



SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
September 14, 2014
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:18 pm

Roll Call of Officers: Lester Mount, President; Robert Williams, VP; Toni Nichols, Secretary; Apryl Hampton, Coaching Education; Barbara Granberry, Womens T&F; Mica Barton, Official Certification.

Officers not in attendance: Delores Murray, Race Walk due to extraordinary circumstances; JoAnn Neal-Williams, Treasurer; Barrett Hopper, LDR; Michael Murphy, Mens T&F, Chester Bradley, L&L, (Deceased). Lisa Rosborough, Communications.

First Order of Business: There were no changes to the current bylaws

Secretary: Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting were read silently after which there was a motion to accept the minutes as read motion accepted.

Report of President: In his report the president ask that we concern ourselves with the initiatives handed down from the National Office, one of which is the Safe Sport program. In his address he stated that we need coaches, and officials to be a part of this. This initiative is to start November 1, 2014. He stated the information will be on our website as soon as we received the information and will be sent out to our board members, officials and coaches. We will learn more as the year progresses.

Treasury Report: .The treasurer was not in attendance, however, the report will be on the Southwestern website very soon. There was an accounting format proposed and asked of the association to make sure we are in compliance with posting our financial report annually as per the National Office. There was a motion from the floor to accept the accounting proposal from the members in attendance to start the process immediately and the motion passed. .

Report of Administrative Committees:

Law & Legislation: We did not have a law and legislation report this year as our chair passed approximately 3 weeks prior to this meeting. He will surely be missed as he was a charter member of this association and was active in many areas of this association during his entire tenure.

Membership: The entire membership report was extremely informative. For the purposes of the minutes, there is a brief synopsis included in the recording of the minutes.

Individual - Currently there are 3,865 members of which Youth is 2,645, Adult 1,220. Overall, membership has produced 41, 749 this fiscal year.

Sanctions: We also processed 229 sanctions online this year. We are moving towards 100% online processing from now on. We may still have some that we will process, however, we are in the process of transition. Overall, we have made approximately \$24, 725 at the time of this meeting.

Clubs: Currently we have approximately 273 clubs listed in our database and of those 115 are active. We approved 38 new clubs this year.

Coaching/Athlete Education:

Communication/Public Relations Report: See Attached

Report of Sports Committees:

Youth Athletics: 2014 was a very significant year both good and bad, however, as usual we were able to adjust. There will be significant changes with Youth Division this upcoming year with the new initiatives. See the attached Youth Athletics Report on the association website. Last year we appointed a new Cross Country Chair, Brad Lutz. He was very instrumental in the promotion efforts of our Cross Country Program. The plan is to increase membership in those areas long distance running and cross country.

Men & Women T & F: The open division hosted two championships combined with the masters division, the Open & Masters Association Championships and the Open & Masters Region Championships that included other states that made up the region.

Masters T & F: As stated previously the combined Open and Masters Championships hosted by both divisions. The combined championships made a significant showing in the growth of both areas.

LDR: It seems that this division has grown exponentially and every weekend there are new races. We have been hosting over 150 road races over the year as many as 2-3 every weekend.

Officials: The certification chair gave us an enlightening view of the changes to expect this Olympiad; we are in the process of rebuilding our official database. At present, we have over 300 officials in this the second year of this Olympiad, (2013-2016). The certification clinics, apparel, as well as where to look meets to officiate are all online at www.swtfoa.org. There Official's Annual Meeting will be at TCU in Fort Worth on September 17, 2014.

Old Business:

1. Formation of Audit Committee : There was proposal presented to the board by the accountant that was shared with the membership. Afterwards there was motion to accept the proposal, the motion carried.
2. Non-performing Committee Review: It has been decided that with the new initiatives, this will take care of itself.
3. Official Certification and the Chair: We discussed the certification process and will have a training clinic in January of 2015.as we do annually.
4. Workshop Reports: We will now start to post workshop reports on our website.

New Business:

1. Selection of Delegates: Compliance of previous SWA Boards and our current bylaws, all elected and appointed association board members are automatic delegates.
2. Accreditation Report: Currently in process.
3. Compliance of Accreditation: The Southwestern Association was out of compliance because we did not post our financial report on the website. It has in the past by request, however, per USATF Accreditation Committee, it will now be posted on the website. It has been posted for the Southwestern Association fiscal years of 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 must be posted by November 1, 2014.

Q & A: There were a myriad of questions that were addressed throughout the meeting.

Adjournment: 5:45pm