

# USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting & Sports Committee Minutes 2017

\*All minutes are drafts and will be approved at our Georgia 2018 Annual Meeting.

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# 2017 USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting

## Minutes

The Gathering Spot  
384 North Yards N.W. Blvd  
Atlanta Georgia 30313  
September 16, 2017

### Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 8:30a.m.
- ESIX representative gave an overview of company insurance benefits and what can offer to USATF Georgia
- Inez Finch made a motion to approve agenda: Seconded, Felicia Sotillo
- A book, “We're Going the Wrong Way Again, Jim" introduced by Joyce Hodges-Hite for \$12.95 all proceeds got to Jim Hite Scholarship, A former Masters Committee Chair
- Courtney and Andrew introduced as the Rehab Chiropractor of Dunwoody
- A Memorial of last year of members and/or their relatives:
  - Timond Chubb of Smyrna, GA- Mavis Chubb’s son
  - Ian Dube of Kennesaw, GA- former VP of Communications and President of USATFGA
  - Mushadi Ibere of Covington, GA (Athlete)- Elite Speed TC
  - Cynthia Jennings Evan- Jon Ross mother
  - Angela Ware Burris-Terrance Trammell’s sister
  - Chris Wynn-Coach Ken Scott’s son
  
- 2016 Annual meeting minutes presented by Carl Anderson, Georgia Executive Vice President
- A few corrections made
  - Under sanctions, Latarvia last name changed to “Shanks” instead of “Reeves”
  - Several corrections made by Jean Williams of minutes

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes Motion by Lamar Grant and Seconded by Wendy Collins– Approved

## **President Year in Review Report-Dexter McCloud**

- Association met all the accreditation requirements last September 2016
- 2016 USATF Annual meeting, Association 15 delegates to represent Georgia
- Received Nationals appointments: Jacqui Collins(National Youth Board, Diversity, and Leadership Committee ), Gwen Loud-Johnson(Alumni Committee), Jean Williams(Race Walk Committee) and Ron Williams(National Coaches Advisory Committee)
- Growth of numbers increased 4,422 to 4,965 members, 127 to 134 approved clubs, 70 new certified officials to existing 180 certified officials
- 2017 Team USA vs Canada Jr Race Walk was successful event in Aug in Rome, GA
- 2018 Indoor track returning to Georgia after 20 years Lake Point Sports. Dunamis Sports Group in Emerson, GA. A four day meet with youth, masters, open, and collegiate)
- USATF Georgia planning to assist with formation of upcoming event
- Eric Merriweather receives honor at Legendary Award, introduced and presented his Humanitarian award by three- time Olympian Hazel Clark
- Introduced the Run/Walk with Olympians event with Kellie Brinkley, Angelo Taylor, Hazel Clark, and Terrance Trammell
- Contested 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meet of Championship, consist of state champions and other finalist across all classifications with Mike Judge/Hazel Clark
- Contested dream mile by Mike Spino
- USATF President joined annual meeting for first time as keynote speaker

## **Executive Vice President-Carl Anderson**

- Presented overview of financial report for Kellie Crawford, Treasurer
- report that as of 8/31 revenue \$123,000
- Income expenses \$193,00

**Elections- 86 voters**, each candidate given 3 min remarks

**Break out sessions and newly elected positions**

### **Race Walk-**

Jean Williams-Chair

Kellie Crawford-Vice Chair

Peggy Curtis-Secretary

- 3 race walk official clinics
- 35 certified race walk officials
- Use as physical therapy

- Went from 1 to 7 meets annually
- Racewalk initiatives- John Nunn, Chair of Race walking

**Officials-** Cindy Slayton gave report, Darren Johnson, Wendy Collins, Felicia Sotillo, & Phil Ozell

## **LDR-**

Mike Spino, Chair

**Athlete Advisory-(AAC) Didra Goodlow -Chair**

**Angelo Taylor-Vice Chair**

**Coach Advisory-Ron Williams gave a report-Chair**

- **Andre Al-Ghani-Vice Chair**
- **Ronda Broome- Secretary**

**Masters-Tina Klein, Chair**

**Track and Field- Gwen Loud-Johnson**

## **Youth-**

- Charles Muhammad, Chair
- Vice President of Operations- Monica Ross
- Vice President of Administration- Ken Jones
- Secretary- MikeMcCovery

## **President-**

- Belinda Turner nominated Inez Finch, seconded by Mike Judge
- Dexter McCloud already submitted to rerun
- Latarvia Shanks made a motion to close presidential nominees, seconded by Fenn Little
- Dexter McCloud received 34 and Inez received 42

## **Executive Vice President**

- Lamar Grant submitted to rerun
- Inez Finch motion to close nomination

**Vice President of Communication, 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Matthew Chestnut submitted for nomination
- Darren Johnson motion to close nomination
- Arlena Epps motion to vote
- Lamar Grant 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Vice President of Sponsorship, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Gwen Loud-Johnson nominated Hazel Clark from floor
- Lamar motion to close nomination
- Felicia Sotillo 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Secretary**

- Lamar Grant nominated Arlena Epps
- Mike Judge nominated Ronda Broome
- Epps 44 and Broome 30 votes

#### **Treasurer**

- Wendy Collins nominated Latarvia Shanks
- Felicia Sotillo 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Kelly Crawford nominated and declined
- Carl Anderson submitted to re run
- Fenn Little nominated by Mike Judge
- Inez Finch closed nomination, seconded, Simon Sotillo 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Votes- Anderson 25/Little 27 Shanks-12
- Runoff
- Carl Anderson 30
- Fenn Little 36

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

# USATF Georgia – Annual Meeting Youth Committee Meeting – 9/16/17

## AGENDA

I. Call to order

II. Youth Committee elections

III. Adjournment

### Meeting summary:

This youth committee meeting was held as a breakout session from the Association Annual Meeting on 9/16/17. Logistical and time challenges at the venue prohibited us from having a thorough meeting so we prioritized the most important business – elections.

The chair, Lamar Grant, called the meeting to order at 1:48pm. Lamar gave a recap of the Youth TrackTown Awards Gala event that was held the night before.

The meeting moved to the youth committee election process.

Candidates for Youth Chair: Charles Muhammad, Jacqui Collins. Charles Muhammad elected youth chair

Candidates for Youth VP/Administration: Ken Jones, Jacqui Collins. Ken Jones elected Youth VP/Administration

Candidates for Youth VP Operations: Monica Ross. Monica Ross elected Youth VP Operations

Candidates for Youth Secretary: Mike McCovery. Mike McCovery elected youth secretary

The meeting adjourned at 2:37pm



USA Track & Field Annual Meeting  
2017 Track & Field Committee, Masters Committee, and Long  
Distance Running (LDR) Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2017

Breakout Session Meeting attendees list:  
Masters, Open and Long Distance Running (LDR)

- Didra Goodlow
- Terry Ozell
- Dr Marco Belizaire
- Mike Spino
- Tina Klein
- Angelo Taylor
- Jimal Deas
- Loretta Woodard
- La Vonda R. Dewitt
- Joel Dubow
- Alice Jackson
- Karmell Vickers
- E McGawan
- Heather Cross
- John Pulliam
- Angela McClendon
- Gwen Johnson

Meeting notes:

The meeting was opened with an introduction by T&F Chair Gwen Loud-Johnson. Gwen introduced herself. Introduction of Master's Chair-Tina Klein and Introduction of LDR chair Mike Spino.

A floor discussion was open regarding how members felt about past Track season activities. There was an overwhelming agreement that the USATFGA/Track Lab Spring Series was a overwhelming success. Athletes enjoyed the Spring Series meet features such as, field medical staff, branded USATF-GA gear and snacks. There was an over all agreement that this feature should continue.



The floor was open for voting for 2018 Open Track & Field Chairmen Position. Gwen Loud- Johnson was nominated as Chairman by Mike Spino and second by Tina Klein. Gwen Loud-Johnson was elected unanimously.

The floor was open for voting for 2018 Masters' Track & Field Chairmen Position. Tina Klein was nominated as Chairman by Gwen Loud-Johnson and second by John Puliman. Tina Klein was elected unanimously.

The floor was open for voting for 2018 LDR Track & Field Chairmen Position. Mike Spino was nominated as Chairman by Tina Klein and second by Loretta Woodard. Mike Spino was elected unanimously.

The meet was called to adjourned by Tina Klein and Second by Angelo Taylor

Gwen Loud Johnson  
USATF of Georgia  
Track & Field Chairman

Tina Klein  
USATF of Georgia  
Masters Track & Field Chairman

Mike Spino  
USATF of Georgia  
LDR Chairman



## USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting

### USATF Georgia Association Officials Committee Meeting

**September 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Slayton, Chair of Officials Committee at 12:05pm. Present 26 Certified Officials. Cindy thanked all of the officials for serving this past year.

Upcoming opportunities for Official:

- November 3-4, 2017- Georgia High School Championship
- November 11, 2017- Georgia Association Youth Cross Country Championship
- November 18, 2017- Region 4 Youth Cross Country Championship

#### Grants

There are 6 grants for officials, please apply. Officials receiving grants this past year are 3 Awarded for 2016- Marissa Sequeria, Darren Johnson, and Vernika Reeves

#### Clinics

The Electronic Clinic has been postponed.  
The starter Clinic had over 25 people in attendance.  
There will be a Triple Jump and Long Jump Clinic. An announcement will be sent out soon.

Communications- There needs to be improvement of posting timely dates of events.

Cindy Slayton presented plaques from 2015 Officials of the Year to:

Wendy Collins  
Pedro Vasquez

Cindy Slayton announced Official of the Year and Awards Rookie of the Year Awards for 2016:

- Rookies of the Year for 2016: Terrilynn Webb and Clarence Webb
- Officials of the Year for 2016: Carol MacGregor and Jeff Rigdon
- Murray Sanford Service Award for 2016: Dick Moss
- USATF Service Award for 2016: Darren Johnson and Phil Ozell

USATF/GA Service Award for 2016: Matthew Barry, Matthew Chestnut, Jacqui Collins, Wendy Collins, Peggy Curtis, Vince DiCecco, Karema Edwards, Inez Finch, David Gamadanis, Her Gibson, Quo



## 2017 USATF-Georgia Annual Race Walk Committee Meeting

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I. Race Walking Chair, Jean William called the **Meeting to Order**

II. **In Attendance**

- Race Walk Chair, Jean Williams
- Race Walk Secretary, Jacquelyn Anthony
- Southeast Region Representative, Rod Larsen

Chairman Williams noted that due to Several Cross Country Meets around the state, many of the Committee members were not able to be present, including, but not limited to Race Walk Vice Chair, Kellie Crawford, was at the Youth Meeting operating the Electronic Voting Equipment, in Jean's Absence and that Peggy Curtis, Executive Committee Interim was at a high school cross country meet with both her child and Madame Vice Chair's athletes.

III. **Recognition of Guests.** Chairperson Jean Williams introduced and welcomed Rod Larsen, Southeast Region Representative

IV. **Approval of Minutes – Annual Meeting – August 20, 2016.** Minutes from the August 2016 USATF-GA Annual Race Walk Committee Meeting were not available

V. **Chair's Year in Review.** Chairman Jean Williams reported the following activities

- Reported that almost all goals were not only achieved, but were exceeded during 2017
- Attended the National Meeting in Orlando
- Working with schools to incorporate race walk in the curriculum
- Conducted several clinics
- Hosted several Meets
- Recruited and trained new officials
- Provided Officials at more than 15 meets during 2017
- Hosted a Podium Master Class focused on health, injury prevention and wellness.
- Hosted the USA vs Canada Junior Race Walk Match & International Race Walk Challenge Invitational

VI. Race Walk of the Year Awards. Chairperson Jean Williams noted that due to the business at hand (elections) during a short meeting of the Committee, the Awards would be postponed until the November Southeast Region/Georgia Association Championship.

VII. **Election of USATF-Georgia Race Walk Executive Committee Officers**

Executive Vice President, Carl Anderson and his Committee led the nomination committee report. In the essence of time, an oral report was not requested from the Race Walk Committee. The results were as follows.

- Jean Williams, Chair (Nominated by Joel Dubow)
- Kellie Crawford, Vice Chair (Nominated by Jean Williams)
- Peggy Curtis, Secretary (Nominated by Jean Williams)

VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Submitted by Jean Williams, Race Walk Chair



## 2017 USATF-Georgia Annual Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting

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Call to order at 1:45 pm by Neil Young.

**Neil Young-** Slide Presentation- The overview of USATF Level 1 & 2 schools available and 2 Level 1 grants being offered.

### **Election Results:**

Ron Williams, Chair

Andre hall Al-Ghani, Vice Chair

Rhonda Broome, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.