

**USATF-New Jersey Annual Meeting
Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ**

March 21, 2012

I. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:50 pm. A sign in sheet was used in lieu of Roll Call.

II. Ed Neighbour welcomed all the attendees. He said that 2011 had been a good year and that we are growing as an Association. He noted the travel stipends given out to athletes and plans to improve the Association website. .

III. Minutes of the previous general membership meeting held on September 21, 2011 were approved unanimously;

IV. Administrative Reports:

a. Office - Pam Fales reported that individual membership were up 331 members from the amount at this time last year (3,221 versus 2,890) and both adults (+184) and youths (+147) were higher. Club memberships are down three from this time last year (68 versus 71); Sanctions are up 21 from last year(176 versus 155). She also reported that the Shades of Death Half-Marathon last fall was a big success and planned again for this year. The Awards Banquet on January 21st sold 477 tickets, the second most ever. The office is working on using QuickBooks Payroll to improve payroll and payroll tax payments and working on an overhaul of the website. Pam is also now serving on two national task forces: one concerning the new online sanctioning system, and one reviewing Association accreditation standards. Ed Koch is also on the latter task force.

b. Ed Sabin reported that the introductory Officials Clinic was a big success at Stockton College with 35 new applicants plus some existing or transferring officials also attending. The Officials Committee election meeting will be on March 29th at Rutgers. The Officials Executive Board is also reviewing and planning for the new national certification changes which include a new category of "apprentice" and a greater focus on mentoring.

V. Elections. William Pollinger oversaw the elections as parliamentarian. Thirty-eight ballots were distributed in accordance with USATF-NJ bylaws.

For the position of College Coach Trustee, Deon Bascom (assistant coach at FDU) was the only nominee. For the position of At-Large Trustee, Ed Koch (the incumbent) was the only nominee. Both candidates were elected unanimously.

For the position of Club Coach Trustee, there were two nominees: Mark Parisen (GSTC coach) and Kevin Turner (Tsunami coach and incumbent). For the position of Athlete Trustee, there were also two nominees: Jeff Perrella (GSTC) and Ben Teixeira (CRR and incumbent).

Phyllis Smith-Livingston; Lisa Morgan and Bruce Fabrikant were named as the election panel to count ballots. They reported their count (attached) to Bill Pollinger who announced that in a close vote, the winners were Kevin Turner and Ben Teixeira. A motion was approved to re-cycle the ballots.

VI. Sport Committee Reports:

A. Ed Neighbour and Pam Fales reported for the three LDR committees. Several roadrace championships and the 5K and 8K cross country championships completed the 2011 NJ championship schedule last fall. The 20K (a new race) just started the 2012 NJ championship program.

B. Dave Friedman and Bruce Fabricant reported for the three track & field committees; the NJ indoor championships were held in Toms River on February 19th and the NJ outdoor championships will be held on June 3rd at Monmouth University;

C. Kevin Turner and Pam Fales reported for the Youth Committee. The NJ Junior Olympic and Region 2 Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships were held at Deer Path Park last November. There were two youth development meets and also the USATF Eastern Zonal Indoor Championships at Toms River this past winter. The NJ Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships will be held at Overpeck Park in Palisades Park, NJ on June 9-10:

D. There was no Racewalking report given.

VII. Treasurer Carl Gensib reported that the Association in 2011 did better than the planned budgeted deficit to expand the office, and approximately broke even for the year. The early 2012 numbers look good;

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business :

Vice President Dave Friedman welcomed all the new faces at the meeting and encouraged them to get involved.

Ed Koch noted that at the next General Meeting in September, seventeen NJ delegates to the USATF national convention will be elected. The convention will be in Daytona Beach during the week after Thanksgiving and this is an election year.

President Ed Neighbor also noted the appointment of Claire Tafelski of the Garden State Track Club as the new Women's Track & Field Vice Chair.

X. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward R. Koch
(Acting on behalf of Secretary Madeline Bost)