

**USATF VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2020
ROBBINS CENTER--UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by President Ray Funkhouser

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers' Report--Jim Holdren

As an overview, the Treasurer said that championship meets should pay for themselves, which has not been the case. Income from memberships is down, in the Virginia Association and nationally. Visibility of the Association needs to be increased as well as advertising for and participation in Championship events.

2019 USATF VIRGINIA TREASURER'S REPORT - 2-08-20

<u>Revenue 2019</u>	Budgeted 2019	Actual 2019	Proposed
2020			
Individual Memberships	\$28,000.00	\$23,635.02	\$23,600.00
Club Memberships	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sanctions	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,370.00	\$ 5,400.00
Championship Events	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,683.50	\$ 3,800.00
Officials	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,500.00
Investments	\$13,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$32,700.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,500.00
Awards Banquet		\$ 3,877.00	\$ 4,000.00
Total Revenue	\$58,500.00	\$74,580.52	\$74,000.00

<u>Expenses 2019</u>	Budgeted 2019	Actual 2019	Proposed
2020			
Office Expense	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,388.82	\$ 8,500.00
Marketing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Annual Meeting (Assoc. Travel)	\$19,000.00	\$19,018.78	\$19,100.00
Athlete Travel (National Championships)	\$15,000.00	\$10,552.93	\$11,000.00
Association Medals	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,265.61	\$ 2,350.00
Meet Expense (events)	\$ 5,000.00	\$23,212.10	\$23,250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 53.57	\$ 300.00
Awards Banquet	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,112.83	\$ 5,000.00

Official's Training	\$.	0.00	\$ 2,516.92	\$ 3,000.00
Total Expenses		\$58,500.00	\$71,083.33	\$74,000.00

**BEGINNING BALANCES DEC. 31, 2019
STATEMENT**

Investments	\$ 338,020.36
Checking	\$ 24,230.07
Total	\$ 362,250.43

JUST RECEIVED YESTERDAY -JAN. 2020 BANK

Investments	\$ 378,746.70
Checking	\$ 50,332.94
Total	\$ 429,079.64

CURRENT BALANCES DEC. 31, 2020

Investments	\$ 414,990.24
Checking	\$ 4,471.52
Total	\$ 419,461.76

2019 GAINS/LOSSES

Investments	\$ 76,969.88
Checking	(\$ 19,758.55)
Total	\$ 57,211.33

Ray then called for 2 motions:

Motion: The Treasurers' Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion: The 2020 proposed budget be approved. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Report: Ray Funkhouser2019 Annual Meeting Report

The 2019 Meeting was held in Reno Nevada. There were numerous highlights for the Virginia Association.

For the first time in several years we had a full voting contingent of Delegates (14). The Delegates in attendance were:

Ray Funkhouser

Bob Disse

Jim Holdren

Bill Anderson

Chris McCann

Steve Taylor

Howard Nippert

Nickie Wills

Jackie Kendall

Joe Curcio

Sean Venable

Donna Funkhouser

Vin Lananna

The Virginia Association was recognized by the National Associations Committee as the Top Association in their Association Excellence Awards. The reward for this recognition is a monetary award of \$2,750. This is the result of the work of many in our Association.

Jim Holdren was recognized as the Southeast Region Volunteer of the Year.

The Associations Committee awarded us a grant for 2020. This is the first grant we have applied for. This grant of just over \$1,600 is for developing Race Walk Officials and promoting more participation in Race Walking.

Submitted by: Ray Funkhouser

The Virginia Association had 14 voting delegates attending. Vin Lanana, President of USATF, is now a Virginia Association member. Together, this made a strong showing for our Association at the Annual meeting.

Racewalking Grant:

Ray F. had submitted a grant for Racewalking training, equipment and clinics. The grant for \$1600 was awarded, and Ray is currently scheduling 5 clinics in the state, and purchasing necessary equipment.

Accreditation:

The Virginia Association is again **fully accredited** for 2020.

Committee Reports

Racewalking--Ray F

Race Walk Report

September 9, 2020 Association Meeting

The Association submitted a Grant Proposal to the National Associations Committee in the Fall of 2019 as approved at the September 2019 Association Meeting.

The Grant was to offer Officials Race Walk Training in all aspects of officiating the Race Walk and provide training for coaches and athletes.

The Grant includes some equipment to provide the clinics and the equipment needed to hold Race Walk competitions.

The value of the Grant is just over \$1,600.

The clinics proposed would be throughout the Association. The general locations listed include:

Richmond

Virginia Beach

Fredericksburg

Winchester

Roanoke

LDR

No report--position had been empty.

Jonathan Wilson will assume this position . He is a PT, and began running as an adult.

We need to have more Championships in this area. Howard Nippert had an Ultra in SW Virginia. Ray has been talking to someone in Irvington about the possibility of a 5K.

Officials--Chris McCann and Bill Anderson

New Safesport regulations require that Safesport be repeated every year. This must be done by the end of March.

Recertification--Same test given to all officials. Passing grade different for each level of officials. Access this test online from National.

Nationally, the number of officials is down. Likely causes are the number of regulations and inconvenience of the Safesport process.

Bill and Chris to retire in Fall 2020.

Masters' Report, M/W Track and Field

Indoor Championship: March 8 at Boo Williams, our Association will host an Indoor Masters/ Mens and Womens Track and Field Championship meet. Andy working on details of this, to be put on our website. The state Senior Games is March 12.

Outdoor Open and Masters' Championships--Looking at a date in May, and trying to get a location. Discussion on this tabled for a later date.

Maurice Pierce is new to position of Mens T&F coordinator, and is looking into possibilities for the Outdoor meet.

Ray also suggested locking in Cross Country dates at this time. The Open M/W and Masters meet will be held Sept. 5 at Pole Green Park in Hanover County.

Mountain, Ultra, Trail

Howard Nippert not here. Our Association does need to expand on these events.

Youth--Maurice Hutton

Association JO Championship--June 13, Massaponax High School near Fredericksburg.

Regional July 9-12, Durham County Stadium, Durham NC
National JO--jacksonville FL--week of July 27-31

The Virginia Association is hosting the JO Regionals next year. Currently planning to have javelin, steeplechase, and hammer at a college facility, and the rest of the events at a high school facility. It is planned for over the July 4th weekend. This meet needs to be sanctioned ASAP to get it on the Associations and National calendar.

Maurice H. commented that location of National Championship impacts participation numbers. If AAU Championship site is closer than USATF, more athletes will join AAU. If USATF Championships are closer, there will be more participation. Norfolk will be site of National JOs next year.

Old Business

Banquet:

Moving it to a bigger space this year, still at U. of R.

Motion: The Virginia Association recognition banquet shall remain on the same date as the February meeting. Motion passed.

Andy has clips of 2 Virginia women who have qualified for Olympic Trials; they will be honored at the banquet tonight.

Virginia Senior Games:

This event is sanctioned. A new timing company will be doing this meet. Henrico County needs one check to cover all officials. USATF will pay the officials, as Henrico County cannot pay the officials individually. All officials will be USATF certified. Senior games are age 50+, while USATF Masters and Sub-masters is 30+. This collaboration does build a relationship, however, which may work to our advantage.

New Business

2020 Championship schedule

Get dates locked in and sanctions completed early.

By-laws update:

All Associations by-laws will be reviewed by the National office this year. Ray would like to see the addition of Para-athletes and MUT included in the by-laws.

Compliance:

All Association Officers and Chairs 3-tier compliant: current member, background check completed, Safesport done.

JO Reimbursement and results:

The Association has always given some reimbursement to National Championship qualifiers in Outdoor T&F and Cross Country. Those athletes wanting reimbursement must submit receipts with a request form. This is a budget item with finite resources. In last years' Championships, Andy had a red tent for our athletes, and a red Virginia Association hat.

Jim Holdren's Richmond Track and Field Club won the Championship in one of the age groups, with Mary Heinman again winning first place in the Girls 15-18 race.

Motion: Moved by Dave Gammon that we set a reimbursement amount of \$200 per athlete for the participants in the Cross Country Nationals. Motion passed.

Olympic Trials:

Much discussion of reimbursement of Virginia athletes participating in Olympic Trials. We, as an Association, would like to do something for our Trials qualifiers. To be considered for reimbursement, the athlete must first be a member of the Virginia Association. Ray said that often, athletes at this level have sponsorships which pay their expenses to the Trials. Jim Holdren does not think sponsored athletes need additional reimbursement. A further complication is that some athletes from Virginia compete for out-of-state clubs. The situation of an unsponsored athlete was brought up. Steve Taylor said that if the athlete is a college student, his/her expenses are usually taken care of by the college.

In 2016, Virginia had 16 Trials qualifiers in T&F.

Jim Holdren suggested that we put on the website that funds are available for partial reimbursement and decide monetary amounts on a case by case basis.

Discussion about how much monetary reimbursement--suggestions ranged from a few hundred dollars (Jim Holdren) to covering all expenses (Maurice Hutton).

Steve Taylor suggest that the reimbursement application should be available for any athlete whose expenses are not covered by a sponsorship or college.

Bob Disse suggested that we designate 5 scholarships worth \$1000 each for those who demonstrate need. Ray disagreed with a blanket amount, instead preferring to award on a case by case basis. Other ideas were to set an amount, and divide equally.

As this issue cannot be resolved today, we will do the following:

1. Assign a committee to discuss/investigate and make suggestions. Jim Holdren, as Treasurer, must be on this committee.
2. Steve Taylor to look into how other Associations do this.

Motion: Moved by Dave Gammon that we establish an Olympic Trials grant committee to determine Association support. Motion passed.

The following members will serve on this committee:

Jim Holdren
Joe Mack
Marquita Mines
Steve Taylor
Shawn Venable
Ray Funkhouser
Maurice Hutton
Jon Molz
Maurice Pierce

Possibility of US National CC Championships in Richmond area, 2024:

Steve Taylor has been looking into the possibility of hosting the US Open Cross Country Championship (with the selection of National team coming from this meet.) This would be for 2014. He has talked with both Sportsbackers and Richmond Bureau of Tourism. National Cross Country Chair Thom Hunt has assured Steve of assistance in the bidding process. Richmond Tourism has money for these types of events.

Motion: Moved by Joe Mack to pursue the Virginia Association hosting of US Open Cross Country Championships to be held in the Richmond area. Motion passed.

The above-named committee will come back with recommendations for this.

U-20 National Championships (Formerly the junior nationals)

Maurice Hutton: The U-20 reimbursement needs to be added to the work of the above committee. This would be every year, not every 4 years. This was Okayed by the membership.

September 2020 meeting:

This is an election meeting.

Steve Taylor will be chairing the nominating committee.

Voting open to all members, but a member must be present at the meeting to vote.

Date of next meetings:

September 13, 2020

February14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Annette M. Sirica

USATF Virginia Association Secretary