

Three Rivers Association
September 13, 2015
Annual Meeting

Opened with a moment of silence for Officials who have passed this year.

Attendees:

Frank Rodenbaugh-President, Linda Phelps-Vice President Finance, John Knabb- Vice President Law & Legislation, Brenda Ansell-Acting Secretary/At Large, Noel Webb-Treasurer, Cindy Long-Membership Chair, Bruce Long-Officials Chair, Mark Schwartz-Open & Masters, LaTonya Salley-Sharif-Athlete, Brian Brown- Athlete, Chuck Davis-At Large/Youth 1st Chair, Rob Williams-At Large/Youth 2nd Chair, Lowell Wetzel- At Large, Oronde Sharif-Youth Chair, Nicole Logan-Youth Treasurer, Bill Phelps, Becci Carter-Youth Secretary, Chuck Carter, Jeff Mayo, Richard Rouse, Gloria Rouse, Caleb Muller-Athlete

Committee Reports:

President - To date 82 Sanctions for \$4160. Sanctions are all done online. Call Frank if any trouble. Three Rivers waives the \$25 fee for local XC meets, must contact Frank for the code. Q-(Richard Rouse) if sanction not used is it refundable? A-(Frank) - fill out form on-line to get approved for refund.

Reminder - everyone MUST fill out Post Event For on-line

VP Finance- Some expenses from Regionals still have not come in, will be putting budget & expenditure report on-line. Projected cost was \$22,675.00 over spent by \$14,292.92. Some money will come back by reimbursements from clubs for blanks, etc.

Web design & marketing design are done and brochures are available for distribution to anyone who would like any or who can take to schools, businesses, etc. This web design can tell us how many hits we receive. We will review this over the next year or two to decide how this benefits TRA.

Office Supplies and New Camera was purchased.

Annual Meeting is in December, this will be discussed this afternoon during Board Meeting.

Q-(Bill Phelps) why were we so over budget? A-We underestimated some expenses. We need better planning, to be better as an organization at planning.

VP Law & Legislation – Nothing to Note

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Rule Change- Athletes 15-16 & 17-18 run as Individuals but will/can score as a team, can combine for team XC challenge scoring.

Q-(Bill)-Why has XC dropped off so much? A-Football, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, parents not wanting to be involved, (it's too easy to just leave them at school for practice)

Q-(Richard)-are we promoting during the Marathon, Great Race, etc. through Tricia?

A- We are trying to find a way. We previously had a free booth but no longer have that option; it is costly to set up a booth at the expos. We do have fliers available to distribute for anyone willing to hand them out.

Fliers should be taken to the bigger Invitational's to promote TRA. Printout Tricia's Fliers and put TRA's schedule on the back.

Official-

93 Officials

13- Apprentice

44-Association

19-National

17-Masters

3-New

2015 Officials' Outstanding Service Award Winners (Determined by/Nominated by-John, Bruce & Lowell)

Mike Jewel & Robert Shaviss

National Officials Committee Newsletter- Safe Sport must be emailed to Len Krsak-those who did it as a group in March that have not gotten certificates, Oronde will be checking on it.

Linda suggests that a copy be sent to one person in our Association- she also volunteered to be this person, the holder of all copies of Safe Sport.

Plans to do another Safe Sport class are NOT scheduled and are not planned to be.

Youth-

Thanked Youth Committee, Coaches, Officials, for helping with the Meets. There was an average of 492 athletes at each meet this year, 718 at the Association Meet, 1332 at the Region Meet, 174 at Junior Olympics, 15 athletes medaling, with 21 medals.

The Youth meeting will be held in October. No specific date given.

Volunteer clearances-may not have to get clearances-will get better clarification for these and will share with us as soon as information is found out.

LDR/Open & Masters-(both done by Mark)-Low attendance at Open & Masters- 17 athletes because it was Fathers Day and there was also a big 5k/10k in Pittsburgh same day. Also to participate in those races participants do not have to have a USATF membership.

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5K was to be done at Debbie Greene but couldn't because it was RRCA. Joe is still trying to find one. Pittsburgh Thanksgiving 5K is a possibility. ½ marathon will be @ Greensburg, 10K will be in Wheeling on Nov. 7th. Prize money will be given.

Q-(LaTonya)-Did we ever think about partnering with other associations for meets?

Oronde- We should go to the marathon together as USATF instead of separately, go as a unified group. Going one person at a time could make us look unorganized/not knowing what we want from them, or what to do with them.

Q-(Chuck)-if we don't have a 5K will it affect our accreditation? A-(Frank)-I will check on that.

Treasurer- Thanked Nicole Logan for all her help at the Association & Regional meets working at the Gate. Thanked Linda Phelps for all her work with Quick Books.

Went over the P & L Reports from 2014 & 2015

Q-(Cindy)-Did Marks T-shirts come out of the profit from Renee? This needs to be fixed to show correct profit.

Over by \$14,454.48 due to marketing expenses.

XC other expenses were for 2014 brought over from 2014 – Oronde's expenses from XC 2014 was for travel \$1005.00, - Noel will check on what this is, she has receipts for this

These items were not on report because report was only until August- these expenses were for September

\$6014 – Facility Rental –Slippery Rock – Add to \$2500 Deposit

\$828.75 - Housing – Dorm Rooms- Slippery Rock

\$1991.00 – Officials

Q-(Richard)-Did we take a loss at Regionals? A- Yes but we made it up as Associations,

We also paid for Housing and paid for Officials

We had a relationship with Roger at Cal U who gave better deal but Slippery Rock gave better quality, however some officials complained about lunches.

Travel Grants will be mailed out 09/14/15 to all athletes' coaches

(Jeff Mayo)- Suggests that travel grants should be mailed out to all athletes, except

If a team owes money, as soon as a season is over. Also, suggests assistance for Youth Worlds.

Travel Grants were held up because of a club owing their \$1 per athlete but can now be paid because they have paid the money owed.

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Old Business- None

New Business- Discussion on team support to the association in general. 29 Teams

Motion was made by Oronde & 2nd by Chuck Carter & then tabled by Lowell and 2nd by Cindy that Effective beginning January 1, 2016, Any and ALL Teams wanting to host a Track & Field Meet, or XC Meet, it is required that all teams will attend or send their representative to the annual meeting and all subsequent meetings held by USATF-Three Rivers Youth, AND a Club volunteer/Official MUST work each and every Track & Field Meet & XC Meet Hosted by any USATF-Three Rivers Registered Club. Failure to follow said requirements will result in loss of eligibility to host both a Track & Field Meet & XC Meet for a full year that requirements are not met.

Suggestions were made by Noel, Linda, Bill, to come up with details, discuss with youth committee and define procedures before putting into the by-laws.

Voting Results- **Committees:**

M & W Track & Field - Mark Schwartz
M & W LDR & XC - Joe Sarver
Officials - Bruce Long

Youth Committee:

Chair - Chuck Davis
1st Chair - Oronde Sharif
2nd Chair - Robert Williams
3rd Chair - LaTonya Salley-Sharif
Secretary - Becci Carter
Treasurer - Nicole Logan

Three Rivers Association Officers:

President - Frank Rodenbaugh
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- John Knabb
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- Oronde Sharif
- Angel Williamson-Wheat

Meeting was adjourned