



SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
September 15, 2013
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:14pm

Roll Call of Officers: All in attendance with the exception of those listed below.

Officers not in attendance: Robert Williams, Apryl Hampton

First Order of Business: No changes to the current bylaws

Secretary: Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting motion to accept the minutes as reads, by Apryl Hampton and seconded by Mike Randolph.

Report of President: We are having problems with National office, unacceptable, causing problems with associations. We have been told by them all will be fixed by end of convention. Look over reports from handouts. Proposed we can always do better, please give suggestions for improvements.

Treasury Report: See attached. With one exception, the finances have changed since August. There was a discussion regarding having enough money to sustain budgets for mandatory functions. We were informed that indeed we do have enough money to do whatever is necessary and more.

Report of Administrative Committees:

Law & Legislation: At this time we are still unable to receive the policy from the insurance company for unsanctioned track meets. At this time the officials and associations are having a difficult time working out the details. We would like to know the reason we cannot get a copy and why we cannot get a copy until we sign a disclosure agreement so that we may discuss it with the members.

Membership/Individual/Sanctions: There were handouts given and a report on the status of individual memberships and sanctions. It was stated that the sanction is not a friendly process, however, there was an appointment scheduled to go over the process to make it easier.

Clubs: There were handouts given on the status of our clubs. We are looking for the changes with the online setup and have many questions regarding the changes as they affect us. We have made numerous calls to Membership National on these changes that have been made without communication to us. We are working to resolve the issues as they come up and will notify the clubs as they come in.

Coaching/Athlete Education: Handouts given. We hosted a level 1 school January, 10-12, 2013 at Allen HS with great success. There was information and instructions on how to go onto the IAAF website, (IAAF.org), for more on coaching education with level 4 being the highest. We are looking for funding for enrichment programs and looking forward to paid clinics in within our associations as well as looking to streamline the process for application coaching schools.

Communication/Public Relations Report: Our communications chair was unable to be in this meeting physically, however, she did send her report and given to all in attendance. The information will be on our website.

Report of Sports Committees:

Youth Athletics: Handouts were given to each member in attendance at the association's annual meeting. We had a wonderful season and we are looking forward to another year of outstanding performances. We had several records at our Association's Youth Championships. We also did well at this year's Region 12 Championships hosted by the Gulf Association. We had an overall great season as we did very well at the National Championships hosted by the North Carolina Association.

Men & Women T& F: Handouts given. Contact with open chairs in other associations to find out best practices. Within our own association a contact email list will be given to the chairs and will contact all sources for a better communication with the athletes.

Masters T & F: The Masters Men & Women's track & field have always competed together in an effort to make sure they have a place and time to compete together. We need to do a better job of advertising the events.

LDR: No report at this time.

Officials: There has been an issue in getting certifications completed in a timely manner. There is the suggestion that the certification chair work with the membership chair in getting membership numbers to complete the process. There National Certification Chair has stated they are working on a system to solve this problem. There will be National level changes with a presentation for official clinics. There were questions regarding the Paralympic certification and told this is a separate test and online at this time.

Old Business:

1. Elections – Completed at the end of the Olympiad, (2009-2012), and positions are in place at this time.
2. Workshop reports – Sanction Review
3. Selection of Delegates: 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. We will not be interested in hosting any National Meets at this time.
5. National Elections, who is our choice? We decided who our choices for National positions and were asked to vote our choices.

New Business:

1. Formation of Audit Committee – Need three people on a quarterly basis will review our finances. Need applications for audit committee.
2. Non-performing committee review - The board recognized those committees not in compliance and were told that if there no changes, there would be replacements.
3. Official Certification and the Chair – discussion done.
4. Workshop Reports

Q & A

There were many questions asked of officials. We will need to get an overview of the official process. Make sure we buy our official shirt.

Adjournment: 4:02 pm