

Three Rivers Association Annual Meeting 2025

September 13, 2025

Scheduled start time 3:00

Attendees in person	Attendees online/call in
Oronde Sharif Rob Shaviss Latonya Salley-Sharif Nicole Logan Mike Howard Shequayla Bey	Ngozi Fitzpatrick Nicole Rish Joyce Norris Becci Carter Jo Rupp Mark Heckel Ron Newton Nastassja Reese Candace Wells Mark Schwartz Brooke Rawls Chuck Carter Jim Crist Carolyn Griggs

Cross Country date by Region II Association

USATF Mid Atlantic- November 9, 2025 @ Belmont Plateau, Philadelphia, PA

USATF New Jersey -

USATF Niagara – November 9, 2025 @ Fairport, NY

USATF Three Rivers – November 8, 2025, White Oak Park

Region II Championship – November 22

Meeting officially began at 3:15 PM

Introduction of board positions by name and positions

Rob Shaviss - President's report

Drivers for current year – overall membership is up

Some clubs had membership issues and those athletes had to compete as unattached

Added 3 new clubs to the association

Averaged approx. 450 athletes at each competition

Jeff Johnson managed the Facebook and social media platforms

It resulted in additional participants

Dream Shots Media's presence also added additional participation

Competitions have also been listed on MileSplit and

The largest cost has been the facilities and participation at the annual meeting

Minimal requirement at the in-person portion of the annual meeting is 3

The costs for Slippery Rock have steadily increased and the quality of support has decreased

The elite athlete in the association is Evelyn Bliss

There was a meeting had with a local school district to host a national championship and additional meets for the association

The intention is to have the facility as a long-term partner

P3R and TRA have a partnership – the championships are combined

Gingerbread timing met with representatives of TRA to discuss per meet cost and other discounted areas within the partnership

Big meets are desired to increase revenue – open competitions up to

Options are to host a middle school invitational for the area and a larger meet open to the regional area of western PA

Discussions are happening with Lake Erie and Potomac to participate in a cooperative relationship for cross country

Rob Shaviss has been working on sponsorship opportunities

There is a template available and if anyone has any connections, please share them

Noel Webb – Treasure's report

Please see the report for details regarding finances for the quarter

The report is usually shared by quarters – this year July was included as the season's expenses fell into the end of July

A new category has been added for certified officials – each time anyone is paid, it can be pulled out as a separate report

New this year, USATF sent money to USATF Three Rivers and the association had to pay the clubs for meet entry fees

All of the money came to USATF Three Rivers from Athletic.net – all fees go into the TRA stripe account, the competition is reconciled by Araina Graham less the \$2

****Actually, the funds do not come from the USATF National office, it comes from the athletic.net stripe account that belongs to TRA and then the**

****The funds go to the TRA to avoid the fees that are owed by clubs is not late or left unpaid**

There is a detailed report to match all fees taken and checks dispersed to the clubs according to entry fees

At the end of September, a report that has July, August and September will include the breakdown of all expenses and revenue for the 2 major meets of the season

Questions from the treasurer

Slippery Rock concerns – invoices have to be requested, the check was said to not have been received by SRU, the check was later found, a second check was sent and lost a second time. A letter was received by Noel, with an apology informing her that the checks had been found in a campus safe. One check was returned and the other sent back to TRA Treasurer.

Rob Shaviss – there was an issue with vendors that TRA had on SRU site. SRU coaches and/or representatives insisted that the vendors pay SRU, not TRA. The concern went unresolved for a while and a conversation needs to be had with SRU

Noel Webb – officials said that they did not receive their checks more so this year than in the past

If you have an official contact you, push them to Noel for conciliation – ACH payments are not set up

Noel had a meeting with PNC and sent the information to Araina Graham who in turn is in conversation with QuickBooks to see which is less expensive

**Most delays in checks have been due to the official moved and didn't send a change of address to the association

Membership report - Becci Carter

Connect80 is not a user-friendly system for breaking down the membership category
adult 267 no VIP

1393 youth members and certified members 1 year 24, certified officials 4 year 48

Gender 6-20 years males 739 and 166 females

Open and masters 21-80 males 207, female 123

Clubs competitive membership - 9 valid

Clubs competitive and organizer 18

SafeSport ages 21+ members - 191

Level I, II, III certified members – 53

LDR report - Jo Rupp

Reported on the partnerships within the association

There is no access to the database to breakdown the numbers

Open and Masters report - Mark Schwartz

Did not have an indoor meet this year

The outdoor meet is partnered with the youth meet

Schenley Oval has been resurfaced and lined

USATF Foundation Tom Jakovich is the ED issues grants – some former athletes have received grants from the foundation

This cycle Evelyn Bliss was awarded the grant

We must host an open and masters meet to keep accreditation in good standing

Youth report – Oronde Sharif

Please see the report for details regarding entries for cross country and outdoor seasons

It was suggested that TRA go back to some type of support

Para Athletics report – Latonya Salley-Sharif

There is not much participation

What does a facility and association have to do to successfully host a competition

Does the association need to purchase equipment

That is an avenue to open the participation of para

Racewalk report – Latonya Salley-Sharif

We need more officials to certify in the racewalk

We do the athletes a disservice by not having enough officials and/or not hosting the event for practice

The officials of this event also need the weekly practice to become confident and competent

There is now a time requirement for athletes who wish to compete at the national competition

The decision was made to forego the requirement because of the lack of knowledge that coaches and officials had regarding the requirement

Official's report – Bruce Long read by Rob Shaviss

Please see the written report for details

Opportunities to officiate city organized races

September 28 – Great Race

November 9 – EQT

Rob and Bruce had a conversation about officials meeting to discuss general “things” – set up as a round table discussion

SafeSport audits will happen more frequently across the nation

Mid Atlantic is having problems getting a facility for the Region II Championship

TRA may host or partner with Mid Atlantic for the host

Elections

Oronde Sharif made a motion was made to hold the elections electronically and send a ballot after nominations are received

Send an email for nominations

Send a following email with an electric ballot to vote

Reasoning – a number of people who are currently in positions are not present to accept or deny the nomination

The emotion was seconded by Latonya Salley-Sharif and it passed by acclamation

A call was made for other business old or new

No response for other business

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting – seconded by person present in person

Meeting adjourned at 5:08