

INDIANA ASSOCIATION USA TRACK & FIELD
Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2010

Riley, Bennett & Egloff LLP

President Cheryl Sunman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members present were: Dave Bowers, Jim Brandyberry, JoAnn Grissom, Larry Henning, Latashia Key, Erick Landeen, Chris Norris, Paul Sargent, Randy Stafford, Ed Stuffle, Cheryl Sunman and Robert Thomas. All credentials were confirmed. Excused were Danelle Readinger, Ermund Miller, Keith Mitchell, Nancy Kuyoth, Pat Chavis and Jon Little. Minutes from the September 20 Board of Directors meeting were accepted as posted. The Treasurer reported assets totaling \$65,692.93 (including two certificates of deposit) and no outstanding expenses.

President Cheryl Sunman indicated that in 2009 we received full accreditation from the National Associations Committee, association championships were held in all required areas, that filing with the Indiana Secretary of State had been completed. Executive Committee e-meetings approved the 2009 USATF Annual Meeting Budget, designation of Robert Thomas as signator for the USAT Indoro Masters bid and approval of a credit card for Latashia Key for meet expenses. She further added that she would not be running for re-election as president in September, 2010.

A motion carried accepting the resignation of Treasurer Ed Stuffle. A motion then carried electing Robert Thomas to serve out the current term as Treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Discussion and motions concerning committee chair reports follow the *verbatim content* submissions below:

LDR (Long Distance Running)

I am hoping to establish a "series of races" here is where we are so far:

We have established the 10k hog jog as IN USATF championship. I would like to ask that \$1200 be donated for prize money to the top 3 overall USATF finishers. (all prize money is total, but would pay both genders)

We have established XC championship again in Terre Haute, the Sunday before NCAA's. The Wabash Valley and Indy runners are aware of this date. Further we need to get fliers to the hotel in Terre Haute the weekend of the race. I would ask that we donate \$1200 for increased prize money.

The Personal Best 5 mile in August, tried to have their course certified. The course certification costs are apprx. \$500. The race can afford this cost. I would ask that we pay this cost. The athletic annex sponsors this race and has put up the prize money which is awarded on an age graded basis.

Finally I am on the board of directors for the Indy Monumental Marathon, I purpose we make this the marathon championship. Along those line I would ask that we donate \$3,000 for prize money. This race is already certified and the rest of the board is very happy to be partners with us. They already pay a very large sanction fee for this event and it is a very fast growing event, with 5,600 runners in its second year.

I am hoping to establish a presence for IN USATF in the road racing community across the state. I would be looking to add one more race in Southern Indiana/ or in the region so we can cover the whole state.

I am asking for an LDR budget of \$8,000. I know this is a big increase from last year.

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LDR Discussion/Motions:

A motion carried denying a proposal by Jon Little for Indiana Association USATF to provide prize money for various championship races and not approving the budget request. It was noted by the President that a conversation with Don Carr of Tuxedo Brothers revealed that, at this late date, they would not be able to collect the required USATF membership information for the 2010 event. The board passed a motion having the 2011 Indianapolis Monumental Marathon designated as the Indiana Association Marathon Championships so that plans can be started now to ensure a process for collection of USATF membership and verification, promotion of USATF membership. In exchange for their additional efforts, the board approves reduction in the local sanction fee to the minimum amount of \$20. It will also provide sufficient time for Jon to secure sponsorship for awards in addition to the medals to be provided by the association. A motion was passed recommending that Jon explore combining the various running races as a point series and secure a sponsor(s) to award prize money or gift certificates to top points winners in the series.

**Indiana Association USATF
Athletes for the Disabled**

At convention we found many states are now allowing athletes with disabilities to participate in regular High School and Middle Schools meets... I am not aware of any in the Indiana Association Area... However this is an ongoing situation and will take time to see if many schools will follow through in the Indiana Area...

The new chairman for the USATF National Association of Disabled has made it plain that it is his feeling that we should go to the standard for the committee... Instead of staying with the athletes on the Paralympics level and their area of completions. I am anxious to see how this works for all groups.

We again plan to have some events on the JO Championships for the group.. Last year it did not work to good as the schedule was held up and by the time the event came up the individuals had left the area.

A big problem is that the J O meets do not follow the same time schedule as the Special Olympics that does cover many of the children in this area.

Joanne Mitchell

Chair Athletes for the Disabled

Athlete for the Disabled Discussion/Motions:

None

**INDIANA USATF OFFICIALS
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gene Edmonds was nominated for the John Davis award and David Stull was nominated for the Charles Ruter award and Keith Mitchell was nominated for the James Gray award... None received the award they were nominated for this year.... Better luck next year...

Keith Mitchell was inducted into the USATF OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME and the Indiana association had at least 20 officials in attendance.

We had several accepted for the USATF Championships... More than usual by having the Combined Events Indoor Championship held in Bloomington this year... Most of the ones that applied for the Championships and did not get picked for a meet did not pick wisely for their experience at meets. Or did not show enough experience outside of the Association at meets that involved USATF... This is always a problem... More are getting out and working outside of the Indiana Association in the past few years. I hope this continues...

Indiana University has been getting some new officials this winter and then David Bowers when to IWU and held a two session certification meeting and signed up 68 new officials for the Indiana Association... and they will help IWU put on the Little State Championships and the National NAIA

Outdoor Championships the next three years... David and Keith plan to hold learning sessions at the meets for the new members...

Danelle and David and John Foss and I have spent several hours trying to get all the information between us so that we can get their credentials for them...

We still need help for the Masters Indoor Championship the 13th of March. And the JO and Masters Meets in the outdoor season..

We had a great group that came out and worked the Association and Regional CC Championships...

Working on getting the Officials to get their memberships into the Indiana Association of USATF done before they are certified for this year...

The stickers that are to be placed on the badges are so small I do not see an easy way of getting them on short of being at a meet and putting them on at the badge.... All associations are having a problem getting this done. Where officials took the one year membership and now we need to do it for another year or three would be easier....

Keith Mitchell Indiana Certification Chair...

Officials Discussion/Motions:

It was clarified that training was provided for IWSU in preparation for their hosting of the NAIA National Championships with 68 new officials.

Sanction Report for Feb. 21, 2010

Sanction Administrator: Cheryl Sunman

In 2009 we sanctioned 86 events compared to 80 in 2008, 89 in 2007 and 80 in 2006.

In 2009, Organization Membership was confirmed for Event Organizers and a better follow-up process for receipt of Post Event Reports was implemented. To date there are 7 outstanding reports. Event Organizers who did not complete the appropriate paperwork in 2009, may not be granted sanctions in 2010. Our income from local sanction fees for 2009 was \$5154.

So far in 2010, 22 events have been sanctioned. Estimated income for 2010 is \$5000.

I would like to provide notice to the board that I will not continue as Sanction Administrator after 2010. A new sanction administrator must be named by October so transition and training can take place prior to beginning receipt of sanction applications for 2011.

Discussion/Motions:

None

Race Walk Report for Feb. 21, 2010

Committee Chair: Cheryl Sunman

Review of 2009

There were 15 certified officials for race walk judge/official in 2 clinics.

Two indoor all comer meets were held at DePauw University with good turnout for both events. Road Championships were held at 5k, 10k and 20k distances at the Lake Sullivan Sports Complex. Track championships have been held at 5000m and 1 Hour at Franklin Central High School, along with a 3000m North Region Championship. The 3000m association championship was part of the outdoor open/masters T&F meet. Athlete participation at recent track and road championships has been poor, but we have had excellent support from race walk officials.

Review and plans for 2010

If there is sufficient interest, a training session will be held to prepare for the outdoor season. I will be coordinating the race walks at the NAIA Championships in May at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The pilot program for elementary age race walking has not been successful to date. This will continue to be pursued. One club has inquired about possible training for race walkers.

The first of two all-comers indoor 3000m race walks was held Feb. 13 at DePauw University. There was a good mix of collegiate, open and master level walkers with 13 participants and 10 officials/volunteers. A second all-comers race walk is scheduled for Feb. 20, again at DePauw.

The 3000m indoor association open and masters and North Region race walk championships will be part of the Indiana Association Indoor Open/Masters T&F Championships at Taylor University on March 13. The association 5000m track race walk championships will be held as part of the Indiana Association Open/Masters Outdoor T&F Championships this summer. Race walks will be offered at the Youth meets.

A budget is proposed with costs of \$150 for sanctioning and estimated \$260 in entry fees. The Indiana Racewalkers Club became defunct in 2009, so outdoor championships are tentative at this time. This may result in minor additional expenses for refreshments if outdoor road and/or track championships are held.

Race Walk Discussion/Motions:

Feb. 20 race walk had 14 participants with some collegiate walkers making NAIA qualification standards.

OPEN WOMEN'S & MEN'S CHAIR REPORT

In the Works:

- Hosting another installment of the HH Track & Field Series to include an Indoor Open & Master's Association Championships-March 13 @ Taylor Univ.
- Date & location set for Outdoor Open & Master's Association Championships-August 7 @ IUPUI
- Assisting w/ website redesign

Still on the Horizon:

- Apply for the Association's Grant due May 2010 (our goal is to apply every year)
This year apply for a timing system
- Begin an all-comers track & field meet for local Open & Master's athletes
Goal to have during the weekday, rotate events during various weeks
- Assist with coaches education for area H.S. coaches and work with IHSAA & USATF on requirements to have the coaches obtain at least a Level 1 certification
Will try during the Fall to get H.S. schedule and best way to integrate into the system

Open Women & Men Discussion/Motions:

None

Masters

Masters is hosting a Indoor Open / Masters championship March 13th at Taylor University. Outdoor championships is tentatively scheduled at IUPUI on August 7th.

Robert Thomas

Masters Discussion/Motions:

Robert is looking at other possible events to be hosted by IU and INUSATF.

Youth

Currently I have been working up an adjusted Calendar for Indiana Storm.

They will be in charge of:

- Facility arrangement and payment
- All Vendors and contracts
- Timing (Hytek, and Finishlynx must be used)

We are responsible for officials, information sheet, sanction, awards, and entries

They will receive funds from all vendors (except t-shirt), and gate (minus facility payment). We will receive funds from entries.

Association Meet (3rd weekend in June) will be held at Ben Davis or Pike High School, and negotiations are in progress.

Regional Track (2nd weekend in July) will be held at Purdue, and I am currently working with John and Monica on facility contract, and timing possibilities.

Cross Country Associations went very well at Northview and they worked with us well on Regionals. We look to possibly go back for next year cross country Associations.

Regional Cross Country will be held in IL next year.

Danelle Readinger

Youth Discussion/Motions:

Since Danelle will not be able to attend the Youth Administrator Training Session, it was recommended that another Youth committee member attend if possible to learn more about the Youth Committee and responsibilities.

Membership

(I will have to bring the numbers on Sunday due to having over 178 new officials to put in my system yet, and 15 club apps have arrived this week alone, and today is my first day back in the office.)

Danelle Readinger

Discussion/Motions:

Numbers pulled from system by Cheryl were: 739 current 2010 members. Numbers for prior years are: 2009 (1380); 2008 (1207); 2007 (1026); 2007 (1357); 2005 (1496).

Awards

No prior written report provided by Ermund.

Awards Discussion/Motions:

Cheryl provided a report of verbal discussion with Ermund. April 18 is the proposed date for the Awards Program. Latashia will confirm to Ermund that this date is available at the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center. Ermund is to provide 3 bids for catering by March 1. Anticipated 2010 budget is same as 2009 (\$500 awards and \$500 food) with up to 5% increase. The draft Athlete of the Year nomination form was approved with addition of Awards date/location and due date for nominations of April 1. Cheryl will check with national office on notification to IN membership via Fast Forward Indiana Edition email. We do not plan on a club meeting following the awards.

Budget/Finance

No prior report.

Budget/Finance Discussion/Motions:

David reported that there is a budget function in Quick Books, but need to set up. We are expecting about \$40,000 in expenses in 2010.

There were no reports from Coaches Ed, Sport Medicine, Law & Legislation, or Audit.

Old Business

Cheryl Sunman indicated that compiled delegate reports from the 2009 National Meeting are available upon request.

Robert Thomas detailed specifics regarding the National Masters Indoor Championships bids. Albuquerque was awarded the 2011 championships and we were offered and accepted the 2012 National Masters Indoor Championships to be held in Bloomington.

Other Old Business included a progress report from Chris Norris on the updated association website, the purchasing of two computers and an update on the USATF Illinois vs. USATF Indiana grievance.

New Business included an expressed intention to provide software updates as needed to officers and chairpersons. Motions passed amending the reimbursement policy providing expense mileage at the USATF rate, and amending website meet posting policy from six months to one year and approving a clarified website policy. Cheryl will provide updated policies to Chris for the new website.

Cheryl handed out the latest inventory listed and requested updates for our annual property tax filing. A nominating committee that includes at least 1 athlete needs to be in place by July; volunteers should contact Cheryl. Those up for election cannot be on the committee. A Fast Forward Indiana Edition newsletter is planned for August and will include a reminder of the new website. Reports are requested from committee chairs.

There was insufficient time for a detailed budget discussion or for discussion of Board Goals and Objectives. Another meeting of the board was suggested following the April 18 awards program. If there is insufficient time remaining at the Ruth Lilly Center it was suggested that we adjourn and move to another location to continue discussions.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE REMINDED THAT THERE IS AN EXPECTATION OF ATTENDING AT LEAST TWO MEETINGS PER YEAR.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

- Jim Brandyberry, Secretary