

USATF VIRGINIA
ANNUAL MEETING—SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

In attendance:

Jim Holdren—President
Ray Funkhouser—Vice President/Race Walk Chairman
Annette Sirica—Secretary
Robert Disse—Men's TF Chair
Marquita Mines—Women's TF Chair
Melissa Johnson—Membership Chair
Bill Boyd—Official's Training Chair
William Anderson—Officials' Chair
Deborah Snagg
Matt Walton
Jon Molz
Joe Mack
Dave Gammon
Rollin Stanton
Chris English
Vaughn LaPrade
Michael Rose
Ron Bayton
Keenan Galloway
Kendall Brown
Jamari price
Chris McBeath
Maynard Valentine
Steve Taylor—Host/UR Coach

Call to order;

The meeting was called to order at 2:27 p.m. by Jim Holdren.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the February, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

President Holdren reported for the Treasurer. The Association is solvent.
Current Checking account balance: **\$18,733.42**
Current investment account balance: **\$318,000+**

Committee Reports:

Race Walk Committee

Chair Ray Funkhouser reported on the Race Walk Committee.

- Championships held to date/ scheduled:
 - 3K at the Association Open and Master's Outdoor Championships
 - 1500 and 3K held at Regional Jos.
 - Association Open and Masters 1500M Championships—August—Virginia Beach
 - Association 1 Hour Championships—November—Virginia Beach
- * Officiating
 - Thanks to all officials who worked race walk events. We were able to fully staff these events (including Regional Jos)
 - Race Walk Officials Clinic—not able to find a suitable date at this time.

--Officials wishing to be considered for Race Walk events—several applications are available:

and the

1. The first covers the 50 K Olympic Trials—February, 2016—Santee, CA

IAAF World Team Trails—April, 2016—St. Louis, MO

2. The second covers the NAIA Indoor and/or Outdoor Championships. Officials are selected by the National Race Walk Committee's Official Selection Sub-Committee. There is also an opportunity to state your interest in officiating other Race Walk events. These

Selections are made by the Championship Race Directors.

If interested, contact Ray Funkhouser.

- Rules

The IAAF Level the Pit process was used at the World Youth Games. At 3rd DQ call, athletes are sent to the pit for a specified time. They then return to race. 4th DQ call, athletes are DQ'd from the event. There are discussions regarding using this system at other world and national level Race Walk events.

- State of Race Walking

We continue to see low numbers of walkers in our Association. Clinics are available to clubs who are interested.

Master's Committee:

Joe Mack reported for Ross MacDonald. The Association received a listing of athletes who competed at * Indoor and Outdoor Regionals and Nationals.

Indoor Highlights:

--21 athletes from the Virginia Association competed in 32 events. 6 gold medals and 3 silver

Medals were won by our athletes. National titles were won by **Steven Chantry (2),**

Joseph

Malone (2), Marquita Mines, and Sheldon Johnson, Sr.

Outdoor Highlights:

--Two national titles each were won by **Erika Pierce, Charlottesville, and Sheldon Johnson, Sr.**

Newport News.

--Other National Titles were won by the following;

Marquita Mines—Long Jump

Sheldon Johnson—Weight Throw

Brian Atkins—Javelin Throw

Pete Gibson—10,000

Jessica Johnson—High Jump

Marioky Scott—80M Hurdles

Bernard Stamm—Javelin Throw

--Two Masters set American or World records in Championships:

Erika Pierce—W40 Heptathlon—American Record

Steven Chantry—M60 4x800 Relay—American and World Record

- An accounting of expenses and revenues from the Association Outdoor Championships was given. Revenue collected was **\$2,405**. Expenses totaled **\$1,830.11**
Revenue in excess of expenses was **\$574.89**

Youth Athletics

- Tony Vaughn resigned as Youth Chair shortly before Regional Championships last summer. The Regional meet was pulled off using other officials. \$10,000 has been paid in this meet to date.

Officials

Bill Anderson reporting.

- Registered officials:
Master—26
National—37
Associate—59
Apprentice—82
Total: 206 (This allow us 3 delegates to the annual convention.)
- Outstanding Official's Award:
Will be announced at the February meeting, and awarded at one of the clinics.
- 2016 begins a new Olympiad, which requires clinic attendance for everyone. This will take place some time after the close of this year's annual convention. Awaiting information on the new testing program. In the meantime, the 2012 version is being used to test apprentice officials.
- **USOC is requiring officials and coaches to complete the SafeSport course.** This should be one of the requirements for 2016 officials' certification.
- Dedicated official **Kevin Brooks** passed away last Friday.

Officials' Training

Bill Boyd reporting.

- Bill is retiring, after great contributions to our Association. We wish him well.
- The Association needs to appoint rules and training representatives to attend the following committee meetings:
 1. Rules changes process
 2. **USATF Rules committee**
 3. Training Committee (continuing education)

* **The USATF/VHSL training cycle** scheduled 5 regional clinics and one Advanced/Referee clinic.

1.	Virginia Tech 1/11	36 (new)
2.	UVA 1/18	18 (-1)
3.	CIT/NoVa 1/25	24 (+1)
4.	CNU 2/1	47 (-2)
5.	Richmond 2/8	45 (+10)
6.	Liberty 2/15	32 (-13)

* Rules Changes:

USATF—major rules change year

NCAA—2nd year of 2 year cycle

NFHS—2016 Rules and Case book available in October. Minimal changes. Officials

joining VHSL

Officials Assoc will receive rule books directly from VHSL.

- Bill' last Training Manual was published in January. The future Training director will decide what s/he wants included in the manual.
- Relations with VHSL:
- A meeting was held with VHSL in July. The working agreement that we had with VHSL is now defunct. VHSL will have an outside agency registering, collecting dues and administering a yearly test to those officials who join the VHSL Officials organization.

- Next years' clinic registrations will not have a box to check if you wish to purchase any of the rule books.
- Dates and locations of the 4-5 regional training clinics should be in place and presented to a quorum of Virginia officials at the National Meeting in Houston. All registered officials will be notified of meeting dates via email.
- We as an Association need to recruit and recapture officials who have not recertified.
- As this is Mr. Boy's last report, he wishes to thank all of those who supported him in his efforts as Training Director.

Mr. Holdren then offered a tribute to Bill Boyd for his tremendous service to the Association. We owe Bill a huge debt of gratitude for organizing the training system we now have in our Association, and his efforts to publish information to aid officials.

Steve Taylor (UR Coach) also made a presentation to Mr. Boyd

Membership

Melissa Johnson reporting.

- A reminder to do all memberships—new and renewals—ON LINE.
- Youth memberships should be renewed—it is not necessary to do a complete new one every year. No need for additional birth date checks once this has been done.

Men's and Women's LDR

Jim Holdren reporting

- We do not currently have a Chair for this Committee.
- Our Association must put on more Championship meets in order to be accredited. The easiest way to accomplish this is to hook up with already-existing races.

Men's Track and Field

Bob Disse reporting.

- The Open Association Track and Field Championships were held in conjunction with the Masters' Championships in June. Turnout from Open participants was not as good as anticipated.
- The Association held its Masters' and Open CC Championship in conjunction with t
- The UR Alumni meet at Pole Green Park on September 5th. The entry list was larger than last year (4 men, 4 women), and the meet was well run with a "big meet" feel to it. The Association "Thanks!" goes out to Steve Taylor and the UR team and staff.
- Concern: Virginia has excellent presence in Youth and Masters' stages but lacks at the Post-Grad (Open) level. Mr. Disse asked for suggestions on how this could be improved. Some ideas presented:
 1. Partnering with a local shoe store, Roadrunner, 3 Sports, Lucky Foot
 2. (Bill Boyd) Advertise in local Health Clubs and gyms—Gold's AmFam, ACAC.

Women's Track and Field

Marquita Mines reporting.

- The same concerns are expressed by the Women's TF Chair as the Mens. They will work together on advertising, planning and recruiting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Accreditation report—USATF: We have met the markers in 7 of 10 categories. President Holdren had to submit an Improvement Plan, which was subsequently accepted.

- Website—One of the categories that needed improvement. We have been working with Andy Martin and our website is now fully in compliance with National USATF expectations.
- Newsletter—Chris McCann is currently working on one. Email Chris if you have anything to add to it.
- Sanctions—ON LINE please. If done by snail mail, there is no guarantee your sanction will be validated in time for your event.

NEW BUSINESS

- Replacement of vacant committee chairs:
 1. Officials' Training—not filled at this time
 2. LDR—not filled at this time. This person is primarily responsible for finding or hosting events that can serve as Association Championships (accreditation issue).
 3. Youth—the biggest program. This has been vacant since June.
Ron Bayton has agreed to serve as the new Youth Chair.
His nomination was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- Meet calendar—get info to Andy, our webmaster.
- Workshop report—This has to date been held in August, but this year is being moved to the beginning of the National Convention in December. This makes more sense, and should encourage more participation.
- Officials' Clinics;
Bill Boyd will schedule them and confirm the sites. Bill Anderson and Chris McCann can help with this, but the Association does need to find someone to fill the Chair position of Officials' Training and take over these duties.
- Election of delegates to the National Convention in December in Houston:
We must have between 8-14 delegates. Those expressing an interest in attending are:
Jim Holdren—President
Ron Bayton—new Youth Chair
Bill Anderson—Officials
Chris McCann—Officials
Steve Taylor—Coach
Pratt (Maynard?) Valentine
Ray Funkhouser—VP and Race Walk Chair
Marquita Mines—Athlete/Coach
Ross MacDonald—Masters' Chair
John Molz
Bob Disse—Coach
Melanie Hundley
Howard Nippert—Athlete

Delegates are to inform Jim Holdren regarding what areas they can cover.

Concern expressed by Jim H: We have very few young athletes active in the Association, even though we have a good number of elite national level athletes in the state. It would be beneficial to get some of them involved in the local Association.

- Reimbursement for delegates:
Entry fee is \$175.
Bill Boyd moved that reimbursement be \$1200 per delegate. Costs per person are estimated to be about \$15,600.
Bill's motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
Reimbursement will be \$1200/delegate with a deadline of 1/1/16 for submitting expense receipts and a convention report on the sessions each delegate attended.

- Reimbursement for athletes attending National Championships:
Joe Mack brought this up. Jim Holdren wants to see Youth represented at Nationals, and reimbursement must be a similar system to what is done in CC.

This formula was presented as a starting point:

If an athlete placed 1st--\$100 plus travel

2nd--\$75 plus travel

3rd--\$50 plus travel

Travel reimbursement—depends on where it is.

Time zone #1—East Coast

Less than 200 miles (drive)--\$50

200-300 miles--\$75

300+ miles--\$100

Time zone #2—Midwest--\$100

Time zone #3—West--\$150

Time zone #4—Far West--\$200

--Athletes requesting reimbursement must fill out an application for reimbursement. Give to the Youth Chair or Jim Holdren . Include what events participated in, performance and place.

--Ray F. brought up the point that there should be a distinction between Regional/ National meets that an athlete must qualify for versus meets that have open entries, such as some LDR participants.

--Jim suggested that Masters' participants do not really need reimbursements. A different format for adults than Youth. Youth should have priority regarding reimbursements.

--This new system still has some tweaking to do, but it's a start, and hopefully will make it possible for more Youth to attend National events. Distance has been a huge issue.

--Jim suggested a study regarding the potential number of qualifiers then we can budget this. Research is needed into the past few years regarding number of participants and number of placers. What we have been doing is not based on place, but distance only. This is a much better system.

Committee formed;

Those presenting this new system with a power point presentation—Chris M.

Ray Funkhouser

Jim Holdren

Ron Bayton—Youth Chair

- Special recognition:

Marquita Mines—recognized as a National level athlete who is actively participating in the Association leadership, and actually does help us out. More elite athletes need to do this.

- Marquita and Ray brought up the fact that a good way to get more Master's participants is to have more Masters' clubs, such as Pony Express.
- Recognition of 4 Virginia Association Youth athletes who participated in Nationals at Jacksonville, FL. Jim suggested reimbursing them.

--Ray F moved that a reimbursement of \$100 be offered to each athlete.

Motion seconded and unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING:

JANUARY 31, 2016 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m