

USATF Indiana Annual Meeting

9/22/2013 Held at NIFS Auditorium – 250 University Blvd. Indianapolis, IN.

Meeting was called to order by President Key @ 1:14pm.

President Key welcomed all and stated that some of the members who had planned on attending would be late and for all in attendance to please sign-in on the clipboard at the back of the room if they had not already done so. Randy Stafford verified the voting members in attendance. One person in attendance was a non-member.

President Key distributed minutes from the February 3, 2013 meeting for membership information and any clarifications that needed to be addressed. Motioned and seconded to accept minutes. **Motion approved. (Motion by Keith Mitchell seconded by Randy Stafford)**

President Report– Latashia Key

- 2012–13 year was an easier year than usual due to not hosting regional championships. This year will be quite different... hosting JO XC Association and Regional meets for XC and Track & Field, Youth Outdoor Championships– June 24–29 @ IU in Bloomington, and possible Midwest Zone Youth meet with Illinois
- Great Partnership with Exclamation Services– assisting with website & marketing – Supporting our association, our Athletes, etc.
- Focus= MEMBERSHIP...How can or how do we increase membership?
 - LDR (Long Distance Running)– is an untapped resource that we should pursue more....Randy Stafford announced that next Saturday 9/28 that there is a marathon that will be held in Columbus, Indiana.
- How do we get more collegiate athletes involved?
- How do we grow participation on our Committees?
- Have a social networking presence...Instagram/Twitter– Robert Thomas noted that he is currently working on a possible intern for the Association.
- Many people don't know that we even have a website...quick discussion noted that people ARE starting to find our website and we are beginning to highlight athletes across the state as some major meets.

Vice-President Report – Keith Mitchell

- Great to see pictures of athletes on the website. We have gotten some fine comments from parents of athletes on the posting on the website. Let's keep that going!

- Just received cards back from National certification....taking about three months or so before we get them back.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Thomas

- Distributed copies of the treasurer's report (profit/loss).

Randy Stafford – handled the elections for the four open spots on the Board of Directors.

- 7 candidates for 4 openings
- Candidates: **Larry Henning/Ed Stuffle/John Maley/Randy Ziraldo/Chris Buckler/Alfonso Perez/Bruce Stephens**
- Elections were held and the results were as follows; Congratulations to:
- **Ed Stuffle / John Maley / Bruce Stephens / and Chris Buckler**

Committee Chair Reports

Open Men's and Women's – **Latashia Key** – (Masters/Open are combined due to low participation)

- 2013 Events
 - Open/Masters Cross Country Association Championship–Northview Christian Church– November 10, 2013
 - Open/ Masters Indoor Association Championship–Taylor University– March 9, 2013
 - Midwest Region Open Championship–Wabash College–June8, 2013
- 2014 Events–Dates and Location TBD

Master's Report – **Robert Thomas** –

- 2014 Events
 - Master's we are looking for a site to host Indoor Association Championship

Officials Report – **Keith Mitchell** –

- Officials Committee: Keith Mitchell/ Dave Bowers/Mike Trego/ Ed Stuffle

- Applications coming in for Youth Outdoor Championships....sent around 70 out...printing 200+ for the National Convention in December in Indy. We should be OK on officials.
- Nice to have in state- younger officials can come and help/observe officials and the process.
- Have 18 and 21 officials respectively for the XC championships on 11/16 & 11/30
- New National Certification Chair is making major changes and association certification chairs need to adjust to the new changes.
- New people (official) are working well for our official....new timeline to reach particular levels of official certification: **Apprentice (2 years) then to Association (2 years) then to National (4-6 years) and then to the Master's level.**
- Long time to get processed cards back from National.
- Have recommended Gene Edmonds for the National Hall of Fame award to be presented at Officials Banquet.

Sanction Report – Randy Stafford.

- As of September 1, 2013, Sanction reports are now ONLINE.
- Race directors can complete the POST EVENT report ONLINE.
- **Sanctions for this year 27 online and 84 mailed in = 110...this is on par with last year where we had 120 sanctioned events**

Racewalk Report – Doug Yoder

- Spoke to the lack of Indiana officials (3) who are qualified to officiate a Racewalk competition.
- Goshen College has a strong and very successful Racewalking program.
- Need to get people to see that **Racewalking is a REAL EVENT!**
- Doug and his athletes at Goshen are willing to go anywhere and/or host a clinic. Expressed the need to educate the population about Race Walking.

Youth Report – Patrick Chavis

- We need increased participation from Youth and Youth Clubs in the northwest & southern part of IN.

- We did start **TRAVEL GRANTS** this year to help defray club costs for athletes... we have a high degree of talent but those athletes can not afford to attend. (JO Nationals in Houston this year 2014)
- We would like to see this concept expanded in the future.
- Discussion ensued...How do we get the most bang for the buck? Some of the clubs working the Fund Raising items.
- Youth Committee needs to discuss.

Membership - Latashia Key

- 2013
 - Total-1612
 - Masters-364
 - Open-378
 - Youth-739

The meeting then convened and lunch was served!

USATF INDIANA Board of Directors Meeting

Welcome/Call to Order – 2:46pm – Explanation of the agenda. Can do evote or conference calls as in the past. (Note for new members to the BOD).

Officer and Committee Chair reports were combined and President Key called for any further discussions or comments, Questions from the Officers or Committees to offer.

- **Pat Chavis – Youth Committee** – reported on the challenges and obstacles of being on the Youth Committee and will still be on the Committee and but not in the capacity of Youth Chair.
- President Key stated additional procedures will need to be established, youth is a huge part of our membership and understanding the rules, etc is important.
- President Key thanked Pat for wanting to stay on and stated that this Chair position really needs to be at least two people to be handled effectively.

No other Officers or Chairs stated any other information.

Old Business:

Audit results – President Key – Brief background for new BOD members – in our first audit process we were charge to identify areas for improvement...where we could do better....Two letters and the audit report were distributed to the members for their perusal . The overall theme of the audit is to help us focus on areas where we can streamline and make the process more efficient.

Attorney General Update – President Key/ Pat Chavis – letter was sent from AG office (August 2013) for clarification on items previously submitted–Letter will be sent to AG office responding to questions and an update at the next BOD meeting will be given.

New Business

Executive Committee Call for three volunteers to fill positions.

Vice President Keith Mitchell and Carla Reed presided in the election process.

Volunteers were solicited from the floor.

Volunteers from the floor included: Randy Stafford/ Mike Trego/ Chris Buckler/Larry Henning

* Later that night it was discovered that the Executive Committee Member must be a BOD member and Larry Henning was not voted on the board.

Randy Stafford/ Mike Trego/ and Chris Buckler were elected to the BOD Executive Committee.

2015 USATF Master's Indoor Championship –Robert Thomas

Might bid again for the championships to be held at IU and the presentation would be at the National Meeting in December 2013. **BOARD CONSENSUS WAS TO PERSUE THIS EVENT**

2014 Master's 5K XC Bid Proposal – President Key

Explanation and discussion of the bid proposal sent by Exclamation Services
COPY OF THE PROPOSAL WILL BE SENT TO BOARD FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Grant Updates – President Key –Applied for two Association Grants from the USATF:

- 1.Implement Certification Kit (Track Master) measure/weigh field implements
- 2.Wind Gage for sprints/field events.

- We received two outstanding letters of support as per required by the grant to be included in the process. Grants and letters were distributed to the BOD to peruse.
- Challenge to BOD members: to think of some other areas that we might be able to use the grant for next year. Please submit ideas to President Key and possible deadline from USATF is August 1st.

Upcoming Events

JO Association & Regional XC Championships – Northview – Randy Stafford/ Latashia Key – thanks to Keith Mitchell for getting us 18 and 21 officials respectively for these events. We need to look for a backup to Northview just in case something would happen....looking at Purdue and others...any ideas on backup courses...get them to President Key and conduce a site visit. JO's and Regional usually generate about 500 to 600 runners...please keep that in mind when thinking of back-up courses.

USATF Midwest Zone Meet Youth T&F Championship INDOOR Meet – Robert Thomas/ Latashia Key – Looking at possible sites for this meet....Purdue, IPFW, IWU...any thoughts please share with President Key. Need it to be a two day event... maybe Prelims one day/Finals the Next? **BOARD CONSENSUS FOR A TWO DAY EVENT.**

USA Youth Outdoor Championships – June 24–29, 2014 @ IU – Bloomington. IN – Keith Mitchell/ Latashia Key – The Association provides officials/ volunteers...we retain profits donated back to association. **Keith** – officials will not be a problem... what we need is volunteers with retrieving, raking pits, etc. We do have a list of the

officials from last years' Youth Meet in Edwardsville/St. Louis and time schedules of events , etc, so we have a good start on putting that together. Concern is finding committed volunteers during the week.

JO Association & Regional T&F Championships – Latashia Key – A location and site visits need to be conducted and asked the board of possible locations. Huntington University – pros' & con's were discussed as a possible JO Regional location. Vincennes & IUPUI suggested. **BOARD CONSENSUS WAS LEANING TOWARDS HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY BUT FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH COMMITTEE ON THE FINAL DECISION TO BE IN OCTOBER 2013.**

Committee Appointments: 2013–2014

Awards – Mike Trego/ Darrell Reed

LDR – John Maley and John Shore

Youth – Darrell Reed/Bruce Stephens/Pat Chavis/ Randy Stafford, Carla Reed, and Ed Stuffle

Darrell Reed agreed to a conference call on October 13th from the Youth Committee to present their plan and provide recommendations of JO Association & Regional sites and dates for 2014

Open Men's and Women's – Chris Buckler

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Officials–Keith Mitchell, Mike Trego, Ed Stuffle, Larry Henning, Dave Bowers

Further business – President Key will email Association Workshop recaps to the BOD.

Retaining Exclamation as website and marketing partner proposal. Discussion. Motion to approve by Mike Trego– Second– Randy Stafford–Call for Question – Keith Mitchell. **Motion Approved.**

USATF Annual Meeting (December 2013) interest from BOD– All members present – John Maley, Ed Stuffle, Carla Reed, Darrell Reed, Doug Yoder, Keith Mitchell, Mike Trego, Latashia Key, Bruce Stephens, Robert Thomas, Chris Buckler.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Mitchell –second by Mike Trego– **Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Trego 9/23/2103