

## West Virginia USATF Association Minutes

October 4, 2014

The annual meeting of the West Virginia USATF Association was called to order by President Paul Gilmer at 2:00 PM, October 4, 2014, in the meeting room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, Charleston, WV. There were ten members present. Richard Messenger, secretary, announced that there was a quorum present to conduct business.

The minutes of the 2013 meeting were presented and accepted as written.

Richard Messenger, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4976.85 in the association account. The report was approved as presented. He also stated that a budget would be posted on the website.

Youth report is very interesting. Site selection is a major issue. Qualified several youth for the USATF Junior Olympics in Greensboro and had some good results.

During committee reports, it was learned that we have 24 sanctions, 285 members, 6 clubs and 36 officials. Mr. Gilmer stated that Bobbi Jo Chapman has agreed to be the Race Walk Chair and that she wants to promote race walk within 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: William "Chip" Ferrell, Paul Gilmer, Richard Messenger and Donna Messenger.

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

Paul Gilmer led a discussion about a Coaches Clinic. After much discussion it was decided that Paul and Richard would approach the Accreditation Committee to see if they would allow our association to co-host a clinic with another association and receive credit for that.

Richard Messenger informed those present about the Accreditation Committee had given Three Rivers and the West Virginia Associations joint coverage if the northern panhandle of the state. To date our association has not seen any benefits from that joint coverage.

After the report on membership and clubs, it was agreed that we would develop a flyer to 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. It was suggested that two of our current members who have had success at the national level be approached and asked to possibly use their picture and get some quotes from them for the flyer. The President will check to see if he can get a couple of those athletes to give statements that can be used in the flyer.

Paul also discussed meeting with 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.

Richard Messenger requested that the annual meeting continue to be held in either September or October 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 3:15 PM.

Richard Messenger

Secretary