



SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
September 17, 2011
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 11:28 am

Roll Call of Officers: Lester Mount- Interim President, JoAnn Neal-Williams-Treasurer, Toni Nichols-Secretary, Chester Bradley – Law & Legislation, DeLeon Harris-Men & Womens T & F, Bert Williams- M&W T&F, All board members present with the exception of the ones listed below.

Officers not in attendance: Apryl Hampton, Coach Advisory, Lisa Rosborough, Communications & Public Relations, Barbara Granberry, Coaches Education and the vice president vacancy to be filled at the time of elections at the end of this Olympiad in 2012.

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

Elections: Per the bylaws of the Southwestern Association: with the loss of a board member there is interim status until the next annual meeting. Barrent Hopper stepped down as the president in 2011, at that time our Vice President, Lester Mount became our interim president. He is to hold this position until the next annual meeting which at this time is today, September 17, 2011. An election was held for position of president to be held until our formal election at the end of Olympiad 2012. There were two nominations at this meeting, DeLeon Harris and Lester Mount for president. DeLeon Harris our current Men & Womens Chair has announced himself also as a candidate for election. There was a ballot vote, each member was given a ballot sheet and asked to write the candidate of their choices. Ballots have been counted and at this time we would like to announce our president elect until our next annual meeting at the end of the 2012 Olympiad. Our new president elect Mr. Lester Mount.

Secretary: Minutes from previous meeting - There was a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Report of President: The present gave a glowing report on the status of our association. He stated that we had met most of our goals and objectives; however, there was always room for improvement. He stated we are in the process of initiating new goals and objectives and challenged us all to meet them. The Association overall was thanked for all of the hard work. He looks forward to continuing our work with this association and USATF in general.

Treasury Report: Pending at this time and all financial reports will be given at the next meeting.

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 this coming November. We have had a lot of calls concerning joining USATF.

Sanctions: 100 sanctions for marathons, road races, track meets and xc meets. There was a suggestion to raise the sanction fees as per the discussion at the 2010 Associations Workshop. The response to that suggestion is after further review and research there will be a discussion to address raising the sanction fees at another meeting. Texas running is a magazine to help determine how many events not sanctioned by our association and work on that rather than raise our fees at this time. The total amount in sanctions have increased

Clubs: We currently have 89 clubs, and 2011 has been a great year for clubs. We have increased our numbers in youth athletics and there has also been an increase in the numbers regarding event organizers and growing each month. With the increase in sanctions, the numbers are growing in organizational memberships.

Coaching/Athlete Education: There will be two level I schools this year, (2011) one in October which will be held in Arlington, and one in December in Allen. Additional information will be hosted to our website as soon as possible.

Communication/Public Relations: See Handout, to be given at this meeting, our chair is in the military and will not be able to be with us at this time.

Sports Committees:

Youth Athletics: 2011 was great overall this year. We travelled to Hallsville, in East Texas and hosted our Association Championships. Our numbers decreased this year due in part to the advent of the AAU Championships being held in New Orleans. We also hosted the Region 12 championships as well this year in Arlington. Again our numbers were down significantly throughout region 12 overall and by all accounts for the same reason except at the National level. We are scheduled to host in 2012 the National Youth Outdoor Meet and hope this is an anticipated recovery before moving on the our Region 12 championship scheduled for the West Texas Association. We look forward to support from our official's association as we have in the past with good support.

Men & Women T & F: This year as stated we had a combined Open and Masters Association Championship that was well attended by the open athletes. At this time we have 375 athletes and are growing as information is. We also had a meet and greet which was where we got the count. As stated we are growing and look forward to an even bigger meet in 2012.

Masters T & F: Held meet on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 28, 2011 along with Men & Women's T & F. It was a great meet as always and growing. We look forward to another great meet in 2012.

LDR: Not in attendance.

Officials: There will be an annual officials meeting on 9/22/2011 at North Main BBQ. Recertification will start after the Olympics are over and new certifications will start January 1, 2012.

Old Business:

1. Our entire board was among the delegates that attended the USATF Annual Convention 2010, in addition there were two alternate delegates that attended the 2010 Annual Convention, Van Weygandt and Michael Murphy.
2. We only had one meeting for the board on last year held in November of 2011 due to the fact that most of us are officials or sports chairs and were responsible for their meets. We anticipate that there will be a change and will at the very least hold teleconferences and post those minutes on our website.
3. We did establish our sport meet dates and likewise will be posted on our website.
4. We are still awaiting information regarding our newsletter and our website.
5. Van Weygandt volunteered to be ad-Hoc chair of Funding. We proposed to get him a sponsor letter for solicitation of funding.

New Business:

1. Delegates to the 2011 Annual Convention
2. Solidify Alternate Delegates to be used as necessary
3. Establish Board Meeting Dates
4. Establish Sports Meet Dates
5. Information for the newsletter and website. –
6. Workshop Reports -

Q & A: Noted that we had outstanding athletes to compete in the world games in Daegu, South Korea.

Adjournment: 12:48 pm