



SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2012

2:00 am-4:00 pm

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:11pm

Roll Call of Officers: Lester Mount- President, JoAnn Neal-Williams-Treasurer, Toni Nichols-Secretary, Chester Bradley – Law & Legislation, Lesia Dunn, DeLeon Harris-Men & Womens T & F, Bert Williams- M&W T&F, Apryl Hampton, Coach Advisory, Barbara Granberry, Athlete Advisory; Mica Barton, Officials Certification Chair. All board members present with the exception as listed below.

Officers not in attendance: Barrett Hopper, LDR

First Order of Business: No changes to the current bylaws.

Second Order of Business: Elections: All incumbent members notified the association of their aspirations to remain on the board 30 days prior to the annual meeting. The nominations from the floor were then opened. We had no nominations from the floor. There was then a motion from the floor for all incumbent board members to remain in place. There was a second and the board remained in place by acclamation. The vice presidential nominee was then presented to the membership. There was a motion to accept the nominee for vice president. The motion was seconded and Robert Williams was voted in as the new vice president. Elect.

Report of President: The president spoke and gave his approval of a job well done from the membership and board members. He was grateful for the enthusiasm of those who participated in sometimes difficult circumstances that we had no control over. We are still on our mission to grow and prosper. We look forward to another successful season in 2013.

Secretary: Minutes from previous meeting were read and asked if there were any corrections, questions, there were none. There was a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasury Report: Copies of the treasurer reports from 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 just to make sure everyone had a copy. Since the reports were handed out as the members came in, they were asked if there were any questions regarding any of the reports. There were no questions. There was a motion to accept the report of the treasury, seconded and the report was accepted as written.

Report of Administrative Committees:

Law & Legislation: Nothing to report also at this time.

Membership: This year our numbers have not reached the level at which were last year, however, we are looking for that to increase starting this coming November as evidenced by all of the calls we have had concerning joining USATF. We had a 12.9% increase in sanctions which has been great and we expect that to increase. There was a notation for those members who have had NSF to please clear those up. Sanctions:

Clubs: We had a total of 17 new clubs this year, five of them adult clubs. We received a great many more club applications, however, the information was incomplete and we need to get the correct information out to those wishing to join us, whether youth or adult. There will be a change this year for information which will be placed on our website this year with the appropriate information from now on. “Applications will be sent out the club for renewal online this in October and placed on our website as well with the informational letter. There will be two letters, one for the youth and one for the adult clubs and/or event directors.

Coaching/Athlete Education: There will be a level I schools this year, (2012) one in December which will be held in Allen. Additional information will be hosted to our website as soon as possible.

Communication/Public Relations: Commends us for being active and introducing us to the Marine Banquet, and acknowledgement for starting a partnership. Newsletter to be passed out to the membership and to be placed on our website. Certificates were passed out to thank all of those who worked with us at the National Youth Outdoor.

Report of Sports Committees:

Youth Athletics: 2012 was fraught with much adversity this year. We hosted our 2012 Association Championships in Rockwall this year. Our numbers decreased as they did in 2011, again because there two National meets in Texas this year. We did, however, have approximately 1100 athletes in attendance. We had a very successful site visit in Odessa for the region 12 championships; however, the host city was changed to Lubbock. We hosted the 2012 National Youth Outdoor Championships. It was the 2nd largest of this particular meet ever; that meet was hosted by the Potomac Valley Associations. It was deemed a good meet. It could not have been a success without the hard work of the many members who participated in the meet as officials, and volunteers. The meet director too the time to thank each and every one who participated, attended, and worked to make the meet a success.

Men & Women T & F: The men & women's' track and field joined with masters track and field to host the association championships. Men and Womens' increased their numbers and it was deemed a success.

Masters T & F: Also increased in numbers because of the collaboration.

LDR: No report at this time, the LDR chair was not in attendance. However, as evidenced by the increase in the amount of sanctions, it is quite apparent that Long Distance Running is very successful.

Officials: The annual officials meeting was held on September 20, 2012 at North Main BBQ. Elections, recertifications, certifications and upgrades were conducted. All of the aforementioned must submit current membership numbers to our Certification Chair, Mrs. Mica Barton for the upcoming Olympiad, 2013-2016. Starting this upcoming Olympiad there are now going to be four levels, starting with the apprentice. There were 12 upgrades and there will be a schedule of more certifications. Our Certification Chair also opened up to Q & A during the meeting for aspiring officials.

Old Business:

1. All delegates were secured and appeared at the 2011 Annual Meeting with the exception of Toni Nichols, and Regina Bagby who was an alternate delegate appeared in her place as the delegate for the Youth Division.
2. Board meeting dates were secured and proposed that if we could not have site meetings we would have teleconferences.
3. We did receive our newsletter for 2010 and it was wonderful. It was full of information and pictures.
4. Workshop information was also given at the annual meeting.

New Business:

1. Elections
2. Workshop reports – Sanction Review
3. Selection of Delegates and in compliance with previous SWA boards and our current bylaws, all elected and appointed association board members are automatic delegates
4. Discussion with LOC of bids for any National Meets.
5. National Elections, who is our choice?

Q & A

Adjournment at 3:15pm