



2015 USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting

Piedmont Church, Marietta, GA
August 15, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

- I. **The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.**
- II. **Opening Session:** President Finch welcomed everyone to the 2015 USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting.
- III. **In Memoriam:** President Finch led the members in a memoriam moment of silence while pictures of those being honored were displayed in a PowerPoint presentation. The honorees were
 - Dave Palmer, Head Coach of The Inferno Elite Youth Track Club,
 - Duncan MacGregor, Past Chair of Budget & Finance Committee and a Georgia Official
- IV. **Keynote Speaker – Scholar Athlete, Candace Hill.** President Finch introduced the IAAF World Youth Champion and National record holder by reading Candace's bio and by showing a video clip of her IAAF performance. Included in her bio was CNN International's profile of Candace being the Fastest Girl in the World, her 2015 Brooks scholastic national record, as well as a variety of other track accolades, achievements and commendations.. Candace was also acknowledged for her exceptional academic scholarship, maintaining a weighted 4.60 GPA in the classroom. Additional scholastic academic honors were noted in the introduction of Candace Hill.

Candace Hill very humbly and eloquently spoke of her journey to the IAAF World Youth Championship, chronicling events that took place, including the people she met, her event performance, and how the experience and results have impacted her life. Candace spoke about her goals, her ambitions, and the place establish priorities have in her life.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – Annual Meeting – August 23, 2014.** Secretary Williams, presented the minutes from the August 2014 USATF-GA Annual Meeting. Rhonda Keller moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ian Dube. The vote was taken. In favor – unanimous; Opposed-0; Abstentions-0. Motion passes.
- VI. **President's Year in Review.** President Finch...
 - Gave a historical timeline since the last Annual Meeting.
 - Explained the Accomplishment of the established goals.
 - Recognized the growth in membership and sanctions.
 - Discussed financial progress.
 - Introduced Board approved President's appointments.
 - Noted the various sponsorships that have been secured as a result of efforts by various Board Members, including but not limited to Super Shuttle and Fontis Water.
 - Recognized the success of the Track and Field Lunch and Learn Program.
 - Reported that all criteria for the USA Track & Field Association's accreditation was met
 - Discussed the various activities of the Sports Committees.
 - Thanked the various chairs and their committees for their service.
 - Detailed some of the marketing initiatives that had taken place during the year, including at the Grand Prix series, at the Lt. Governors Healthy Kids events, and at the Publix Marathon.
 - Described the receipt of a \$2000.00 grant that helped with marketing.
 - Informed the membership that the Georgia Association was awarded Outstanding Association of the Year at the USA Track & Field Annual Meeting.
 - Reported that she received the 2014 Horace Crowe Award for Outstanding Administrator of the year because of her leadership in the Georgia Association, as well as her leadership on the National Youth Committee.

Goals for 2015-2016 – President Finch outlined her goals for the 2015-2016 year.

- Increase growth in LDR and Masters Programs
- Now that we have Financial Stability- Budget for new Programs
- Budgets for 2016 prepared by November 1, 2015
- Safe Sports Programs
- Increase membership and new programs

President Finch thanked everyone for assisting with the various programs and reminded everyone that the Annual Report Book with various reports was posted on line.

VII. Treasurer's Report/Budget & Finance Committee Report

The Treasurer, Linda Bommicino, presented the treasurer's report and the reported on the progress that work she and the Budget & Finance Committee have made in moving the Board forward . Carl Anderson moved to accept the motion. Leticia Kline seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Finch noted that as part of the accreditation process, the Association must post the financial reports.

VIII. President's Awards

President Finch in commemoration of the sixth year of the presentation of the President's Awards recognized the honored recipients with a plaque. Award winners were selected across several categories: athletes, coaches, officials, administrators. President's Awards were presented to the following individuals.

- Barry Havier, 2014 USATF-GA Outstanding Athlete of the Year, Daloria Boone, accepted on behalf of Coach Havier.
- Bob Brier, Official and Certification Chair. President Finch accepted in his apsence
- Kevin Foster
- Paul Jones
- Thomas Shinnick, Official and Officials Chair. He was out of the country and not able to attend
- Larry Turner, Youth Coach. Belinda Turner accepted the award on his behalf.
- Perfect Timing (Phil and ...Logan accepted te award.
- Marlene Atwood – Distinguished Service Award for her countless years as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- Candice Hill, 2015 Outstanding Athlete of the Year.

IX. USATF Georgia By-Law Revision

- **Article 9.A – Conflict of Interest**
 - Bylaw Chair, Fenn Little presented the proposed revision to Article 9.A
 - Questions regarding clarification were asked of Bylaw Chair Fenn Little.
 - clarification, purpose, and rationale were given.
 - After lengthy discussion, Executive Vice President Ian Dube moved to atable the by-law revision. Linda Sanford seconded the motion.
 - The vote was taken. 65%-In favor of the motion to table the action. 35% voted to not table the action or abstained
 - Motion to table passed.
- **Article 7.B(A) – Simultaneous Elected Position**
 - Bylaw Chair, Fenn Little presented the proposed revision to Article 7.B (A)
 - Questions regarding clarification were asked of Bylaw Chair Fenn Little.
 - clarification, purpose, and rationale were given.
 - After lengthy discussion, Executive Vice President Ian Dube moved to atable the by-law revision. Linda Sanford seconded the motion.
 - The vote was taken. 102 people voted. 54- In favor of the motion to table the action. 42-Opposed.
 - Motion to table passed
- **Article 7.H - Transitions after Elections**
 - Bylaw Chair, Fenn Little presented the proposed revision for Article 7.H. and the change from a November 1 transition date to a 30-day from election transition date.
 - Discussion ensued.

- A call for the vote was made.
- The vote was taken. 43-In favor. 42- Opposed.
- Motion to Transition after 30 days passed.
- **Proxy Voting at Board of Directors Meetings**
 - Bylaw Chair, Fenn Little presented the proposed bylaw revision allowing a sports committee member to vote at a USATF-GA Board of Directors meeting in the absence of a chair and therefore allowing representation of a committee.
 - Carl Anderson moved that the membership accept the bylaw revisions. Matthew Chestnut seconded it.
 - The vote was taken, 72- In favor, 14-opposed.
 - Motion passed.

X. **Election of Association Executive Committee Officers**

Nominating Committee Chair, Ian Dube and his Committee led the nomination committee report.

- **President** - For President of the Association, Corey Hammond reported that **Ian Dube, Tony Dunning, Inez Finch** and **Dwight Phillips** were nominees. Upon calling from nominations from the floor, **Jacqui Collins** and **Carl Anderson** were nominated from the floor. Corey Hammond called for the vote. The results of the vote was....The vote resulted in a run off between **Inez Finch** and **Jacqui Collins**. The results of the run off was **Inez Finch** -, **Jacqui Collins** - . **Inez Finch** (Incumbent) was reelected for two years.
- **Executive Vice President** - For Executive Vice President, **Mike Spino** and **Dexter McCloud** were presented as candidates. **Tony Dunning** was nominated from the floor. Results of the elections were:
 - **Tony Dunning – 25**
 - **Dexter McCloud – 36**
 - **Mike Spino – 25**

A run-off between Tony Dunning and Dexter McCloud followed the initial results. The results were

 - **Tony Dunning – 32**
 - **Dexter McCloud – 54**

Dexter McCloud was elected Executive Vice President
- **Vice President, Communications** - The Nominating Committee reported that there was not a nominee for Vice President of Communications. **Ian Dube, Carl Anderson** and **Laurie Gunn** were nominated from the floor. **Carl Anderson** was nominated by Lamar Grant and seconded by Tommy Shanks. **Ian Dube** was nominated by Mike Judge and seconded by Tony Carpenter. **Laurie Gunn** was nominated by Sheryl Richardson and seconded by Darren Johnson. The vote was called; The results were **Carl Anderson – 5, Ian Dube-41** and **Laurie Gunn-35**. Elected Vice President, Communications was **Ian Dube**.
- **Vice President, Marketing** – The Nominating Committee reported that **Mike Judge** was the only nominee for Vice President of Marketing. Upon receiving no nominations from the floor, **Mike Judge** was unanimously acclaimed Vice President, Marketing
- **Secretary** – The nomination committee's report did not have a nominee for Secretary so a call for nominees from the floor was made. **Laurie Gunn** was nominated by.... D.J. Goodlow seconded the nomination.. Upon receiving no additional nominees, the vote was taken. **Laurie Gunn** was elected secretary unanimously.
- **Treasurer** – The committee reported that Linda Bommicino was nominated. Upon calling for nominations from the floor, Josie ... nominated **Carl Anderson**. B.J. Kennedy seconded the nomination. Upon taking the vote it was Carl Anderson -42 and Linda Bommicino-44. The vote was taken. **Linda Bommicino**, Incumbent, was elected Treasurer.

President Finch congratulated the new Executive Committee Members and asked that they remain for pictures at the end.

XI. **Lunch**

Lunch was provided.

XII. **Committee Breakout Sessions:** Following lunch, the committees convened in breakout sessions.

- President Finch announced that it was time for the breakout sessions.
- Breakout session groups and room/space assignments were made

- Committees were instructed as to what they would need to report upon returning to the closing session,
- Secretary Jean Williams reminded all committee chairs to submit their committee's meeting roster of attendees, meeting minutes, and projected 2015-16.

XIII. **Closing Session:** Following the committees breakout session meetings, the membership reconvened to report the following elections.

- **LDR Committee:**
 - All positions – vacant
- **Masters Committee**
 - Tina Klein, Chair
 - Vice Chair – Vaant
 - Secretary – Vacant
- **Race Walk Committee**
 - Jim Norvill, Chair
 - Jean Williams, Vice Chair
 - Christine Faas, Secretary
- **Track & Field Committee:**
 - Gwen Loud-Johnson, Chair
 - Ron Williams, Vice Chair - Administration
 - Didrow Goodlow, Vice Chair – Operations
 - Celeadonia Turner, Secretary
 - Alice Jackson, Treasurer
 - Dr. Marco Belizaire, At Large
 - Chystal Braddock, At Large
 - Latricia Beverly (Coach L), At Large
- **Youth Committee:**
 - Lamar Grant, Chair
 - Monica Ross, Vice Chair, Operations
 - Jacqui Collins, Vice Chair, Administration
 - Arlena Epps, Secretary
- **Officials Committee:**
 - Cindy Slayton
 - Darren Johnson
 - Phil Ozell
 - Vernika Reeves
 - Matthew Chestnut
(Committee elects it own chair at future meeting)
- **Coaches Advisory:**
 - Tony Dunning, Chair
 - Neil Young, Vice Chair
 - Korey Hammond, Treasurer
 - Cassandra Harris, Secretary

President Finch congratulated all newly elected committee officers.

XIV. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:48

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Carolyn Williams
USATF-GA Secretary