



**Association Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 23, 2023
4 PM**

Meeting started at 4:00 PM – President Michael Wilson called the meeting to order.

1. Attendance Roll Call by Secretary Joyce Taylor:

President: Mike Wilson (present)

Vice President: Mike ONeal (present)

Secretary: Joy Taylor (present)

2. Opening Remarks

President provided opening remarks and welcomed all to the meeting. He requested participants to ask questions using the Chat feature of Zoom. Announced that our Treasurer resigned in April 2023. Barrett and Cooper Accounting have provided a compilation of our accounting report. President stated that the report will not be posted as it does contain personal information; However, those who are interested in receiving a copy please email the secretary.

3. Executive Reports

- a. Minutes - Secretary provided a summary of the last Annual meeting minutes; a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike O., seconded by Mr. Preston Johnson, motioned passed and approved.
- b. Treasury Report - President stated that the Association is in good financial condition at this time. Our 990 form (required for our taxes) is available and posted via our website. Also, this report is comprised of a two-year compilation report prepared by Barrett Cooper Accounting LLC. There were no other comments on the financial report.

4. Chair Reports

- a. Youth - Youth Chair David Cardenas provided the Youth report:
 - i. Association Cross County race was held in Seguin TX on November 12, 2022; had a good turnout and good processes throughout setup to completion. A number of our runners that ran at the Nationals received Champion and All-American status.
 - ii. Association Track and Field meet was held June 2023 in Seguin TX; good turnout and shoutout to all the officials and volunteers that made an immense success.
 - iii. Association Cross Country 2023 race scheduled for November 11th in Seguin Tx (same course as 2022 race). Registration opens September 24, 2023. Note: Make sure have athlete verification items ready and available.
- b. Officials - Officials Chair Preston Johnson provided an update:
 - i. Association has 134 Officials, 72 Active Officials – if concerned about your official status or are looking to upgrade:
 - 1. Review your Profile via Connect
 - 2. Send an application to Preston (will verify your status and get back to you). Note: Officials need to work Association events to upgrade to the next level.
 - ii. 3 Steps to ensure 'Official' status includes:
 - 1. USATF membership
 - 2. Background check - current
 - 3. Safesport - course completed. Note: Safesport sends out an email reminder when you are due to update.
 - iii. Officials and Volunteers – shoutout to all who worked at the Association events.
 - iv. Clinics: 5 certification clinics held. President Mike – shoutout to Omar and Preston to make this happen. Note: Need to reach out to help get coaches and volunteers certified.
 - v. Chair Preston and Cochair Omar – goal is to work with Coaches for better results at events.
- c. Web updates – Webmaster Trenton started in May 2023 – provided an update on his background with social media and website management.

- i. Goals for Instagram and Facebook: 1,000/each by end of 2024
- ii. Our numbers have already started to increase. Note: President Mike welcomed Trenton as part of our Association Team.

5. Old business:

- a. Youth JO Championship – still working on the dates:
 - i. 2 meets in 2024 for Association Youth JO and Regional (we are the host in 2024) – usually around 2nd week in July. Omar -let's see if we can schedule at least 2 weeks before the Regional meet (Executive and Sports Committees will discuss)
 - ii. Need to firm up date as USATF & Gulf have already reserved hotels/motels in the area. Gulf hosts Region 16 – competition for Multi-events; Youth JO 2024 at Texas A&M.
- b. Association Timing Training – training was offered but only had 3 attendees.
- c. Award & Recognition – Athlete of the Month bios will be posted on the website; will start “Official of the Month” next track season.

6. New business:

- a. Association 2023 XC Meet – scheduled for November 11, 2023, in Seguin, TX, same course as 2022.
- b. Annual USATF Convention Delegates – President Mike stated the following:
 - i. Executive Committee members and Sports Committee members automatically delegate to attend.
 - ii. If interested from Coaches and Clubs, please reach out to President Mike W, Vice President Mike O or Secretary Joy immediately. You will need to purchase your airline ticket (reimbursed upon completion of providing report from meetings); room/board will be paid.
 - iii. Convention dates: November 30 thru December 4th
 - iv. Association needs to have 33.3% of delegates from Coaches.
 - v. At last year's Convention – USATF announced that it would no longer pay for medals, meaning the Association will pick up those costs for events. Last year's total was \$157,000 per Nationals. We plan to use medals we already have (i.e., older extra medals)
- c. Annual Association Club/Athlete Grants – Association awarded (approximately) \$3,000 last year.

- d. LDR Chair Introduction – The Association’s new LDR Chair, Hayden, was selected and will work to provide opportunities for LDRs and Cross-Country events, including prize money.
- e. Club/Coaches Introduction – President Mike introduced Coaches in attendance: John Ware (30Athletes), David Rogers (Round Rock/Cedar Park), David Reisman (Speedsters), Scott (Austin), Michelle (San Marcos), Janet Hurt (San Antonio)
- f. Open discussion for Officials, Coaches, Clubs and Members

7. Closing Remarks - (Executive Board)

- a. Vice President Mike O- looking forward to getting back to full capacity (family loss/health issues)
- b. President Mike Wilson - Communication is key in making all our events and Association successful.
 - i. Currently have 29 clubs – need to hear from you what’s needed to improve and increase club numbers.
 - ii. Shout out to Youth Chair David – with Vice President – organized, managed, and completed our successful XC Championship.
 - iii. Thank you all for your participation; please review the website for updates.

2. Adjournment - President Michael Wilson adjourned the meeting.

Secretary made the motion to adjourn the meeting – Mike O 1st, Mindy 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned: 5:50 PM

Prepared by:
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