

**Georgia Association of USATF
ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Minutes

- Meeting called to Order at 10:25 a.m.
- Purpose and Duties outlined by Jacquelyn Anthony, Georgia Association Parliamentarian
- Invocation performed by LaSaundra Dudley, Georgia Association Member
- 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes presented by Laurie A. Gunn, Georgia Association Secretary

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes Moved and Seconded - Approved

Treasurer - Linda Bommincino

- Current balance in the Georgia Association account - \$200,060
- The Georgia Association has no outstanding debt
- It was determined that the Chase "Quick Pay" Method is the preferred form payment for Georgia Association members

Membership - Belinda Turner

Georgia Association Membership (As of August 20, 2016)		
Category	Current	Last Year
Membership	4,766	4,871
Youth	3,268	3,192
Club	122 - Approved 95 - Youth	

Sanctions - LaTarvia Reeves

- For the 2016 year
 - 82 meets were sanctioned
 - 29 meets approved and have not taken place as of date
 - Request for meets to be sanctioned are to be submitted electronically.

Budget and Finance - Carl Anderson

- The budget was prepared on time for the first time last year

Bylaws - Fenn Little

- Suggestions for changes to the Georgia Association Bylaws must be submitted 90 days prior to the Georgia Association Annual meeting

Coaches Advisory - Tony Dunning

- Education opportunities for Level One and Level Two programs in South Georgia
- Volunteers are needed for the Ethics Committee; Interested persons should contact Cassandra Harris, Coaches Advisory Committee (Secretary)
- The Committee is looking to host clinics

Officials - Cindy Slayton

- See minutes from the Officials meeting

Track and Field - Gwendolyn Johnson Loud

- The Georgia Association hosted a Red Carpet that consisted of a reception and screening of the movie RACE
- An Open and Masters meet is scheduled for June 18 at Lakewood Stadium
- A group from Sun Trust Bank will be a possible Corporate Volunteer Group

Masters - Tina Klein

- Hosted Olympic Day to get people excited about the 2016 Olympic Games
- Olympian Mel Pender conducted a clinic at the Warren Holyfield Boys and Girls Club
- There are four Grand Prix Races coming up
 - September 10, 2016
 - October 15, 2016
 - October 22, 2016
 - October 29, 2016

Long Distance Running - Mike Spino

- No Report

Race Walk - Jean Williams

- Officers and Committee Members
 - Jean Williams, Chair
 - Kelley Crawford, Vice Chair
 - Jacquelyn Anthony, Secretary
 - Jordan Crawford
 - Peggy Curtis
 - Robert Allen
 - Steve (Last Name Unknown)
 - Von Williams

Race Walk (Continued)

- Association SE Region Meet - October 2, 2016 (Sanctioned) - it will be a Mock 2 Race; Races will included 1,500, 3,000, 5,000
 - Goal is to increase the number of Officials
- The Committee published its first newsletter; Award winners were recognized: Jordan Crawford, Nationally Ranked and Abigail Quinne
- Coach of the Year - Von Williams
- Organizer of the Year -
- Masters Athlete of the Year -

Vice President, Marketing - Mike Judge

- Partnerships have been secured with six new sponsors
- Goal is to secure four to five sponsors to support the Association for one year
- Safe Sport Clinics are available through two options; Classroom and Online (Participants must register on the coaches registry)
- The Meet of Champions will be bigger for 2017; Flow Track has asked to cover the Meet of Champions

Vice President, Communications - Ian Dube

- Review of social media and compare to other organizations to increase use by 15%; Twitter 7.6%
- Facebook has 1,056 Likes
- During the 2015-2016 year the membership received 40 pieces of communication

Question/Comments

- The membership expressed concern that a good job was not done to communicate:
 - The efforts of the youth; The Chair suggested creating a portal to allow members to send information to the Association
 - Coach of the Jack Rabbit Track Club addressed the lack of communication about athletes not being promoted
 - Eric Merriweather recommended increasing the number of people on the communications committee

Executive Vice President

- Events Management Committee was formed to have ownership in the success of events
- Increase Brand Reconciliation of USATF
- Meetings:
 - With a Marketing Group
 - Mayor of Lithonia regarding indoor facility
 - Wrote partnership proposal to increase revenue

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Executive Vice President (Continue)

- Soliciting proposal for Clubs to have CPR Certified person onsite at meets
- Working on updating website

Motion made by Mike Judge to accept reports as information; Second by LaTarvia Shanks - Motion Passed

Motion made by Mike Judge to accept the financial report; Second by Jean Williams - Motion passed

Discussion from the floor regarding Inez Finch, Immediate Past President of the Georgia Association.

- Coach Jones asked that If Inez Finch is reinstated as a member of USATF can she be given her position back as president of the Georgia Association of USATF. He also asked for the vote for the position of president be postponed.
- Mike Judge - What does the Bylaws Say
- Fenn Little - The Georgia Association Bylaws state that the election has to take place.
- Latarvia Shanks - Will there be a legal violation is the Association does not have the election
- Jacquelyn Anthony - Reviewed Article 9; Section D

Special Election

- Election held for the position of President of the Georgia Association
- Nominations Committee:
Lamar Grant, Chair
Carl Anderson
Hazel Clark
Fenn Little

Guidelines

- Nominees will be given three minutes to speak
- Nominations will be taken from the floor
- Majority vote needed to win

Nominations for the position/Speaking Time

- Jacquelyn Anthony/1 minute 45 seconds
- Dexter McCloud/2 minutes 3 seconds
- Patrick Stafford/3 minutes 24 seconds

Motion made to close nominations

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Special Election Continued

- 78 People checked in for the Annual Meeting
- 75 Voting Devices Distributed

Voting Results - 37 Votes Needed to Win

- Jacquelyn Anthony, 12
- Dexter McCloud, 45
- Patrick Stafford, 16

Status of Executive Vice President - An Executive Vice President will be appointed

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie A. Gunn, Secretary Georgia Association