

USATF VIRGINIA
Fall Membership Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Ray Funkhouser at 2:10.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from February, 2017 were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income since January 1, 2018: \$39, 817.06

Sanctions	\$ 4,510.00
Membership	\$24,644.14
Clubs	\$ 1, 510.00
Sanction Incentive	\$ 5,000.00
Assoc. Workshop	
Reimbursement	\$ 1,120.00
Assoc. Accreditation Grant	\$ 875.00
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Officials' Registration	\$ 300.00
2017 JO T&F	\$ 960.00
2018 M&O Registration	\$ 22.92

Expenses since January 1, 2018 \$35, 554.91

Office	\$ 1,076.03
Meet Expense	\$ 18,501.22
Nat. Conv. 2015	\$ 5,325.76
Athlete's support	\$ 3,300.00
Marketing	\$ 5,500.00
Investment	\$ 1,826.90
State Corp. Com.	\$ 25.00

Financial Reports outstanding:

Assoc. Masters' and Open T&F	No report--\$22.92 income
Assoc. JO T&F	No report--no income
Region III JO T&F	No report--no income

Current Balances : August 31, 2018

Investments:	\$317, 719.96
Checking	\$ 48, 250.57

Jim Holdren, Treasurer

Notes from President:

--Last year we were ranked in the top 10 associations in the US, so we got an accreditation incentive check.

--Delegate responsibility on committees! Youth, Master's, Race Walk, and Membership. Too much for one person. Use your COMMITTEE members. Youth and Membership needs help. Jim explained that this past year, National JOs was close, so a lot of AAU kids joined USATF. This meant birthdate verification. All at the last minute, and it was overwhelming for both Youth Chair and Melissa Young (Membership).

--USATF National:

Desiree Friedman has left the organization. Robin Beamon now in that person.

Luke Fimreite also helpful.

Don Lawrence--in charge of Grass roots programs now.

--Medals--we ran out at the Regional JO Championship. National is supposed to supply medals, but we must be proactive and request them. Joe Mack has been doing this.

Committee Reports

Race Walking--Chris English

Race Walking committee, VA Association USATF

Committee report

Chris English

September 9, 2018

Walk events held since the February meeting were:

Association JO's June 23

Masters and Open June 24

Region 3 JO's July 5

We have in the past relied on the Tidewater Striders to stage two walk events that were Association Championships, a 1500 as a part of the Strider Mile, and a One Hour. The club held a 1500 walk this year, but did not want USATF judging, and there were only two competitors. Additionally, the club president—who was an active race walker—tells me they have no interest in putting on a one hour.

As a result, we are again combining with the Potomac Valley Association to share a one hour championship at a Potomac Valley Track Club event on September 30 in Fairfax.

The Association has also provided walk officials to work other events such as the Hershey National Junior Olympics, the Virginia Senior Games, the North Carolina Senior Games, and the Potomac Valley Games.

The Association has a declining population of both walk competitors and walk officials.

Ray Funkhouser has suggested Virginia Davis as a potential Vice-Chair for the Race Walk Committee..

Bob Disse commented that he has seen many more young kids participating. Coaching is needed, though.

Master's--Ross MacDonald

--The Association Outdoor Championships need to be before 2nd week of June and after graduation at U of R.

--JDL FastTrack at Winston-Salem NC--Indoor Masters

--Opportunity --The Virginia Association has been asked to host the Southeast Regionals again in 2019.

We need to lock in a facility. Liberty (\$ 1500) is less than UVA and CNU (\$5000)

Outdoor--U of Richmond is also a strong possibility.

Youth--

Maurice Hutton is out of country.

--Busy Youth year. We do not have reports on that yet.

Hosted both State and Regional. Scheduled to be at Hampton U, but no hammer cage. AAU and USATF chipped in to complete the throwing cage in time for the meet.

--Not getting a handle on what some of these events are costing us. We need committees to more adequately oversee the organization and financial obligations of these meets. We also need to supply numbers of participants in these events.

--Reminder that the Association logo must be on all entry forms and meet materials. Need a lot of detail work and better promotion of these events.

LDR--

Still looking for LDR chair.

Men's Track and Field-Bob Disse

Sept. 9, 2018 for the period of February, 2018 through September, 2018.

The Association held its Open Track and Field Championships in conjunction with the Masters' Championship on June 23rd at the University of Richmond. Special thanks to Steve Taylor and Jon Molz and the facility staff at UR.

The Association held its Cross Country Championship on September 1st at Pole Green Park in conjunction with the UR Spider Alumni Run. This was the 5th year of this collaboration and the Saturday time schedule works well logistically. The final entry field was up thanks to the

participation of the Richmond Track and Field Club. This meet was well managed, and the Association again says "Thanks!" to Steve Taylor and the staff at University of Richmond. It has been a quiet summer for the local Open Division.

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Women's T&F--Ross for Marquita

Marquita has relocated to University of Maryland--Eastern Shore in Sudbury, MD
Some rules changes--see New Business

All ages groups welcome to participate in meets at University of Maryland--Eastern Shore:
CC meet Sept. 15
Dec. 1, 2018
Feb 8-9, 2019

Officials--Chris McCann and Bill Anderson

--Certification:

Official count for 2018 (approximate)

Apprentice	70
Association	53
National	25
Master	22
Total:	170 (increase of 35)

Reason for incomplete certification status:

- * missing SafeSport or background check requirements
- * did not pay for original or renewal membership
- * transferred between associations

Issues:

- * Frustration throughout the year again
- * Very slow process to create badges
- * Some SafeSport =?or background checks not automatically accepted by the System. Some had to be manually processed by sending images of SafeSport Certificates to the National office.

Membership:

Starting November 1, most officials will have to renew their membership online. Those exempt are those with multiple year memberships that do not expire this year.

Background checks:

The first round of the 2 year cycle is expiring. Officials will need to renew these.

Shirts:

New officials shirts have been provided to most certified officials. Several who have not received shirts have not entered their size on the membership record. A few were marked but shirts not sent yet.

Email:

In the past, several officials were uncomfortable with us providing contact information to the meet directors.

We will continue to send out a list of meets needing help every 1-2 weeks. Contact persons will be denoted for each event.

--Training

In early 2018, we had 148 attendees in 6 clinics.

UVA--13

Lexington--8

Northern VA--26

Univ of Richmond--47

Hampton--23

Liberty--31

Plans for 2019 are in the works.

Dec. 16 at UVA for one

UR--same as Annual meeting

Mountain, Ultra, Trail--Howard Nippert

October 5-7, 2018 lots of events in southwest Virginia. Norton, VA (Hellbender) 10K

Membership--

Melissa Johnson--busy during JOs due to increased participation and proximity of Nationals.

Old Business--

--We sponsored 2 athletes to the USATF national cross country camp.

Mary Caroline Heinman, Avery Witherow (sp?)

They also have one now for Field events.

--SafeSport--encouraging all coaches and volunteers need to go through this process. Must do to go volunteer in any way. So far, no person from Virginia has been banned.

It is now expanded to support staff. At UR, all employees are already cleared through university channels.. Frustration is that USATF does not recognize what UR and other colleges are doing. If they partner with a University, they need to trust the university. They are very much sticklers about this.

--Run, Jump, Throw--still on our Wish list to do one. Henrico county and State board of Education on board with this.

--Reimbursement form--

A volunteer at the meeting will make a template for this. We are not prepared to do electronic payments. This person urged us to move forward with this. Ray, Jim and him need to meet and figure out how we are going to do this. Ross mentioned some controls we need to do this.

--Indoor track possibility in Henrico. Bob Disse says he met with someone who are looking at this in Greenwood Park. They need someone with the money and idea to build one.

It was suggested not to make it an afterthought, like Boo Williams. Money is the issue. The county is looking for a partner,

NEW Business:

--Southeast Region newsletter--send pictures to the Southeast newsletter. Send Andy Martin pictures, he's good at getting them in the website and newsletter.

Club advertising:

Joe Mack wanted Pony Express Track Clinic. Andy had concerns that it is basically an ad for the club. It was suggested that we offer our member clubs the chance to have one ad a year for an event they have. Concern is to be fair to everyone and all clubs. A way needs to be found to open this up.

During the discussion, a member commented that it is a win-win situation. Most clubs have a computer savvy person to handle this. Anything has to be online now for the younger generation. Kids will like seeing their club.

Joe Mack had originally wanted to advertise for their clinic for a fee. This would be a great idea, Most clubs would take advantage of this.

--We need to develop an advertising structure. Small fee for this might be good.

Suggestions on where to we take this. One idea was to charge \$25, and a club or individual can have an ad on the website for 60 days. Members one fee, non-members more. (\$50) \$100 for non-club members was suggested also..

--We would like to ask Andy to get us website visitor numbers.

Steve Taylor likes the \$100 fee for advertising for non-members because it will encourage people to become members.

******Bill Anderson moved that a 60 day ad would cost \$25/\$100.** (Members/non-Members)

Motion was seconded.

Discussion:

Chris English said it's premature without a mechanism to do this. Ray said we have a mechanism, working off the National website. Andy can do this for us. We can work on this.

Chris McCann asked if a customer can change their ad after 60 days. We need Andy's input on this..

Ray just wants a basic mechanism to do this.

Ross --USATF is VERY particular with their logos. Andy is good at doing this.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

--Championship Schedules--

Ray is sending out info to all Chairs and meet Directors. Get it back quickly to get it on the calendar..

---Banquet--recognize athletes and people in our Association. A lot of Associations do this. At this time, we do not know how much it would cost. Andy could coordinate this.

(NOTE: Banquet now scheduled for February 10th)

--Andy Martin:

Back in February we approved of adding additional activities for Andy, and increase his salary. We will be doing that this year, giving him \$10,000. Andy suggest to start small for the banquet--\$12-15,000. A lot of awards, get them through National. This is a good year to start. Much to

recognize. . Andy suggested an afternoon Sunday banquet. Ray asked for questions and comments.

Tickets and prices to be determined later.

Anything that offers recognition for athletes is a great idea.

A committee for this needs to be set up.. Andy will be detail guy.

A member said that coordinating something like this is hard to do from far away.

Steve Taylor suggested UR could host. Steve would be interested in securing a location here.

They cater here too.

Bob Disse questioned awards--who, what categories, how selected.

Motion--The Association will have have an awards banquet.

Motion passed unanimously

--JO reimbursement--

Feb. we never made a determination about reimbursement amounts for Outdoor National JO(Greensborough)

Ray asked if we want to reimburse, and how much. Jim Holdren. went through what has been done historically, remembering that it is a token and not a full reimbursement.

Lot of discussion on distances vs. numbers etc, Varies big time with location.

Chris McCann made a motion that we give \$100 to each athlete who went to Greensborough.

169 athletes went.

Discussion: Treasurer report--how much did we spend last year?.

Our budget right now calls for \$12,000 for everything. Ross M. says we all agree on reimbursing, just how much is the question.

A criteria for awarding dollar amounts was suggested.. We must say "CLUB" reimbursement..

Those kids who make All American should get some extra. Ray says we do need to do this, but not today.

It was noted that we have already spent \$5000, so we divide this up (\$7000 divided among 169 athletes.)

Chris rescinded his motion.

Amended motion--\$40 reimbursement towards your expenses.

_Tim Stewart will help create an online mechanism for this. Steve T. suggested a deadline for submission. The Association decided on 30 days. Ray will ask Andy to give us a list of participants.

Motion carried.

---This years' CC JOs are in Reno, NV,

How much for reimbursement?

Jim says last time it was there, we reimbursed \$200.

Discussion:

For past 18 months, we have not seen income from JO Regionals State JO. We have no report on this.

The Association has not received income back.

We have not gotten money from entry fees for Athletic.net, the new vehicle for meet registration for the past 18 months.

So we are left with \$5000. Jim H. suggests putting a cap on reimbursement.

MOTION--Bob Disse motions a cap of \$5000 total with a cap of no more than \$200 per athlete, depending on number who apply.

Motion carried unanimously.

--Delegates to the Annual meeting:

Columbus, OH

Last year--up to 1600 was reimbursed per attendee.

MOTION--Bob Disse motions that we again reimburse \$1600.

Motion carried unanimously.

Who is attending

Jim Holdren

Chris English

Maurice Vaughn, Youth Chair,

Howard Nippert.

Steve Taylor

Bob Disse

Ross McDonald

Chris McCann

--Steve Taylor--August 31, 2019--UR neet, Opem, MASTERS too at Pole Green

--Collegiate Runners Association--sponsoring Kids Run RVA --

MOTION--we support this training effort by Kids Run RVA

Motion passed,

--Melissa Young, Membership Chair--remind parents to put club number. Clubs must pay dues, and coaches must do Safe Sport.

Next meeting: Feb. 10, 2019, University of Richmond. Probably room 245. Clinic during the morning..

Meeting adjourned 5:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette M. Sirica

Treasurer