

USATF-NJ General Membership Semi-Annual Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2011
at Beck Hall (Room 121), Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

I. The meeting was called to order approximately 7:55 PM after a delay while attendees were finding the substitute site and taking construction detours on campus.

A sign-in sheet was circulated in lieu of a roll call. There were 17 attendees: Ed Neighbour, Dave Friedman, Carl Gensib, Andy Boyajian, Ed Koch, Jane Parks, Ben Teixeira, Elliott Denman, Bill Eisenring, Bruce Fabricant, Rob Doran, Ron McLean, Lisa Morgan, Bill Pollinger, Wayne Smith, Pam Fales, and Stacey Graham.

II. President Ed Neighbor welcomed the attendees;

III. Minutes of the March 10, 2011 annual meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously;

IV. Pam Fales gave an administrative report, highlighting the following items:

- Individual and Club memberships and sanctions for 2011 are all up from their 2010 levels - see the attached schedule;
- USATF-NJ is applying for three USATF grants;
- Plans for the Shades of Death Half Marathon are proceeding well, and XC and LDR fall championships are scheduled and ready to go;
- USATF-NJ hosted the Eastern track & Field Adult Championships on Memorial Day Weekend at Rowan University. There were various problems but we got through it;
- The NJ Junior Olympics were held at Asbury Park in June and went well with no complaints;
- A new Youth Cross Country Grand Prix is being organized;
- The Indoor schedule is set at Toms River with Youth development meets on 12/11 and 1/29, the Adult Championship on 2/19, and the Eastern Youth Championship on 2/26.
- The Awards Banquet will be at the Pines Manor on January 21st;
- Stacey has been a big help at the office. Randy Miller has also assisted with bookkeeping;
- Pam will take vacation from 10/19 through 10/29.

At the end of the administrative report, ballots to elect USATF-NJ delegates were distributed to all attendees except Rob Doran who arrived after balloting. Each ballot contained the names of 28 candidates and each voter could vote for up to 17 names plus cast one alternate vote which could serve as a tie-breaker. Ed Neighbour appointed Andy Boyajian, Ed Koch, and Stacey Graham to count the ballots.

It was also announced that the Board of Directors had approved reimbursements of up to \$500 to delegates if they attend through the final general session and submit a written report about the meetings they attend.

V. Financial Report: Carl Gensib gave a brief financial report. The interim 8-month financial statement shows that USATF-NJ showed a modest loss and is running well ahead of the budgeted loss in 2011 expected because of the hiring of additional staff. The Association is now expected to finish the year closer to break-even.

VI. Committee Reports:

- Ed Neighbor, Jane Parks and Ben Teixeira reported for the LDR committees supplementing the information provided previously by Pam Fales. The date of the next LDR meeting will be announced shortly.
- Bill Eisenring and Bruce Fabricant reported for the track & field committees noting excellent performances this summer by USATF-NJ athletes at national and international competitions. The next track & field committees meeting will be on November 17th at Rutgers.

- Elliott Denman reported for the Race Walk committee. The National 40 KM championship was hosted by USATF-NJ earlier this month and a success.
- Pam Fales reported for the Youth committee. The next Youth Committee meeting will be on September 26th at Rutgers.
- Bill Pollinger and Ed Koch reported for the Officials Committee. On Saturday morning, September 10th, an introductory clinic in Fair Lawn drew 22 candidates plus 3 additional attendees already certified for LDR but not for track & field. In the afternoon, a committee meeting was held with a presentation about Athletics for the Disabled. National or Masters level certified officials have until October 15th to apply to officiate at 2012 national championship meets including the Olympic Trials.

VII. Election results were announced. The 17 elected delegates were: Madeline Bost, Joetta Clark-Diggs, Elliott Denman, Bill Eisenring, Pam Fales, Bruce Fabricant, Dave Friedman, Cora Koch, Ron McLean, Lisa Morgan, Ed Neighbour, Jane Parks, Bill Pollinger, Roger Price, Frank Russo, Ed Sabin, and Ben Teixeira. The other 11 candidates on the ballots each received at least one vote and are elected as alternates. Motion passed unanimously to recycle the ballots.

In accordance with the USATF-NJ bylaws, Ed Neighbour or his designee will serve as the Chair of the USATF-NJ delegation. USATF-NJ sport committee chairs will serve as the NJ voting representatives in the national committees at convention. In their absence, vice-chairs will serve, or if both are absent, the Delegation Chair will appoint a substitute.

VIII. Old Business: Ed Koch reported on the replacement of the Metropolitan Association by USATF New York as our neighboring Association in New York City and northern suburbs effective September 1st.

IX. New Business. The proposed athletic facilities in Mount Olive were discussed.

X. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward R. Koch
(On behalf of Madeline Bost, Secretary)