

**USATF VIRGINIA**  
**FEBRUARY MEETING**  
 FEBRUARY 12, 2023. UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

The meeting was called to order at 2:14pm.

**Secretary's Report**

Since there are no corrections or additions to the minutes, the minutes stand as published.

**Treasurer's Report—Jim Holdren—Feb. 12, 2023**

<b>2022 Summary</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Income deposited</b>	<b>\$ 32,728.55</b>	<b>\$ 25,141.18</b>	<b>\$ 58,507.64</b>
Sanctions, Memberships, Clubs	\$ 25,278.55	\$ 25,141.18	\$ 17,900.23
Awards Banquet	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,670.00
Association Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,750.00
Officials	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,825.00
Meets	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,066.25
Cashed CD (Investment)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,343.23
Misc	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 952.93
<b>Expenses paid</b>	<b>\$ 37,979.71</b>	<b>\$ 36,046.97</b>	<b>\$ 37,340.97</b>
Office	\$ 2,399.25	\$ 1,951.63	\$ 7,527.11
Meet Exp.	\$ 5,328.30	\$ 3,175.28	\$ 6,370.00
Travel/Conv	\$ 12,814.16	\$ 970.00	\$ 1,540.00
Athlete support	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 200.00
Official's Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,579.00
Marketing/Communication	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,440.00	\$ 15,125.00
Assoc. Awards	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 993.21
Awards banquet	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,415.55
Misc.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 631.10
<b>Income deposited since Jan 1 2023</b>	<b>\$ 7,266.00</b>		
Sanctions, Memberships, Clubs	\$ 7,266.00		
<b>Expenses paid since Jan 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 20,470.85</b>		
Office Expense	\$. 367.47		
Meet Expense	\$ 15,603.38		
Travel Convention	\$ 1,600.00		
Athlete Expense	\$ 200.00		
Awards Banquet	\$. 2,700.00		
<b>Current Balances: Jan. 31, 2023</b>			
Investments	\$ 441,625.99 as of Jan. 31, 2022		
Checking	\$ 21,153.31 as of Jan. 31, 2022		
Total	\$ 462,779.30 as of Jan. 31, 2022		

Questions came up about when our Association will see income from our hosting the USATF National Cross Country Championships in January. National received all the entry fee money. Jim and Ray explained that we may not see any profit from it, but all outstanding bills and expenses have been paid.

–Money from the Masters meet February 11 and the Banquet tickets has yet to be accounted.

–**Motion:** Accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Motion seconded and passed

### **President’s Report–Ray Funkhouser**

–The National USATF meeting was held in Orlando, FL in early December. Virginia Association had 11 delegates. Though not our full contingent, there were several new member delegates who attended this year.

The Annual Meeting next year will be held again in Orlando.

–A compromise was made on the issue of what were Board issues, and what were the Membership’s. The compromise passed.

–The Board, in December passed 44 “temporary amendments”. These will be voted on b the Membership at the 2023 National Meeting.

–Accreditation–Last year, we passed. 2023 will bring some challenges, particularly in the area of the number of Championships that we offer. LDR and Ultra events were lacking last year, and steps have already been taken to improve this in 2023.

Unfortunately, this year, we may not receive full accreditation.

–Grant priorities for this year–2023:

1. Advertising and promoting the Virginia Association at running and community events, in high schools and colleges.
2. LDR Grand Prix, which will have prize money.

–Ross MacDonald suggested our presence at the “Run, Jump, Throw” events for youth.

–The Association has also had success attracting members and participants in smaller road races. One of the difficulties with promoting ourselves at road races is that many are sponsored by RRCA. We are hoping to establish a partnership with them.

On these road races, awards for USATF participants would go 10 deep.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Race Walk–Ray Funkhouser**

A competition was planned in conjunction with Potomac Valley. Bad weather forced it’s cancellation, as it is unable to be rescheduled.

#### **LDR–Jonathan Wilson**

(report)

Although not able to be at the meeting today, Jonathan is new, and brings a lot of enthusiasm. He and Ray are working with Andy Martin to set up our Grand Prix series for 2023.

Virginia USATF did have a race vs. West Virginia, and Virginia did well, with athletes from Virginia earning prize money.

### **Officials–Nicki Wills and Joe Curcio**

–A clinic was held this morning, before the meeting. 16 were in attendance, with 6 new officials officially installed. The number of officials is broken down: (as of 2/11/2023)

- 131 current officials
- 47 Apprentice level
- 39 Association level
- 25 National level
- 20 Master's level

–In the current Olympiad, we have 50 invalid officials. This would be any official that is not current in their 3-step compliance with USATF-

- current membership
- up to date on Safe Sport training
- current background check

–Although 50 seems like a lot, it is a big improvement over recent years–77 from 2020, and 88 from the previous Olympiad.

–Upcoming officials clinics:

- March 5–Liberty University–this will also include a throws safety clinic.

### **Masters–Charlene Hinton**

–February 11 was the Association and Southeast Regional Masters Championship held at Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton. Participation was good, with over 130 athletes. A successful meet, with several records broken. A great job pulling off this event.

–Planning for Outdoor Masters Championships–and any others–Ray reminds all who are planning a Championship to secure your date early, get it sanctioned, and put it on the Association website as soon as possible.

### **Mens and Womens Track and Field–No report**

–Ray said that we need more help with the Open division. Championship hosts need to find an affordable facility that still allows us to hold all events, i.e. Pole Vault, Throwing events, javelin, and Steeplechase. This eliminates high school facilities, so college and community facilities are the best options.

### **Youth–Maurice Pierce**

–The Membership Chair will regain the authority to assign people to new clubs.

–JO Championships–Saturday, June 10. Information already on the website. Qualifying athletes will advance to Southeast Regional July 6-9, at Durham Stadium in Durham, NC. Top 5 qualifiers from that meet will move on to National Championships, held at University of Oregon. Dorm rooms will be available at University of Oregon. Coaches and adults need to be aware of Safe Sport recommendations and restrictions.

### **Athlete compensation for National:**

–A lot of discussion on this topic. The original motion was \$350 per athlete (travel grant) with not more than \$12,000 total. If \$350 each is more than \$12,000, split it evenly among all participants

–All athletes must attend the Championship they are seeking a travel grant for, must have participated, and turned in an expense accounting.

Qualifying: Top 8 from Association Championship go on to Regional; top 5 from Regional go on to National.

–Questions were raised if we already had a set budget. Ray said that we set it at this meeting. Ross asked how many typically go. This depends on the location of the Championship. On the West coast, usually not as many go. Last year, only 1 went for Cross Country, and 23 for Track. The compensation for 2022 Youth Championships, Cross Country and Track was \$15,000 total for both. So \$12,000 would be a big chunk of this.

–Jim Holdren asked if the Association has ever funded Youth Indoor. We have not, but more Youth events and Championships are coming.

–Because the location of Nationals is in Eugene, this may attract more participants from our Association than would typically go to the West coast.

**Motion: (Jim Holdren) The Association allocate a total of \$15,000 for Cross Country and Track travel grants, with a maximum of \$300 per athlete.**

Motion was seconded , **Motion Passed.**

–During the September meeting, it will be decided how much will be given to Cross Country and how much for track. There is ongoing discussion regarding the amount per athlete.

–Reminder from Ray and Maurice—a waiver can be given to the Regional meet, but not the National Championship.

### **Membership**

Melissa Johnson can no longer serve as Membership Chair. Ray has appointed Andy Martin to assume this position in the meantime until a Chair can be elected during the Annual meeting in September.

### **SafeSport—Annette Sirica**

Ray reminded all committee chairs that they must be currently 3-step certified: membership, background check, SafeSport training up to date.

–Our Officials Chairs have done an exceptional job of assuring our officials are SafeSport compliant.

**Coaches—all USATF coaches, assistant coaches, team managers must be 3 step compliant. If this is not done by the start of Track season, they cannot coach.**

### **USATF Cross Country National Championships—Steve Taylor**

January 21, 2023, held at Pole Green Park

–The Association thanks Steve Taylor–Meet Director, for making this event such a big success. Steve laid the groundwork, recruited Richmond Tourism to assist, worked with the National office to plan and carry out this event. The event ran well, and was covered by the local newspaper and television.

–The Association also recognizes Jon Molz, Course Director for planning a spectator and runner-friendly course.

–The event was well attended and well-run. A number of local county officials and politicians were on hand to observe.

–National team members for the World Championships held in Australia Feb. 11 and 12 were selected.

–The National Championship will be held here again next year, and the organizers and sponsors plan to make it even better. Next year will also be the selection of the International teams.

–One change will be that the Open/Community race will be run by Virginia Association, not National. There was no link to register for it on the entry form to National and no advertisement, so only 12 runners participated.

–Now that they have observed the meet, Richmond Sportsbackers is interested in assisting and promoting the event, especially the Open/Community race..

–Breakdown of finances:

–Entry fees–533 athletes–about \$25,500 in income. 700 were expected, so we fell a bit short. Much of this can be generated next year by promoting the Open/Community race.

–Sponsorships–\$35,000 obtained

–Bon Secours donated medical tent and staffing–worth about \$1000

–Income/expense figures are not yet available from the National office.

–Original budget was \$55,000. Expenses ran about \$6000 over this, so that accounted for the \$6000 loss. A lot of this expense was for preliminary planning and purchases which will not be a factor next year, as it is already done.

–Local support that was especially helpful was Richmond Tourism , who had a Welcome Center set up at the airport. Athletes were very appreciative and this was a positive thing for the event and the area. In addition, Virginia Association receives a rebate for every hotel room booked for the event.

### **September Cross-Country Championships**

–Ross MacDonald asked if the Association has an opportunity for a “pre-run”.

Steve Taylor explained that our September Championship Cross Country race at Pole Green, where we partner with University of Richmond and National College Running Association serves that purpose.

–A lot of volunteers helped make this event a success.

–The Armed Forces competition was held, and had a good representation,.

–Advertising this event as a kick-off for training for the Richmond Marathon, Half Marathon and 8K in November

–This race is very positive for us as an Association, as we see more and more of the community becoming involved.

### **Banquet**

–Our annual Awards Banquet will be held tonight.  
Vin Lananna, USATF President will be our featured speaker.

**New Business  
Championships**

–All areas–Youth, Open, Masters, LDR need to schedule 2023 Championships as soon as possible, get sanctioned, and onto the race schedule on our website and on the National calendar.  
–Ross MacDonald suggested a Throws Championship and/or Pole Vault.

**Good Luck, Linda!**

–The Association recognized Linda Harper and wishes her success in the upcoming World Masters Championships in Poland.

**Next Meeting**

The Annual Meeting will be held Sept. 10, 2023, site TBD

**Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette M. Sirica  
Secretary