

**USATF-NJ General Membership Meeting**  
**Rutgers University, New Brunswick**  
**September 18, 2013**

I. In attendance were: Charlene Cumberbatch, Elliott Denman, William Eisenring, Bruce Fabrikant, Pam Fales, David Friedman, Edward Neighbour, William Pollinger, Roger Price, Chuck Schneekloth, Ben Teixeira, Josia J Novack, Madeline Bost, Mike Karr, and Cindy Cooke.

**II. President's Message:** Ed Neighbour spoke of how the year has been one of transition; a new office location and a new Managing Director, Mike Karr. He thanked the transition committee; Madeline Bost, David Friedman and Ed Koch with all the help and assistance with regard to the Managing Director search and selection. The committee developed a very orderly and methodical approach with regard to review of resumes and the interview process. In addition the process is ongoing with a transition to a new website.

This summer the office started to use the constant contact system to promote the accomplishments of New Jersey athletes at National events. It is Ed's hope to expand the use of the mini e-news blasts.

Ed will send an email to the membership introducing Mike Karr and Cindy Cooke

**III. Minutes:** The minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

**IV. Administrative Report:** Mike Karr reported that we now have 5975 members and 112 clubs. The office processed 405 Sanctions.

**V. Financial Report:** The association continues to operate at about a breakeven level.

**VI. Elections of Delegates** for National Convention in Indianapolis on December 4 to December 8, 2013. The Opening session will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Madeline Bost, Frank Collins, Charlene Cumberbatch, Elliott Denman, Bill Eisenring, Pam Fales, Bruce Fabrikant, David Friedman, Ashley Higginson, Mike Karr, Lisa Morgan, Ed Neighbour, Jane Parks, Bill Pollinger, Roger Price, Ed Sabin, Claire Tafelski and Ben Teixeira were elected. The Alternate is Joetta Clark-Diggs

Bill Pollinger issued his annual invitation to all delegates to the New Jersey dining experience, this year at St. Elmos.

The Board of Trustees authorized the granting of a \$ 500.00 Travel Stipend to all delegates providing that they attend the meeting to which they are assigned, submit a report on those meetings and submit receipts for expenses and that they attend the closing session on December 8<sup>th</sup> unless seeking prior approval to miss the closing session from the USATF-NJ President.

## VII. Sport Committee Reports

**LDR Committee Report:** Ed Neighbour reported that the travel stipend program continues to be utilized by our athletes to compete at National Championships around the country. Attendance at the Williamsburg Masters 8k this year was a little lower than 2012 due to several athletes that attended last year being injured. A strong contingent of athletes competed at Liberty Mile in Pittsburg which was a USA Masters Road Mile Championship held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We have an increased interest in athletes going to Syracuse for the Masters 5K Championship. October 8<sup>th</sup>. It looks like we will have several clubs with teams including Clifton, RVRR, Garmin and SAC.

The preparations continue for our hosting of the USA Masters 5k Cross Country Championship October 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope to draw at least 400 Masters Athletes and intend on setting the record for attendance at a USA Masters 5k XC Championship. The NJ Association 5k XC Championship for all divisions will be held as part of the event. The Garden State Classic 5k Cross Country will kick off a day of cross country races and serve as the Open Championship.

1. The LDR Divisions Fall Season started September 1<sup>st</sup> with Jimmy D the 5K Open Women's Championship.
2. The inaugural USATF-NJ Road Mile Championship was held this past weekend in Long Branch as part of the Ocean Avenue Mile. Conditions were perfect. We had Teams representing Garmin Runners, Morris County Striders and Shore AC compete.
3. Liberty Half Marathon is coming up this weekend.
4. The 5km XC, 8km XC, Giralda Farms 10K and Ashenfelter 8K will complete our fall schedule.

The LDR Committee will be having a meeting on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in Rockaway, NJ. Rule Change proposals to our Individual and Team Grand Pix are to be submitted for consideration. Proposals will be voted on at the first meeting in 2014.

**T&F Committee Report:** Bill Eisenring reported that the Open and Masters meet that was held in May did not attract a large field of athletes due, it is thought, to the meet being held so early in the season. A Combined Events meet was held the next weekend.

The Open Athlete of the Year will be English Gardner.

The committee approved five travel stipend requests and four were not approved yet as not having met all the criteria.

The combined T&F committee meeting will be held at Monmouth University on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

New Jersey will discuss whether to bid to host the regional championship in 2014.

The IAAF qualifying date is early in 2014 and will force regional meets to be held mid June and the New Jersey meet may have to go back to May.

The International Meet hosted by Elliott Denman is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. Frank Collins pointed out that when the International meet and the JO Championship meet are on the same weekend the officials depart early in order to be at the International meet.

**Officials Report:** Bruce Fabrikant reported that 121 officials have been re-certified. Ed Sabin did a fantastic job of re-certifying the officials. We have approximately 50% new apprentice level officials, and 25% association level officials. The remaining 25% are national and masters level. An officials training clinic will be held at Rutgers University on September 28, 2013. There will be a training clinic in March at Stockton.

**Youth Committee Report:** Charlene Cumberbatch reported that the Youth Committee held their meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Moving the JO championship last June from the planned site at Rowen University due to unresolved issues to Overpeck Park was a problem for the south Jersey athletes. The committee is committed to rotating the location around the state and has formed a site selection committee. For 2014 they are searching for a suitable location in the central part of the state.

When meets are held in south Jersey the more northerly officials are reluctant to travel that far. For that reason it is important to recruit and train more officials from the southern part of the state. If no New Jersey officials are available the committee will seek officials from the Mid-Atlantic association.

**Race Walk:** Elliott Denman reported that thanks to the efforts of Ron Salvio New Jersey was host to a 5K, 10K, 15K, 20K race walk races and a 24 hour race walk event. The USATF National 40K will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, at Palaia Park in Ocean Township.

**VII. New Business:** Elliott Denman made note that the Garden State Track Club's men's team won the Club National meet with 277 points. The Shore Athletic Club was third, behind Central Park Track Club. The Garden State Track Club's women's team placed 5<sup>th</sup> and the Shore Athletic Club placed sixth.

## **VII. Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 pm**

Respectfully submitted  
Madeline Bost,  
Secretary