

USATF Three Rivers Association
Annual Meeting Minutes -2009
September 13, 2009

Board Members in Attendance:

President: Frank Rodenbaugh
Treasurer: Noel Webb
Officials: Bruce Long
Long Distance Racing(LDR) – Joe Sarver

Vice President: Linda Phelps
Membership: Cindy Long
Open and Masters's: MarkSchwartz
Cross Country: John Harwick

Meeting was called to order at 2:30pm

President's Report – Frank Rodenbaugh

Mr. Rodenbaugh reported that the Association received acknowledgement of being Accredited having meet 7 of the 9 Standards. Accreditation is important because it shows the Association is strong and has processes in place to function as an legitimate organization. If Three Rivers did not meet the requirements, the association could be asorbed with a neighboring association. Some of the elements include offering Coaches education, Association Web-site and Newsletter, Sanctions, Membership, to name a few.

Vice Presidents Report – Linda Phelps

Mrs. Phelps reported no change in bylaws. She asked to add At Large Members to the board. She explained that At Large members will represent the members within the association. They will serve as a board member. Five people can be elected but must have active USATF Memberships within the past 30 days to be nominated. Members were elected after the Youth Meeting. Election results are listed at the end of meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report – Noel Webb

Mrs. Webb reported Association account balances as follow: Savings \$47,000 Checking \$27,000. Youth starting balance was \$6,000 ending balance is \$217.00. Mrs. Webb will collect outstanding banquet and travel fees owed to the association as agreed from Youth club participants. She provided her address to those in attendance. \$1,400 was earned from the Youth Association meet. Mrs. Webb stated she is currently meeting with PNC bank representatives identify banking transactions to assist with balancing the Youth Account. The software purchased last year has allowed her to begin putting the finances in order. She expects to have details soon and will email to Board Members upon completion.

Membership Report –Cindy Long

Mrs. Long encouraged attendees to submit USATF memberships early and complete clearances. A detailed membership was provided. See Exhibit "A" for report. Mrs. Long reminded members that all coaches should have their clearance prior to coaching. She also asked that clubs complete their registration forms in a timely process emphasizing the absence of insurance for those clubs that begin practicing without completed paperwork. Background checks must be completed prior to first youth meet. As stated last year failure to comply with rules will lead to penalties, possible club suspension and other penalties as deemed necessary. It is also importat that clubs submit the athlete waivers in a timely manner. The general waiver is posted on the website and readily available for the clubs. They should distribute the form at their registrations. The wiaver are required since all or most of the meet registrations are submitted electronically.

Officials Report – Bruce Long

Mr. Long distributed a listing of future officiating opportunities. He encouraged more members to consider becoming an official. Interested individuals can contact him via the Association web site. Mr. Long presented an outstanding officials award to Joe Obeldoble and Liza Simmons. Mr. Long explained that the current timing system needs replaced. Repair costs are expensive and finding someone to repair the machine is very difficult. It was suggested that the association consider purchasing an automatic timing system. The association will do additional research regarding the Return on Investment as well as finding reliable assistance to operate the system during track meets. Everyone was in agreement that the system is needed.

Open and Masters Report – Mark Schwartz

Mr. Swartz expressed his concerns with the lack of masters participants. He also acknowledged that some master athletes come from other states to compete in an effort to qualify for larger meets. Swartz asked the Board to consider being a sponsor for the Run for Roch race.

XC Report – John Harwick

Mr. Harwick asked for an upgrade on their medals. He distributed a flier with a sample. The supplier is Hasty Awards. He asked the association to pay for the set-up cost engraving.

LDR - Joe Sarver

Brookline Breeze was used for our 5K Championship. Not all prize money was awarded.

Old Business -

None

New Business –

Mrs. Long recommended that the Association consider offering a risk presentation for meet directors. The presentation discussed various risks associated with organizing a meet. Everyone thought it was a good idea but asked that more investigation be conducted to determine if the organization whom created the presentation can deliver the discussion. Mrs. Long will do additional investigation and report back to the board. Mrs. Long suggested the association utilize the \$500 stipend award each year for equipment be used to purchase an additional Tent and Barricade rope. The Tent is \$600 and The rope is \$100. This would be a \$200 expense to the association. Mrs. Long distributed a flier to promote Cross Country participation within Three Rivers Association that included a series of running events. It was also suggested that the Association begin producing a newsletter which increase the accreditation to 8 of 9 elements. Mrs. Long and Mrs. Berry will work on the newsletter.

Motions

It was agreed that the following delegates will attend the Annual Meeting to be held in Indianapolis,

Nicole T. Berry
Justin Clickett*
Mark Heckel
Bruce Long
Cindy Long
Linda Phelps

Frank Rodenbaugh
Joe Sarver
Oronde Shariff
Liza Simmons
Alonzo Webb
Noel Webb

Justin Clickett does not have a current membership but will acquire one November 1 and will serve as our international athlete delegate.

The following motions were made and seconded, and therefore approved by the Board during the Board meeting that followed the annual meeting.

1. The Association will pay for the charge associated for set ups to upgrade LDR medals.
2. The motion sponsor the Run for Roch Race for \$1,000 was denied. The board did not want to set a precedent for sponsoring such races due to the volume of these types of race.
3. Motion was approved to allow a dual Cross Country regional championship with Junior and Master competitors. The Juniors will compete first. Masters will follow running both male and female together.
4. Association approved purchase of Tent and Barricade rope.

2010 Three Rivers Election

The following are elected officers and board members selected by the Association. Responsibilities will begin Jan 2010.

President: Frank Rodenbaugh

Vice President: Linda Phelps

Secretary: Nicole T. Berry

Treasurer: Noel Webb

Membership: Cindy Long

Officials: Bruce Long

M&W & Masters T&F: Mark Schwartz

M&W & Masters LDR: Joe Sarver

Cross Country: John Harwick

Race Walk: Michelle Labash

Youth: Oronde Shariff

Members At Large:

Brenda Ansell

John Knabb

Joe Obeldoble

Liza Simmons

Lowell Wetzel

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm