

2011 USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting

Garden Plaza Hotel, Norcross, GA

August 27, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.

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- I. **Meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m.**
- II. **Opening Session:** President Dube introduced the USATF Board of Directors. He also welcomed member organizations, youth clubs, athletes, and guests that were present at the meeting.
- III. **Keynote Speaker – Lewis Gainey, first President, USATF Georgia Association:** Mr. Gainey regaled the audience with stories from the Association's long history. The first official meeting was in 1972. Mr. Gainey recalled Paul Koshewa, Dr. Dave Martin, Red Smith and Murray Sanford being in attendance. He also recalled the grey cotton suits that said "Georgia" across the chest that were purchased at Rita Maggetti's sporting goods store and worn by all sports. He remembered Buddy Fowlkes, the rift between AAU and the "Body of Track & Field", and when Jimmy Carter introduced the International Sports Act. In 1978, Leroy Walker and Jimmy Carnes met. Walker was AAU and Carnes promoted the sport. In 1992 the organization changed its name from TAC to USATF. The Association started the Officials organization and established rules and scheduled regular meetings – all before TAC had established officials' rules. Mr. Gainey's talk served to remind us how far the organization has come from its early beginnings.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – Annual Meeting – September 11, 2010.** Motion was made by Ruben Woods to accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Bob Brier. In favor – 43, Against – 0; Abstain – 1. Motion passes.

Motion was made by Dexter McCloud to amend the agenda to begin the bylaw revision review from 11:00 to 11:45, with general elections from 11:45 to 1:30 p.m. Mr. McCloud was reminded that the motion must be passed by a majority vote.

Tony Carpenter proposed an amendment to the motion: He proposed to keep the elections at 11:00 a.m. followed by the bylaw review. Motion seconded by Jon Middlebrooks. In favor – 33; Against – 30; Abstained – 3. Motion passes.

- V. **President's Awards:**

This is the second year for these awards. Award winners were selected across several categories: athletes, coaches, officials, administrators. President' Awards were presented to the following individuals:

 - Ernest Dixon, Pioneer – Youth Track & Field
 - Lynn Hampton – "Unsung Heroine"
 - Pamela Hudson – "Rising Star"
 - Paul Koshewa – Pioneer – Youth Track & Field
 - Dr. Dave Martin – Contributions to Sports Science/Athletic Performance
 - Charles Rambo – Pioneer – Youth Track & Field
 - Sean Robison – Contributions to Hall of Fame Committee
 - Red Smith – Pioneer – Youth Track & Field

VI. **General Elections**

Nominations for President:

- Ian Dube, incumbent.
- Nominations from the floor – Murray Sanford (nominated by Bob Brier, seconded by Belinda Turner).

Motion by Inez Finch to close the nominations, seconded by Debra Adams. Voting members present: 81.

Selection of Tally Committee: Submitted by Ian Dube: Korry Hammond, Randall Flemmons, Jackie Bell. Selected from the floor: Patrick Woodard and LaTarvia Shanks.

Results:

Ian Dube - 49

Murray Sanford – 33

Uncounted - 1

Nominations for Executive Vice President:

- Inez Finch, incumbent.
- Nominations from the floor – Sonja Robinson (nominated by Neil Young, seconded by Mike Judge).

Sean Robison moved to close the nominations, Eric Merriweather seconded. Available Ballots - 90.

Results:

Inez Finch – 43

Sonja Robinson – 46

Blank Ballot - 1

Nominations for 1st Vice President:

- Walter Pinion, incumbent.
- Nomination from the floor -Vernika Reeves, nominated by Neil Young, seconded by Sean Robison.
- Nomination from the floor – Tony Dunning – nominated by Ray, seconded by Art Carrington.

Jon Middlebrooks moved to closed nominations. Available Ballots – 92.

Results:

Tony Dunning – 14

Walter Pinion – 37

Vernika Reeves – 41

Run off election conducted due to lack of majority. Tony Dunning removed himself from the ballot.

Results:

Walter Pinion – 37

Vernika Reeves - 54

Nominations for 2nd Vice President:

- Debra Adams nominated by Nominations Committee.
- Nomination from the floor – Mike Judge – nominated by Tricia Jenkins, seconded by Karsten Edwards.
- Nomination from the floor – Tony Carpenter – nominated by Jean Williams, seconded by Evander Wills.
- Nominated from the floor – Eric Merriweather – nominated by Sean Hampton, seconded by Rick White.

Motion to close nomination by Jean Williams, seconded by Jon Middlebrooks. Ballots available – 95.

Results:

Debra Adams – 13

Eric Merriweather – 23

Tony Carpenter – 21

Mike Judge – 37

Ballot unrecognizable – 1

Run off election conducted due to lack of majority. Debra Adams and Tony Carpenter withdrew their names.

Results:

Mike Judge – 64

Eric Merriweather – 27

Abstention Vote - 1

Nominations for Treasurer:

- Linda Bommicino, incumbent.
- Nomination from the floor – Trisha Jenkins – nominated by Neil young, seconded by Eric Merriweather.

Ron Butler moved to close, Ruben Woods seconded.

Results:

Linda Bommicino - 55

Tricia Jenkins – 35

Abstention Votes - 2

Nominations for Secretary:

- Marlene Atwood, incumbent.
- No nominations from the floor.

Belinda Turner moved to accept by acclamation, Wendy Collins seconded.

Results:

Marlene Atwood – Unanimous

- End of Elections -

Eric Bower made a motion to move back to regular agenda, seconded by Tracy Stevenson. Eric Bower withdrew his motion and Tracy Stevenson moved to table the bylaw portion of the agenda. Belinda Turner seconded.

In favor – 49, Against – 24, Abstained – 3. 76 votes cast. Motion carries by majority vote to table.

VII. Closing Session/Committee Election Announcements:

Masters Committee:

Pablo Sanchez, Masters Chair – no elections held.

Youth Committee

Jacqui Collins, Chair
Tony Dunning, VP/Operations
Eric Merriweather, VP/Admin
Wendy Collins, Secretary

Track & Field

Dexter McCloud, Chair
Neil Young, Vice Chair
Tony Carpenter, At Large
Greg Mitchell, Secretary

Long Distance Running (LDR)

Sonja Robinson, Chair
Andy Carr, Secretary

Race Walking

Jim Norvill, Chair
Steve Hubbartt, Vice Chair
Jean Williams, Secretary

Coaches Advisory

Ron Williams, Chair
Ellakisha O'Kelley, Vice Chair/D2
Janelle Briggs, Secretary/Youth
Jay Stephenson, Financial Officer/NAIA

Officials Committee

Murray Sanford, Chair
Bob Brier
Jeff Rigdon
Thomas Shinnick
Cindy Slayton

VIII. **Meeting Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Submitted By,
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