

West Virginia USATF Association Minutes

October 2, 2016

The annual meeting of the West Virginia USATF Association was called to order by Secretary Richard Messenger, due to the absence of the President and the Vice-President, at 7:05 PM, October 2, 2016, in the Green Room at the University of Charleston Laidley Field, Charleston, WV. There were fifteen members present. Richard Messenger, secretary, announced that there was a quorum present to conduct business. He asked for a volunteer to record minutes of the meeting. Greg Richmond volunteered.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the 2015 meeting were presented and accepted as written.

Richard Messenger, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$7799.74 in the association account. The report was approved as presented.

Richard reminded everyone that the USATF-WV website was active and current. He requested that anyone with items to be posted on the website to please email him the information.

William "Chip" Ferrell presented a very interesting Youth Report discussing some of the issues with the reorganization of the National Youth Division. He also briefly mentioned that there are issues with the current background checking for coaches. It seems that site selection for the national meets is a major issue. USATF-WV qualified twenty five athletes for the USATF National Junior Olympics in Sacramento, but only three attended the meet and one was a national champion.

During committee reports, it was learned that we have ?? sanctions, 306 members, 6 clubs and 37 officials. Mr. Gilmer stated that that Bobbi Jo Chapman has agreed to be the Race Walk Chair and that she wants to promote race walk within the association. She is currently working with the Capital City Striders to improve race walking. During the Officials Committee report, Richard informed everyone that affective October 31st there would no longer be liability insurance for officials provided by the association.

Richard Messenger reviewed the Plan for Improvement that has been updated. It was moved, seconded and approved as amended.

Jim Blankenship is working on a new flyer to be shared by officials and members at events that they are attending. The board of directors will review the flyer and if agreeable it will be emailed to each high school and middle school track coach in West Virginia. It was discussed that we would need to try and get a couple of new clubs as members and officials from that area.

Paul once again is going to contact Marshall University and West Virginia University to encourage them to sanction their all comer's meets and to look into hosting an indoor championship for the association. Paul announced that he had two members who are involved in the road racing community who have

volunteered to serve as LDR chairs and that hopefully we would be able to receive some sanctions of additional road races. It was suggested that perhaps that they could put together a road race circuit which would produce more members for the association.

After some discussion of the annual meeting, it was moved, seconded and approved that those attending the annual USATF meeting would get \$250 each upon presenting the Treasurer with a written report on the meetings that they attended. The following were approved as delegates: Jim Blankenship, Kelly Blankenship, William "Chip" Ferrell, Felicia Ferrell, Paul Gilmer, Robert Medley, Donna Messenger and Richard Messenger. Richard will request a waiver for the number of representatives.

Richard reminded those attending that the USATF annual will be held in Columbus, Ohio in 2017 & 2018. He gave everyone the dates of the meetings and asked that more individuals try to attend those meeting.

Kelly Blankenship presented a report on the condition of the Laidley Field track and what is being done to try and correct the surface prior to the start of the 2017 season.

The election of officers for the next Olympiad was held and the following individual were elected: President – Paul Gilmer; Vice-President – Kelly Blankenship; Secretary-Treasurer – Richard Messenger.

Richard Messenger requested that the annual meeting continue to be held either September 30th or October 1st so that it would be easier to get all the materials ready for the national office and the annual meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Richard Messenger

Secretary