

USATF South Carolina
Annual Meeting, August 9, 2009

Opening:

The regular meeting of the USATF South Carolina association was called to order at 2:10pm on 8/09/09, in the St. Andrews Park facility, Columbia, SC by Brian McCue.

Present:

Brian McCue – President, Official
Krystina Ludlow - Secretary/Official/Palmetto Speed, Official
William Riley – 1st Vice President/Official/Palmetto Speed, Official
Fred McCarroll - Official/2nd Vice president
Francis McCarroll - Official
Cathy Koziel – Official/Membership & Sanction Chair
Conrad Koziel - Official
Jack Gilmore – Palmetto Track & Field, Official
Tami Dennis – Mt. Pleasant Track Club
Jeff Jacobs – Myrtle Beach Track & Field
John Pederson – Myrtle Beach Track & Field, Official
Laurence Sanders – Claflin University, Official
Norman Venyah – Official
Linda Ellis –
Calvin Carter – Master Athlete/MPTC
Robert L. Smith – Low Country Express TC
Alphonso Miller Sr. –Coach
Daniel Brooks – Coach
Yolanda (Evet) Geter – Coach/Official
Phil Peterson – Strictly Running/RNEHS Coach
Samuel Kennedy – Official/ Quick Striders
Constance Isaac
Bennie Isaac – Coach Jump Start
Greg Sanders - Coach Jump Start (not a current USATF member)

A. Introductions of all members present

All individuals present in the room introduced themselves. 2008 annual minutes were presented, no questions or corrections were made, and minutes were voted on and passed.

B. Reports

Membership Chair - Cathy Koziel talked about how we are up in numbers by 129 from last year. There is one (1) unpaid that is still unresolved, have 20 sanctions verses 27 from last year. There are twenty-three (23) youth clubs and one hundred and nine (109) adult background checks were done as of 8/9/09.

All clubs were asked to review their club contact/information sheet and the www.scusatf.org website. If any updates or corrections need to be done, please contact Cathy or Val.

Treasurer – Brian McCue gave this report for Valerie Beesley, Treasurer. Brian went over the general ledger trial balance sheet, balance sheet, income statement, and account reconciliations sheet. Books from July 2008 to June 30, 2009 were sent to Strayer University professor for audit. Thank you to Brian for arranging this service for free for us.

No questions, nor major finding on the audit, audit was done nice and clean. A big thank you to Brian's co-worker for doing the audit.

Officials Chair – Brian McCue gave this report for Valerie Beesley, Officials Chair. We have currently certified officials:

Fifty-eight (58) Association, fifteen (15) National, and three (3) Master with a total of seventy-six (76). We have done four (4) official clinics. There are two (2) that are currently working on their tests, two (2) that are newly certified who are waiting on their cards and two (2) that are waiting on their replacement cards as well.

Valerie is unsure how they are going to mark the official cards to show that officials have purchased membership for the following years. She was told by the National Officials Chair that the stars they were going to use do not stick to the cards so they were heading back to the drawing board with this idea.

An e-mail will be sent to all the officials to renew their membership in November 1, 2009. The membership will be viewed to see who does or does not have a current membership. All officials that don't normally work meets, that are coaching, are strongly encouraged to get out to the indoor meets, college and high school meets and get some experience. Be sure to mark your resumes and send them to Val.

Val would strongly recommend that all officials do a background check. We cannot enforce this and the national office cannot or has not at this point. You will be reimbursed the \$8.00 fee if you fill out the proper paperwork and send it to Val. This information is up on the South Carolina web site. Note that the background checks are only good for one (1) year as is the membership. You will need a current membership number to process the background check.

Encourage the diversification; the more diverse you are the better chance you will have at getting national upgrade.

Open/Masters – John Pederson had no updated information at this time other than the City of Myrtle Beach will be hosting this event. USATF SC will not be paying for the official's rooms at this meet as we did in 2009. In 2009 due to the meet getting booked at such a late date the entries were very low. We offered to pay for the rooms since we needed the meet for our accreditation. We will pay for the sanctions, gift for officials and probably gas for the few officials who must come from out of town. Myrtle Beach area has the largest number of officials in one (1) area, so hopefully they will get booked early in the year this time.

JO Update – 2010 will be at Doug Shaw Stadium in Myrtle Beach again. The dates will be June 11-13, 2010. We signed a two (2) year contract with them in 2009. Nationals will be in Sacramento, CA, (start your fund raisers and saving now)!!

Val has called and got hotel prices and started blocking rooms at the following hotels for the JO's:

Hampton Inn Northwood - \$85/night
Sheraton Convention Center - \$109 plus \$5 to park
Suburban Extended Stay - \$69.99
Fairfield Inn Marriott Broadway - \$89
La Quinta - \$85
Holiday Inn Express Broadway - \$85
Comfort Suites - \$94.99
Hampton Inn Broadway - \$110

Val is still trying to pin down Red Roof Inn & Suites and the Ocean and Sand Dunes. Once she has all in; she will send the information out to all and will post it on the website as well. Please note that some hotels went up (most not much) and some actually went down in price. The Sheraton which was \$79 this year said they had two (2) groups already booked for 2010 and they were paying more than the price she quoted Val and they only had twenty-five (25) rooms left. Therefore Val only blocked ten (10) rooms at the Sheraton. All hotels are offering prices three (3) days before and after the meet dates as well.

Youth Outdoor is the same time as last year per Linda Ellis. There are seven (7) other bids for Youth Outdoor; all are based on presentation and representation.

C. Unfinished Business

Grievance – Linda Ellis stated that the national office had contacted her on this and requested a meeting with the executive after the meeting to inform them of this. She spoke to Brian McCue after the meeting. She was asked by the National office to resolve the grievance issue within the association. She informed Brian that she was happy with the way that the annual meeting was done this year thus she and Rick Ellis have dropped the grievance.

The 2010 – 2021 Region Rotation Order was given to all and announced out loud. Haven't heard if 2010 will be in Greensborough or Raleigh, North Carolina yet, No other new business was addressed.

D. New Business

Open floor discussion – Jack Gilmore of Aiken Palmetto track and field said that he may ask Brian for a letter that can be given to the new principal and A.D. in regards to the “dead period” elimination end. High school students can't practice for two (2) weeks with coaches that coach both high school and USATF track. Now they can practice with coaches that come from the outside. Would like to get the high school rules amended. Everyone would like to be kept in the loop in regards to this matter and the outcome of it.

Coach Brooks President of the high school athletics league talked about the possibility of allowing a pass or a by for the world team, so that those specific individuals will still have an opportunity to work-out with their coaches, even if they are their high school track coach.

Sam brought up that some who participate at indoor meets could be penalized as well. Clemson didn't have their indoor high school meet last year due to the high school rules. High school state association doesn't recognize indoor track at indoor track meets.

Half-Mile Timing – given us quotes as follows for timing the JO summer meet: price same (three (3) years \$2,500 or one (1) year for \$3,000) no increase. Motion was brought to the floor in regards to the timers. Coach Brooks said that he would seek bids and would contact Valerie in a timely manner. The motion to seek bids was passed (10/5).

Motion brought to the floor to continue to pay the \$8.00 background check. Motion was open for discussion and voted to continue this discussion at a later time.

Motion to pay 2010 JO Regional fees only for those individual athletes; this would off-set the cost for individuals. We would not pay for relays (for both regionals of JO and X-Country). Motion to continue to pay – passed/carried.

All parents must declare, if not they must pay, no follow-up phone calls, as they should know this in advance! For X-Country this would be just for those who declare.

Grants for organizations- please pass information if you can't use it, as others might be able to (forward to Val and she can pass it on to others).

SC USATF was asked to donate \$500 to Rusty Shealy's pole vault program. He is not a current member for past three (3) years/ was a member prior to coaching, and not the

only pole vault program in the state. Motion brought to the floor, voted on and failed to pass.

National Convention – Linda Ellis stated it would be good to have more participation. It will be in December in Indianapolis, IN. Need to have voting delegates there from South Carolina. Reimbursement of \$250 will be given for delegates who submit a written report. Paperwork is normally given to Brian McCue or Val Beesley. A list needs to be drawn up with the names of individuals who might be interested in attending. At this time Brian McCue, Krystina Ludlow and William Riley stated that they might be interested in attending (deeming work and other scheduled events will allow them to attend). It's important to attend as rules change all the time, good to know what is going on and keep up to date with things at the national level. Anyone going needs to contact Brian McCue.

June 5, 2010 Open Developmental Meet at Myrtle Beach will be held again. More information will be given out at a later date.

Coach Brooks stated that more recognition of record holders for the regional and nationals needs to be given. It was stated that all will receive awards within the upcoming months, if they are a Regional Champion or on the podium at Nationals.

Coach Sanders asked if there was any way to “jazz” up the website? Felt it was too plain for South Carolina compared to other states. Linda Ellis said that anyone can use webmaster (submit items to it for posting). Someone mentioned the use of SouthCarolina.com as well as SCRunners.com to promote SC USATF and its athletes.

Smitty asked about the use of ETV as a means of getting the word out. It was asked to have someone head the publicity chair position and after discussion Krystina said she would attempt to do this, but would need others to help. She said that all information must be complete when it is submitted to her and the committee. It was stated that Val does a really good job of giving things to the web personnel now, but it's hard to get it posted at times. Coach Brooks and Linda Ellis said that they would be willing to help. Smitty said that he would check with Robin (?) to see if she would be able to help as well.

It was noted that next year the whole state is up for election and those who wish to fill a position should start to think about it. There are many committees/chairs that currently still need to be filled. Those interested should let Brian or Val know.

Discussion of how can entry forms can be given out faster. Linda and Cathy explained how the process works and that as soon as Val gets them from the Regional Chair/National Office that they are sent out.

XC 2009 Update – November 14, 2009 – Association Championships will be at Milliken; November 21, 2009 Regional Championships we will host at Milliken and

December 12, 2009 – Reno, Nevada. The prices of hotel are listed on the handout for all to look over. Event t-shirts fine design is lined up for regional meet, not bothering for association meet. Need to find small gifts for officials. Pay for some rooms and food for officials and volunteers for both meets. Regional meet will need to pay the regional chair a small fee and house the other youth chairs.

Will need to line up timers for association meet – suggest use John Olson again. Brian reviewed the 2009 XC Updated paper that was handed out to all.

Open Positions – Currently the positions of Youth Chair, Open/ Masters Chair and Newsletter Chair are all open and are in need of being filled. If interested contact Brian McCue.

Life Time Achievement Awards – Presented to Fred McCarroll for all of his time dedication to SC USATF. Not Present – Jimmy Stephens and Cliff Satterwhite. Val will mail their awards to them.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:39pm by Brian McCue

Minutes submitted by: Krystina Ludlow