



**SC Association Annual Meeting
September 28, 2014
Cayce-West Columbia Library
1500 Augusta Rd., West Columbia, SC**

The meeting was opened by Perry Funnie, President at 2:28pm with prayer.

In Attendance was the following: Perry Funnie -President, Tim Tyler-1st Vice-President, Norman Venyah – 2nd Vice-President/Officials Chair, Linda Ellis – Treasurer/Youth Chair, Valerie Jacobs – Secretary, Christopher Kling – Membership/Sanction Chair, , Anthony Washington – Men Track & Field Chair, Thaddeus Sligh – Coaches Educational Chair.

52 people signed in at the meeting held Sunday, September 28, 2014.

47 members + 5 guests

18 Officials

Valerie Beesley
Archie Ard
Norman Venyah
John Blackburn
Christopher Kling
Thaddeus Sligh
Ellerbe Hightower
Megan Fulks
Mary Venyah
Juddson Lorkins
Sheila McMichael
Linda Farmer
Perry Funnie
Chuck Moore
George Illingsworth
Kenneth Funnie
Vanessa Brown
Torontia Funnie

12 Club Members

Anthony Washington
Tim Tyler
Richard Ellis
Lauren Ellis
LaParish Johnson
John Gilmore
Maxwell Hanily
Bob Rockwell
J David Banner
Winston Stewart
Bill Truman
John Pederson

17 Coaches

Rich Richardson
Samuel Franklin
Noah Moore
Michael Flournoy
Stewart Johnson
Samuel Kennedy
Tami Dennis
Richard Kerns
Nicholas Grant
Robert L Smith
Fred McCarroll
Douglas K Kotti
Nathshun Gantt
Bennie H Jones, Sr
Valerie Jacobs
Linda Ellis
Chris Walker

5 Guests: Jackie Gilmore, Marlee Kling, Ian Whatley, S M Heiser, Jennifer Moore

The 2013 Minutes were correct as presented.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting were distributed to the members. The minutes were reviewed by the body. V Beesley stated that the minutes need to be corrected with the following: that we add an official financial report and that in the Youth Chair's report that it was stated that our Association meet would be held on the same date as the high school state meet, but was changed. Thaddeus Sligh moved for acceptance of the minutes with corrections. It was properly seconded. The minutes were voted on and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Ellis passed out a treasurer's report from the youth meets. L Ellis stated that our ending balance as of 9-28-14 is \$59,313.72. Questions arose concerning an audit. L Ellis stated that all the books and paperwork will be forwarded to the finance committee to audit. Thaddeus Sligh moved to accept the report as stated with correction. Treasurer's report was voted on and accepted.

Membership Chair's Report

Chris Kling reported that presently we have 1892 members, 1340 of them being youth. C. Kling asked when renewing memberships, that you choose renew and not new. If you choose new you will have to verify the birth certificate again. Also, if you have new athletes please send in birth certificates a.s.a.p. You may send the birth certificates by email or send a picture of it on via phone, he can't receive faxes. In order to move from one club to another you must now send a letter from a parent requesting the change and the reason why. Also the athlete can't have run with that club for 90 days.

All coaches listed on your roster at time of club renewal must have a background check.

Sanction Chair's Report

C Kling stated presently we have 78 sanctions for 2014, last year we had 83 around this time. If the club puts on a youth meet they need to purchase at least a developmental meet sanction. The cost is \$50. A developmental meet is one that has no effect on the progression for the Youth Junior Olympic Meet. Sanction prices are dependent on the number of athletes as well as the type of meet. Now all sanction submissions are done on line. The report was properly moved, seconded and accepted.

Official's Report

Norman Venyah stated that as of 8/30/2014 there are 130 certified officials; 1- Emeritus, 66 – Apprentice, 37 – Association, 22 – National, 5 – Master Levels. He stated that there have been several clinics in 2014. There was a race walk clinic held on February 1, 2014 and a clinic on May 16, 2014. He stated that Florence is willing to host a clinic in their area in February 2015. . N Venyah stated that it's always the same core officials working our meets. If you area applying for an upgrade, make sure that the officials that you ask for a reference have worked with you in the area you want the upgrade. The following are Master Level Officials: John Blackburn, Patricia Frye, Lauren Sanders, Jack Todd, and Norman Venyah. The 2014 SC Outstanding Official of the Year Award was awarded to Mr. Freddie Young. There is an official opportunity for the USATF Indoor/Outdoor meet on October 15, 2014. The report was properly moved, seconded and accepted.

Youth Chair's Report

There were 1,009 athletes that participated in our Association meet this year in Myrtle Beach. Our Region 4 meet was held at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC. There were 1750 athletes participating between SC, GA, and FL. Florida will be hosting the Youth Outdoor JO in 2015. Region 4 and Region 16 XC meets will be held on 11/22/2014 at Whipering Springs Golf Course. The top 30 athletes in each age division and the top 5 teams advance to the National XC Meet.

L Ellis presented an award to Ellerbe Hightower for his Outstanding Contributions to the SC Association Youth Program. E Hightower as an official at the meets has given his stipends back to the program. L Ellis questioned the coaches present, to see if they wanted their athletes All American plaques or schedule an award ceremony on a Sunday. She asked that they let her know after the meeting.

SC had a National Champion, L Christinson in Javelin. She also announced all of our all American athletes. All of the names are posted on our website. We had a total of 29 All Americans from SC this year.

There was a discussion to address the issue of athletes participating in AAU and USATF Regionals, but don't participate in USATF Nationals. John Blackburn suggested that those concerned send a request concerning the matter. Linda Ellis stated that if they forward the request to her that she would present it at the Youth National Board meeting next month.

The report was properly moved, seconded and accepted as read.

Coaches Education

Thaddeus Sligh had no changes to report. However, there will be a Coach Level 1 school held in the spring of 2015. We are trying to get a Coach Level 2 school scheduled for in the area. There is a Coach Level 2 school being held in Jacksonville, Fla after the Youth Outdoor JO Meet. The Youth National Meet will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from October 24-26, 2015. The report was properly moved, seconded and accepted.

Masters LDR Report

Archie Ard stated that they could not host any meets because we couldn't be found listed under The SC Secretary of State website. This was clarified when John Blackburn pulled it up on the website during the meeting.

Men and Women Track & Field

Anthony Washington stated for those athletes that wish to go from college to amateur status. There are different Tier levels. Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 that USATF will pay a stipend to assist.

Old Business

Perry Funnie reported on the status of SC Association's Accreditation, we are presently at provisional level accreditation. This is due to not hosting the 20 championships, as well as, the number of delegates at the Annual Meeting with the minimum number attending the meetings.

New Business

John Blackburn made a motion to accept the revised bylaws as presented. It was properly seconded by George Illingsworth. There was discussion concerning the proposal. Sam Kennedy moved to table the motion and send it back to the Executive Board for further deliberation. This motion was voted on with 9-opposed and 39- for.

V Jacobs discussed the deficiencies that we have this year concerning the association's accreditation. Valerie Beesley felt that it was a better use of the association's money to be spent on championships than sending delegates to the Annual Meeting. However, having the minimum number of delegates to the Annual Meeting is a requirement for accreditation. There was no vote or motion because sending delegates is already in place. Therefore, we will continue to send them with a budget of \$10,000.00 for 2014.

John Pedersen updated the body on the National XC Meet. The parking issue has been addressed. Housing has been addressed with rooms starting at \$50.00. \$20,000.00 for the meet. The Association receives \$5,000.00 on top. They will then split the profits with Myrtle Beach track club after expenses. We still need officials and volunteers. The applications are on the USATF website; however, they need to be posted on the USATFSC website as well.

V Beesley asked about any rebates from the rooms and about complimentary rooms. J Blackburn stated that they will receive \$8.00/ night rebate for the host hotel rooms and will receive comp room rate as well.

2014-2016 Elections

The counters of the ballots for the elections were Tim Tyler (Chair), Samuel Kennedy (Coach), and Ian Whatley (Athlete).

Nominations were opened from the floor.

President

Perry Funnie was nominated by K Funnie and properly seconded by Vanessa Brown.

Thaddeus Sligh was nominated by Samuel Kennedy and properly seconded by Richard Kerns.

Norman Venyah was nominated by V Beesley and properly seconded by Tami Dennis.

Archie Ard moved to close nominations, motion was properly seconded.

1st Vice-President

Clarence Richardson was nominated by Douglas Kotti and seconded by Linda Ellis.

Freddie Young was nominated by Valerie Beesley and seconded by Perry Funnie.

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Norman Venyah and Samuel Kennedy both declined their nominations.

Nominations were properly moved and seconded to be closed.

2nd Vice-President

Samuel Kennedy was nominated by Bennie Jones and seconded by Linda Ellis.

Kenny Funnie was nominated by Chris Kling and seconded by Vanessa Brown.

Archie Ard moved to close nominations and was properly seconded.

During this election another coach was placed on the ballot counting committee in place of Samuel Kennedy.

Treasurer

Valerie Beesley was nominated by Norman Venyah and seconded by Tami Dennis.

Perry Funnie was nominated by Vanessa Brown and seconded by Valerie Jacobs.

Nominations were properly moved and seconded to be closed.

Secretary

Vanessa Brown was nominated by George Illingsworth and seconded by Kenny Funnie.

Valerie Jacobs was nominated by Anthony Washington and seconded by Douglas Kotti.

Megan Fulks and Mike Flourney both declined their nominations.

Nominations were properly moved and seconded to be closed.

The following were voted in as the 2014-2016 Officers:

President – Thaddeus Sligh

1st Vice-President – Clarence Richardson

2nd Vice-President – Samuel Kennedy

Treasurer – Valerie Beesley

Secretary – Valerie Jacobs

John Blackburn moved to destroy all ballots and properly seconded by Perry Funnie.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Anaheim, California from December 2 – December 5, 2014. However the Youth and Officials committees both begin on November 30, 2014. The following members requested to be prospective delegates to the Annual Meeting: Archie Ard, Linda Ellis, Clarence Richardson, Perry Funnie, Thaddeus Sligh, Vanessa Brown, Kenny Funnie, Maxwell Hanily, Anthony Washington, Valerie Jacobs, Samuel Kennedy and Robert Smith, and to request for Amber Campbell as one of the athlete delegates.

Perry Funnie passed the mallet over to Thaddeus Sligh.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectively Submitted

Valerie B Jacobs
USATFSC
Secretary

President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____