the website at the appropriate time.

This information will be in the next newsletter so everyone should make sure their emails are current in the USATF Florida membership data base.

2012 NFHS Rule Changes

The 2012 High School Federation rule changes are now available at <http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=5563>.

When do we recertify?

For all currently certified officials; re-certified is once every four years. The next re-certification period will be in the fall of 2012 after the London 2012 Olympics. If anyone is interested in becoming a USATF certified official for the first time or interested in re-certifying contact Rod Larsen the Association certification chair at Larsenrod@aol.com .

To advance from The Association level to the National level an official must serve at the Association level for at least 3 years and work each event they want to up-grade 4 or 5 times each of the three years and take and pass the appropriate Rules Review(s).

To advance from the National level to the Masters level an official must serve at the National level for at least 3 years and work each event they want to up-grade 4 or 5 times each of the three years and take and pass the appropriate Rules Review(s). Also, there is an oral exam that needs to be passed. Officials need to work several Association, Regional, National and preferably International events. In addition

officials need to work outside of their home area. They should be able to lead a crew at a National level event.

Items of Congratulations

Jim Williams did an outstanding job coordinating the officials at the National Paralympics and the Junior Pan Am games held this summer at the Anson Center in Miramar. He sets the standard for Official's Coordinating. Thanks Jim.

Erica Baker and James Gardner were recognized as Outstanding Florida Officials at the Awards Luncheon.

Rod was elected as the chair.

Awards

In addition to the Outstanding Athletes and Officials of the Year previously acknowledged;

The 2011 USATF Florida Association

Henry Mancini

Lifetime Achievement/Outstanding Service Award

was presented to Carol Hardemon

Adjourned at 1:15