

USATF-NJ General Membership Meeting September 19, 2012

Rutgers University

I. In attendance were: Madeline Bost, Charlene Cumberbatch, Elliott Denman, Kyangazi A. Denson, William Eisenring, Bruce Fabrikant, Pam Fales, David Friedman, Carl Gensib, Ed R. Koch, Ben Kreitzberg, Ronald McLean, Lisa Morgan, Edward Neighbour, William Pollinger, Roger Price, Chuck Schneekloth, Wayne Smith, Ben Teixeira, Kevin Turner.

II. President Ed Neighbour called the meeting to order and spoke of the successful year the association has enjoyed. He related that he has heard praise from parents and coaches about the JO championship meet that was held at Overpeck Park. He reported that the LDR masters travel stipend has been awarded to several people and clubs and he mentioned that the Clifton Road Runners M70 team has been competing at national championships and won the division at the 15K in Buffalo on Labor Day and their B team took second.

III. The minutes of the previous meeting in March were approved.

IV. Administrative Reports:

1.) Office - Pam Fales reported that the association now has 5,780 members and 102 clubs. The numbers far exceed 2011 numbers at the same time last year. We were the third largest association in the country in 2011. The JO championship was held without preliminary meets and although the two-day meet had more athletes it went very smoothly.

The Shades of Death Half Marathon has 276 pre-registered runners and the Leukemia Society has come to the race as a sponsor.

Race Directors will be able to fill out and apply for sanctions online, which will free up paperwork for the NJ association but will also need diligent follow-up for those races in the New Balance Grand Prix.

2.) Officials – Bruce Fabrikant reported that twelve new people attended the Officials LDR training, along with eight officials who wanted the LDR training. Bruce, Andrew Boyajian, Ed Koch, and Jane Parks were speakers. The group was very surprised at the detail that goes into certifying a course and impressed with the presentation that Jane gave.

The recertification period will begin November 1st. There is a new process and a new test for recertification.

V. Ed Koch oversaw the election of delegates for the 2012 annual meeting. Twenty members were eligible to vote. Charlene Cumberbatch, Kyangazi A. Denson and Ben Kreitzberg volunteered to be the vote counters. All candidates on the ballot received at least one vote. The delegates selected were : Pam Fales, David Friedman, Madeline Bost, Bruce Fabrikant, Bill Pollinger, Bill Eisenring, Lisa Morgan, Ed Neighbour, Jane Parks, Roger Price, Ed Sabin, Wayne Smith, Ben Teixeira, Ron McLean, Leon Bailey, Joetta Clark-Diggs, Tyrone Harris. The two alternates are Elliott Denman and Claire Tafelski.

Ed Koch reported that this is an election. Votes for many sports committee positions will be cast at the same venue as the president, although not all.

VI. Carl Gensib reported that the association continues to be financially successful. The associations' cash position has increased 20 percent or \$32,000 over last year at this time and its liabilities remain stable as compared to last year. Over all the association is simply an efficient, well run, financially solid organization.”

VII. Sports Committees:

1.) Ed Neighbour reported that LDR has had a masters women 5K championship and a 5K cross country championship in the fall racing season. The fall LDR meeting will take place on September 20, 2012. At the fall meeting the committee accepts proposals for the rules pertaining to the grand prix and championships. The executive committee will have their championship selection meeting in November and their goal is to have a more even scheduling of championships.

2.) Bill Eisenring, reported on Track & Field. The open and masters meet on June 3rd had a positive revenue report. He introduced the Open T&F grand prix mentioning that the IAAF tables will be used and that the top man and woman will earn prize money to be determined at the Board meeting in November.

A multi-event meet could be held over the Memorial Day weekend at Overpeck park. The JO championship will be held the weekend of June 8-9th, 2013 and it is hoped that the Open and Masters Championship will be held on June 15th. Monmouth University is a possibility for the 2013 Indoor championship. Ashley Higgins has been selected as the Athlete of the Year.

3.) Bruce Fabrikant reported that Charles Roll and Renee Henderson were selected as Masters Track and Field Athletes of the Year. The Senior Games that were held in Woodbridge were well done and well attended.

4.) Elliott Denman reported that two New Jersey racewalk athletes were selected to compete in California. Erin ??? (did something)

The National 40K Championship has now been held in New Jersey 48 out of 49 times. It will be the 75th anniversary of the event in 2013 and there will be a special celebration of the event.

5.) Ron McLean reported that St. Louis has not met the standards for hosting a JO – Youth Nationals/World Trials Meet and an alternative site will be Indianapolis if they are not able to meet the standards. The World Youth Championships will be held in Ukraine in 2013. New Jersey member Lionel Leach will be running for reelection this year as National Youth Chair.

Charlene Cumberbatch reported that the Youth Developmental meets will be held on December 9th and January 27th. The JO cross country championship meet will be held at Deer Path park on November 4th. Charlene was informed that the Board had approved a \$2.00 discount for all youth members of USATF (any association) at the Developmental meets. Pam Fales stated that the verification of birth dates just prior to the JO T&F meet in June is overwhelming her and her staff. The discount is hoped to push the parents to register their children earlier in the year to help ease that burden.

New Business:

1.) Bill Eisenring and Claire Tefelski have started a USATF Open Women's Track & Field Facebook page. There is no counterpart for Open Men but they are welcome to contribute and view the page.

2.) Bill Eisenring reported that the IAAF has softened the criteria for judging a false start off the blocks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Madeline Bost, Secretary

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