

USATF South Carolina  
Annual Meeting, August 15, 2010  
Meeting Minutes

Opening:

The annual meeting of USATF South Carolina was called to order at 2:10 pm on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at St. Andrews Park by President, Brian McCue

Present:

Name	Designation	Voting Constituency
Brian McCue	President, Official	Official
Conrad Koziel	Official	Official
Archie Ard	Official	Official
John (Jack) VanDeman	Club, Official, Coach	Official
John (Jack) Gilmore	Club, Official, Coach	Club 55-226
Cathy Koziel	Membership, Official	Official
Valerie Beesley	Treasurer/Official	Official
Maxwell Hamlyn	Non-voting	-----
Chris Kling	Non-Voting	-----
Bill Truman	Club, Coach	Club 55-205
Gil Howarth	Club, Coach	Club 55-205
Linda Ellis	Club, Coach	Coach 55-240
Richie Ellis	Club	Club 55-240
Tim Huber	Non-voting	-----
Daniel Brooks	Club, Coach	Coach 55-270
Jeff Jacobs	Club, Coach	Club 55-281
Richard Ellis	Coach	Coach 55-240
Norman Venyah	Official	Official
John Pedersen	Member	Other
Samuel Kennedy	Club, Coach	Club 55-113
Tami Dennis	Club, Coach	Club 55-231
Malcolm Carson	Member	Other
Debra Hawkins	Non-voting	-----
Matthew Hawkins	Club, Coach	Coach 55-203
Valerie Jacobs	Club, Official, Coach	Club 55-143
Sheila McMichael	Official, Coach	Official
Frances McCarroll	Official	Official
Fred McCarroll	2nd VP, Official, Coach	Official

28 present – Quorum met with 7 clubs in attendance (5 clubs needed)

10 voted as Officials – 8 voted as Club – 2 voted as Others – 4 voted as Coaches

4 present were not eligible to vote.

Brian McCue noted that a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were disbursed to all for viewing.

Linda Ellis noted that her designation from the sign in sheet should be Coach Pee Dee Elite.

Motion by Brian McCue to accept the minutes with this change.

Seconded by Linda Ellis.

All in favor – minutes of 2009 annual meeting were approved.

#### Financial Report:

Treasurer Valerie Beesley distributed a copy of the Auditor's report approving audit the financial books for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The audit is done this time of year such that all is returned to the Treasurer in time for the annual meeting.

The return to the IRS was done in a timely manner for the year of 2009. A copy was mailed to the national office for their files. A copy has also been posted on the USATF SC website per national's instructions. She noted that the Tax ID number and group number were blacked out as this should not be posted up on the website for all to see. National office has also mandated that in the future all association's provide proof of mailing of the return. Future Treasurer should be sure to send the future returns in this manner and send a copy of this as well to the national office.

The filing with the Secretary of State was done in a timely manner. A copy was sent to the national office and posted on the USATF SC website – again with the pertinent confidential numbers blacked out. Both of the above documents are found in the documents section of the website.

Valerie also noted that any expenditures were emailed to all executive and chairs for their knowledge and approval.

Valerie provided the Trial Balance, Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Account Reconciliations as of August 13, 2010 for all to view. It was noted that this information is mailed each and every month as well to all the executive and chairs. Presently USATF SC as a balance of \$31,591.75 in the bank and year to date a profit of \$7,107.41.

#### Reports of Officers and Committees:

##### Membership Report:

Cathy Koziel provided material to all with membership figures as of 08/15/10. As of 06/30/10 there were 430 voting members. Total membership is 1510 of which 1099 are 18 or younger. Cathy noted that membership fluctuates as to where the national meets for the youth athletes are. If AAU is closer they may decide to participate in this program instead of USATF.

Clubs – Cathy explained that event clubs are clubs that obtain this type of club membership so that their sanctions for their events are less costly. There were 9 clubs that did not renew this year in total. 7 of these clubs were youth. Some of these had decided to participate in AAU since their national meet was closer this year.

Cathy reminded all clubs to renew their clubs any time after November 1<sup>st</sup> and for new athletes who may be competing in cross country to hold off purchasing membership for them until after November 1. If membership is purchased after or on November 1 it would be current for not only the remainder of 2010 but also for the entire year of 2011.

Linda Ellis asked if the athletes that did not have membership were still insured during their club practice if they waited until November 1 to purchase the membership. Cathy informed all that they were not – you must have membership to be insured.

Currently there have been 26 sanctions purchased. This figure is fairly consistent with past years. 2011 it may increase to 30 with the Junior Olympic Youth meet and regional and national cross country championships.

Cathy noted to all that any confidential papers sent to her have been given to Valerie Beesley to shred at her work place with the shredding machine her place of business has. This must be done on a regular basis.

#### Youth Chair:

2009 Cross Country: Valerie Beesley distributed a financial breakdown of the 2009 Cross Country Championships. The net profit from the meet was \$482.77. There were 203 entries. USATF SC did not collect entry fees for the SC athletes competing – these entries would have totaled \$2,555. USATF SC paid national entry fees of \$1,380.00. The USATF SC cross country records were updated and posted on the SC website. 46 Regional plaques were sent to the Mount Pleasant Track Club whose SBG, SBB, BG, BB, MB, MB, and YB team entries were regional champions. Carly Hall of Mount Pleasant was also sent a national plaque for her finishing place at the national cross country meet. Valerie noted she had a concern with future cross country championships as the national office has mandated that all associations use Coacho. Using this type of entry process would not allow for day of entries. USATF SC would lose many entrants due to this. USATF SC also hosted the Regional cross country championships. The net profit from this meet was \$7,588.37. There were some funds collected in 2010 from the GA association of \$540.00 for this meet. This money is reflected in the income for 2010.

2010 JO Track & Field: Financial Breakdown was distributed. The net profit from the meet was \$6,954.36. 882 athletes entered, which was down from last year due to some athletes opting to participate in AAU instead of USATF.

Valerie thanked the City of Myrtle Beach and the staff at Doug Shaw who were so wonderful to work with the past two years while having the JO meet there.

The sports bags for first place finishers seemed to be a big hit. It was noted that you have to order these well in advance and of course for all events as you do not know that far ahead if you will have entries or not. There is a container of these red bags left over but they are dated. Linda Ellis asked if in the future the date be taken off. Discussion in regards to this – it was noted that these were less expensive than the crests in previous years and that to not put the date on would not make them very unique or special to win. Valerie suggested that the left over bags be donated to a local charity that has absolutely nothing to do with track & field and would not surface on athletes who had actually competed and not won these. She suggested the Burton Center – a facility for mentally challenged youth and adults in the Greenwood area where she lives. No decision was made in regards to this at this time. Blue bags are in the storage unit for the cross country championships. Valerie recommended in the future to always make the colors different for the different events during the year and future years to keep them unique and special to be presented to the winning athletes.

USATF SC has signed a contract with Half Mile Timing for three years at \$2500. There was some discussion as to the price being high. Valerie noted that the timers arrived early and worked very hard to make sure that the board was up and running this year.

USATF SC paid youth regional entry fees of \$4,128.00 and national entry fees of \$304.00. The net profit from the meet was \$6,954.36.

Valerie noted that USATF SC had opted to collect the entry money themselves and not through Coacho. Coacho was mandated by the national office for all associations to use. There was not one problem collecting from the clubs and never has been. There was an issue with unattached athletes not showing up after entering and therefore not paying. There was a total of \$210.00 not collected due to this. If the lost bib number money is applied to this the net amount not collected is \$155.00. Valerie suggested that next year perhaps all unattached athletes will have to pay by a certain deadline and the clubs would know that they could pay as they did this year. Note that most clubs did pay before the actual meet. Sam Kennedy asked why Coacho was picked. He did not enjoy the new system. Linda and Valerie explained that a committee at the national level had looked at several methods of online registration and this was the one picked and all associations were mandated to use this system of online registration. Hopefully next year all the kinks will be worked out and the experience will be more enjoyable for all.

The hotels did work with USATF SC except the Sheraton. Some clubs still opted to stay there. Valerie noted that she saw only one window open at concessions and was not sure if this was a problem at the meet but would recommend that the Booster Club that ran this might have 2 windows open for any future youth track events.

Valerie commended the ROTC that worked 3 full days at the meet. They were also a great group of people to work with. She encouraged any future track events at Doug Shaw to contact them as they are always looking for the volunteer hours and genuinely enjoy working the meet.

Valerie distributed a listing of all regional plaques that had been mailed and a spread sheet noting all national placings and plaques mailed. The association records had been updated and posted on the SC website.

Valerie distributed information on how to perhaps view SC's Brandon Sanders in Singapore competing in the Youth Olympic Games. She noted that all in SC wish him the best and hope that he is enjoying this wonderful experience as well.

2010 Cross Country: Tami Dennis and Kelly Hazel were instrumental in acquiring Wannamaker County Park in North Charleston for this event on November 13th. It was decided last year to have the event in the low country since 95% of the athletes come from this area and this would defray costs for athletes and their families for hotel rooms, etc. The sanction has been done but the insurance will not arrive until after October 1. The national office provided a letter to give the county to show we will have this insurance for them later and why. The new youth chair will need to design the courses, obtain medical personnel if available, provide entry information and set up coach, locate a timer and block some hotel rooms for athletes and officials from out of town who may need a room. Officials will also have to be organized.

Valerie reminded all that any athlete competing in the high school meet the weekend before the USATF association meet will be granted a by to regionals but they must enter as all other athletes in a timely manner and apply for the by before the deadline.

It was noted again the possible loss of income due to the mandatory use of Coach and not being able to take day of memberships and entries.

Regionals will be hosted by Potomac Valley. Valerie believed it is to be at Hagerstown High School, Hagerstown, Maryland. The chair of Potomac Valley is to send information soon.

Nationals are at Hoover, Alabama. Clubs have all been emailed the hotel and camp site information in regards to this event.

Youth Chair Position: Valerie explained 2 years ago she had retired from the Youth Chair Position. Linda Ellis was to be the Youth Chair and had worked with Valerie and helped at various JO meets training for the position. Linda declined the position while leaving the annual meeting in 2009 thus Valerie had carried on in hopes of someone else coming forward. Tim Tyler approached Valerie early in the year and she had kept him abreast of all that was being done to organize the JO meet. Linda Ellis contacted the executive on May 1 to inform all that she was interested in the Youth Chair position. From that date forward both persons were emailed what was being done to organize the JO meet and both had helped at the JO meet. Tim Tyler had informed Valerie that he would be quite happy helping the organization in any other area and that Linda was most welcome to the position. Tami Dennis also reiterated that this was Tim's wish at this time. Valerie informed all in attendance that this is what had been done to find a successor to this position and she would not fulfill this position again.

Valerie distributed a listing of all the track inventory items that are in the 3 storage areas and her home in Greenwood. These need to be picked up by the end of September as the units are only paid up to this date. She recommended that the largest truck be rented for this and the persons must come to her home first as the pole vault bars must be loaded first. Valerie noted items that would be needed to replenish for future meets and dates that she was not available for the pick up to

happen. It was noted that the pole vault apparatus that Jack VanDeman made for the association was left accidentally at Doug Shaw Stadium. Jack spoke to Tim Huber after the meeting to describe what this looked like so that it could perhaps be found and returned to USATF SC.

2011 Track & Field – A site for the JO meet in 2011 has not been selected. Regionals will be hosted by Georgia. Junior Olympic Nationals will be in Kansas. The Youth Nationals will be held at Doug Shaw Stadium in Myrtle Beach.

2011 Cross Country – Junior Olympic Cross Country Nationals will be at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Myrtle Beach. The regional meet will also need to be here as the national group come to this meet and critique it for the national meet. It is hoped that the state meet can also be held here for the athletes in SC to run the course ahead of time. Jeff Jacobs asked when this weekend would be. It was explained it is always the weekend after the High School Cross Country Championships and regionals normally falls the weekend after this.

Open/Masters: In the absence of an Open/Master Chair, Valerie Beesley presented the financial costs that USATF SC incurred to have this meet at Doug Shaw Stadium this summer. It was noted that entries were down from previous years when the meet was at a more central location in SC. The Myrtle Beach Track Club hosted this event. Mount Pleasant has shown an interest in hosting this event in the future and Tim Tyler has shown an interest in the Open/Master Chair position. Myrtle Beach also said they would be interested and it would be beneficial for the future meet(s) to have a chair for the position that could start to organize the event further ahead in time.

Officials Chair: Valerie Beesley noted that currently SC has 86 certified officials, 65 association level, 16 national level and 5 master level. She had one official in process awaiting his officials card and 2 individuals who had submitted everything but had not yet obtained membership. She encouraged all officials to work the national meets that were upcoming. It is not often that we have an opportunity to have a national level meet in our state to work at. Clemson University is holding a clinic and will have several officials to certify from this. It was noted that these officials would probably only work events at Clemson University. This is a common practice of the state universities to pay for the person's membership for them to obtain official certification in hopes that they will work the facility's events.

President: Brian McCue noted that for the year 2009 the association had met 9 of the required 9 standards. The association had met also 6 of the 9 other standards. It was noted that this is done yearly.

#### Local Organizing Committee (LOC):

John Pedersen of the City of Myrtle Beach presented information on the various assignments designated for persons for the 2011 National Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships to be held at Doug Shaw Stadium, Myrtle Beach June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He thanked Linda Ellis, Brian McCue and Danny Brooks for their assistance at the 2009 national annual meeting in presenting the bid. The first two days of the meet will contest the multi events and the Youth World Olympic Team trials. John also presented an expense breakdown of the meet. He noted that the city was not allowed to make a profit and all profit is to be split between the Myrtle Beach Track Club and USTAF SC. A group had attended the meet in Lisle this summer and has many ideas to market the event to all youth clubs in the nation to make this event better and with a bigger attendance. The goal is 5,000 athletes and with this it could be possible for a profit of \$80,000 to be split between USATF SC and the Myrtle Beach Track Club – definitely something to be gained by all working together. It was stressed what a great opportunity this was for our state overall. USATF SC will need

to encourage all to participate as athlete entry, recruitment of officials in the state and recruitment of volunteers to assist at the event.

Tim Huber presented a spread sheet showing the performance standard, # of entries, the winning-middle and final time/distance, SC association 1<sup>st</sup> place and 6<sup>th</sup> place times/distances and the number of athletes who even met the standard. He encouraged all clubs to participate.

Danny Brooks, meet director, also reiterated what an opportunity this is for the athletes and association. There would be a scholarship for a male and female athlete from South Carolina from this event.

Linda Ellis explained what a great opportunity it is for our athletes who may not make it to nationals from the regional meet to compete at a meet of national caliber. It was noted that sub-bantams will be allowed to compete in this event. The entry fee is \$8 per event and this meet is run by USATF youth rules.

Tim and John explained that the events outside of the stadium will also be filmed and shown on the large screen in the stadium. It was noted that it is hard to hear outside of the stadium in the throw areas and this should be improved. There are also plans for an area to be designated as a type of "athlete city" with vendors and shade.

Jeff Jacobs noted as well what a great opportunity this is for athletes and the association.

There will be a group attending the national cross country event in Hoover this year to begin organization of the national cross country championships in 2011 in Myrtle Beach.

All in the room thanked the presenting members of the LOC for their hard work to date on these events.

Unfinished Business:

None at this time noted.

New Business:

There is a Level 1 Coaching Education Clinic in September at Furman University. Information was handed out on this and is posted on the SC website.

The open/master USATF National Club Cross Country Championships will be held December 11<sup>th</sup> at McAlpine Park, Charlotte, NC – hosted by the USATF NC. Valerie has been approached by Tom Deming to possibly purchase some of the left over ponchos that SC has and also in renting the large white tents and other items to set up the event. She encouraged all officials to keep this meet in mind as well for the future to work at. She also noted that she hoped that our older athletes in SC would probably participate and this would certainly increase the membership of our older members in the association and club membership.

Ian Whatley has contacted the association with an offer to help coach race walk in the state. He has recently moved to SC. Valerie had sent his contact information to all the youth clubs previously. She encourage the future president to contact him in hopes he might be interested in taking on the position of Race Walk Chair. This position has been empty for many years.

Valerie noted that this year is a rule change year for USATF. If anyone had any rule changes they wished to submit they must be sent to John Blackburn by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Huber of Myrtle Beach informed all that the City of Myrtle Beach and Doug Shaw Stadium are very interested in pursuing a relationship with USATF SC for future meets and thanked past persons for their hard work at the 2 meets that had been held there.

Nominations and Elections:

The floor was opened by Brian McCue for nominations for President.

Sam Kennedy made a motion to nominate Daniel Brooks. Valerie Jacobs seconded the motion.

Jack Gilmore made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Conrad Koziel.

Jack Gilmore moved to elect by acclamation Daniel Brooks for the position of President.

All in favor.

The floor was opened by Brian McCue for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Jack Gilmore made a motion to nominate Fred McCarroll. Seconded by Linda Ellis.

Jack Gilmore made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Conrad Koziel.

Jack Gilmore moved to elect by acclamation Fred McCarroll for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

All in favor.

The floor was opened by Brian McCue for nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Archie Ard made a motion to nominate Conrad Koziel. Conrad declined the nomination.

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Valerie Beesley made a motion to nominate Christopher Kling. Seconded by Jeff Jacobs.

Conrad Koziel made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Jack Gilmore.

Archie Ard moved to elect by acclamation Christopher Kling for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

All in favor.

The floor was opened by Brian McCue for nomination for Treasurer.

Valerie Beesley made a motion to nominate Linda Ellis. Seconded by Conrad Koziel.

Archie Ard made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Jack Gilmore.

Archie Ard moved to elect by acclamation Linda Ellis for the position of Treasurer.

All in favor.

The floor was opened by Brian McCue for nomination for Secretary.

Valerie Beesley made a motion to nominate Valerie Jacobs. Seconded by Cathy Koziel.

Cathy Koziel made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by Brian McCue.

John Pedersen moved to elect by acclamation Valerie Jacobs for the position of Secretary.

All in favor.

Brian noted to all the chair positions are to be appointed by the new president, Danny Brooks.

Awards:

Life Time Achievement Awards were presented to Valerie Beesley, Cathy Koziel and Conrad Koziel.

Each thanked all present and not present for all their assistance as the awards should be shared by

all as what they had accomplished could not be done without everyone else's assistance over the past years.

Adjournment:

Brian McCue noted the time of 3:45 pm for adjournment of the meeting. Jack Gilmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rick Ellis. All in favor.