



# General Competition Division



## **General Competition Division**

### **Session I - December 1**

Alan called the meeting to order at 8:05

The name, General Competition Division, has a proposal before L&L to have the name changed to Grass Roots Division.

Alan began the meeting by informing the group of the USOC's consulting firm recommends that the size of the Board of Directors be reduced and that constituency-based representation be eliminated. Thus, the Chairs representing the grass roots committees would be eliminated from the Board. There was a discussion that ensued once Alan pointed out this issue.

Bill Roe explained the structure of the current board and he has appointed Ed Koch as the restructuring chair for Ed's logical thinking. Bill wants to avoid individuals thinking that the restructure may be considered "war". Bill stressed that the organizations needs to think outside the box and imagine what can be. Although only 25% of the money comes from the USOC, they control the purse string.

Alan made the point that while grass roots do not dominate the Board, it has a significant presence. However, at the USATF general sessions, grass roots can control a majority of the votes, so we are a force to be reckoned with.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEE DISCUSSION**

Bill Roe began with a brief summary of the current membership fee and the last time a fee increase was proposed. Andy created a proposal, which was originally distributed at the workshop this past August. Since that time we have gathered input from various sources and provided that feedback to the USATF Board of Directors. Andy passed out the proposal to the group while Bill reviewed the document. Bill explained that once all input is gathered the Board will make the final decision.

We need to generate more revenue and sponsorship at the local level, although it is difficult at best. Masters T&F has continued to state that they need to create more revenue to handle the programs that they want now and in the future. Bill explained where the revenue comes from currently.

Bill explained the differences between other NGB's membership fees including AAU and ours; that currently USATF is approximately \$35 less than the AAU when all aspects are considered. Bill continued to reinforce that the membership fee increases will be dedicated to the enhancements that Andy can use along with the programs that Masters and Youth can use.

Bill took questions from the group explaining that most of the answers are in the document. However he encouraged all to send comments to this Secretary who will then provide a document to the Board with all comments as stated.

With the current benefits and additional benefits coming, we feel that the fee structure could handle the increase.

George Mathews, Masters T&F Chair, stated the need to set their priorities so as to make suggestions to Andy.

Lionel Leach of the Youth Committee states that they cannot stand another fee increase. They are seeing increases come from fees for meets including the national ones.

Alan then stated we had 20 minutes with comments pro or con on the fee increases. Although comments were made verbally, Karen encouraged each person to now put those same comments in an email and send to her.

Alan concluded the topic of membership fees at 9:20 am

### **BACKGROUND SCREENING**

Alan began with the handing out of a document on the background screening. Andy explained what process will be used in 2006 and the mandatory use of the program in 2007.

Andy began by providing a background of the program and its development. The fine tuning has occurred over the past two years. It is designed to protect not only the local Association but also the national organization. The Board has formally approved the background screening process in the way it is now configured.

Andy continued to explain how the process could be completed within the Association locally. As questions arose, Andy asked that the questions wait until the presentation is completed.

Andy stated that the search is based on the databases available to ChoicePoint and the requirement of having D&O insurance for Association board members.

Andy stepped through the document explaining each step of the process. At that point Andy then stepped through the items that the screening will cover. There were many discussion points as we moved through the process.

At the end of the session there were still many comments so Alan stated that this discussion would continue at the next meeting of the General Competition Division.

### **Session II – December 3, 2005**

Alan summarized the Shop 4 Zero service, which will be part of the Associations Committee meeting following this one.

The membership fee discussions followed as the group looked for strategy. There were several issues to iron out.

The 2 types of membership's – adult and youth, in each one how much of the fee goes to the national office?

Do we have a fixed fee or flexible?

What should the cap be or should we have a cap?

Alan stated that if we go into this with no option then the Board would make a decision without helpful input from us. George Mathews talked about the handout provided by Andy earlier. George stated that Masters T&F has been very poor at raising funds to handle their basic needs. Linda Phelps, Youth Committee, stated that the committee rejected any increase for fees.

Alan took a straw poll of representatives from the three committees, Masters, Youth and Associations who attended the meeting.

No Increase Youth: Large number in support.  
No Increase Adult: Small number in support.

Discussion about fixed fees nationally for youth or allow continued flexibility. The straw poll showed flexible but the cap would remain at \$20 for youth by a strong majority. No rise to the national office on the fee.

George asked Andy to explain the incremental increases and how the sport committee would benefit from the increase for Masters. Alan then called for a straw vote for the masters.

\$30 dollars – Moderate number of votes  
\$25 dollars – Larger number of votes

The concern is the diminished profit to the Association as the fee increases. It becomes a larger gap as the fee increases. The concern is to keep the same margin as the fees increase.

Andy agrees that the margin should remain the same for the Associations prior to any increase. The flexibility must remain for each Association. However a NJ member saw the need to have more market research on what the market will bear prior to any decision-making.

It was suggested that a forum be convened at the local level. However a strong showing via a straw vote stated that a \$25 membership fee would work within most Associations present with no margin change. However the research must continue before the Board votes in June.

Adjourned at 10:20 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Krsak  
Secretary, AEC

## **Associations Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2005**

The General Competition Division meeting will be tomorrow morning at 8.

The name of the committee will soon change to Grass Root Division if L&L approves the name change. The main topic will be the membership fee increase. We need to show need and how it will benefit the membership. Masters wants the fee to increase while the youth committee wants no increase.

Need to talk up the meeting to get people involved in the discussions.

Tonight at the opening session it will be announced that the USATF web site will be housing a new link called America's Running Routes. This is an idea that Alan had and he got support for it from Craig, Bill, Andy, Keith Lively and Jim Estes. You can trace your route, put mile markers in along with water stops. It will measure only somewhat accurately due to its inability to measure elevations. It will allow you to put in information about the route you use. Hotels and organizations will be asked to put their maps online for visitors to use. It will remain as a public domain site to get the public interested and Andy believes we are on the cutting edge. Other organizations would be posting the same type of site soon so we have to be first. The logo posted on the USATF main page will take you directly to the map site.

The Stretch Study is moving slowly due to the complex nature of the study. We need to obtain approval from an Institutional Review Board to ensure that the study takes proper care of participants. It is medical research on human subjects so there are many safeguards and the laws are quite strict. It appears that we will be able to launch it in the spring and possibly earlier.

**Item 28 from L&L** - Question is how many race courses are accurate and get certified. Just because the course is sanctioned doesn't mean it is certified and accurate. Course measurement certification clinics should be held to generate more course measurers and the system should allow them to move through the ranks and eventually reach the level of course certifier. There are not many certifiers and how do they handle getting certified people. George Regan has the complete write up and will make copies of the item available. George did read a portion of the item on the table of L&L. Andy stated that he believes that the item will be tabled with a year of discussion. However the credibility of USATF is at stake with this item in the eyes of many. George suggested that Alan meet with Fred Fink, Kevin Lucas and others from the LDR community to avoid the tabling of this issue.

Accreditation information was provided by Harry. There are 3 Associations who are currently at the "suspension of voting" level. They are Wyoming, Snake River and Tennessee.

A 3-month Runner's World subscription will be offered as a member benefit.

## AGENDA FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION

### Restructure of the Board

**Re-vote of Secretary** – We need to improve the method of review of a dispute of the election.

**L&L Packet** - #22, #28, #39, #49 - #52, #57-64

### Background Checks

**General Competition Division** – who should be part of the committee?

**Committee Sessions** – Agenda

### Zone Meetings

Alan brought up the consulting report about USATF from the USOC. However, the report, although glowing, wants to eliminate constituency-based representation from the Board. This needs to have discussion for the next year. It is not urgent that we need to worry about the restructure of the Board. This has been tabled for the current year

Currently the officials and Associations have an unofficial representative to each other's committee. Officials are currently in the process of making their representative official. Karen made a motion to make the Associations Committee's representative to the Officials Committee an official position. **Harry seconded the motion and it was accepted by the AEC** to be ratified by the general session.

Scott Erwin has the challenge to put before L&L an amendment for a voting position for an Associations Committee's rep on sport committees for voting purposes.

## RE-VOTE OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY ELECTION

There are mixed opinions and L&L will now handle the issue at noon tomorrow. There are varied opinions on the USATF Bylaws and how to make them retroactive to last year. There are personality issues and the issue has become hostile. The vote would possibly be handled on Sunday morning to see if we will hold another vote.

There will be a 6-person volunteer pool at the national level to make final decisions on those individuals who protest after having background checks that are not acceptable. The hope is to have one athlete and one attorney for each 3-person panel to ensure fair decision-making. We see a crunch in early spring once clubs have registered and have submitted names. Each panel member will also under go a background check

prior to being allowed to serve. We must now implement the program by making this voluntary in 2006 and mandatory in 2007.

Some Associations do not want to participate but you can hire an outside person to handle the background checks using the program. Each Association should consider using the recommended program and know that they may need to consider using additional resources for those areas where the online service is not available.

Andy stated his concerns about DWI or DUI offenses and the concern that it may be costing the Association additional dollars to find and handle these offenses.

We cannot catch everything and everyone who has offenses on our checklist. We see this as a deterrent to those who have been convicted. Andy has posted all of the information online in the Associations Resource Center.

Andy has additional information on the D&O insurance. This insurance is required with those using the background check process. We also have the D&O subsidy and December 30 is the deadline for Associations to receive a subsidy.

The General Competition Division will likely soon become the Grass Roots Division. We need to create a structure for the Division Executive Committee since it belongs to three committees. The Association Chair holds the chair of the GCD. Alan is not planning to run for Associations Chair again next year. Bill Roe will decide if Alan should continue in the role of Chair of the GCD. Alan created task forces that are for the Division and he said he would like to continue in the role of Chair to continue activities that give the Division a real life.

A discussion of the structure of the division ensued. It was suggested that the officers of each committee may need to sit on the executive committee. Currently it would be approximately 16. It was stated that each committee provide one representative from each committee. Ruth proposed the number of 11, having 3 from each committee and we need to have at least 2 athletes with a quorum of 7. ***This was seconded and approved.***

A new proposal from Ruth named 12 with 3 from each committee and 3 athletes with a quorum of 7 ***this was seconded and approved.***

Katherine gave her report on member benefits. There are 6 new potential companies with 2 close to being ready to add to the program. All companies would provide discounts for members.

Katherine accepts applications for potential companies then performs background checks on them.

#### **SHOP 4 ZERO**

Clubs may pick up on it more than the associations. We will need to monitor the site to make sure that e-stores are not listed that sell banned substances. You can set up categories and easily eliminate those e-stores that are questionable. We would like to have Shop 4 Zero understand that we want to have standardized categories. Web masters can contact Linda Bommicino to get set up.

Pat Pretty talked to the coach's education process. The set of six (6) DVD's with all the information is ready although Pat has not heard a great deal of information concerning the scoring process and the marketing of the product. Pat feels that additional information may be available during the Coaches Ed Executive Committee meeting tomorrow. We need to make sure that progress continues and the program soon is up and running.

The Level 2 classes have timing conflicts with the J.O. season and Pat stated he would take it to the committee tomorrow.

At the General Competition Division, Thursday, December 1 we have two hours 8 am to 10 am:

Membership Fees for the first hour  
Background Checks for the second hour.

At the Association meeting, Thursday, December 1 we have two hours 10 am to 12 pm:

D&O Insurance  
Summary of Background Checks  
Summary of Membership Fees  
Membership Promotion and Benefits  
L&L item #28 and possibility of others items

At the Association meeting, Friday, December 2 we have two hours 10 am to 12 pm: Session on

the Good, the Bad and the Ugly which needs to be shared.

At the General Competition Division Saturday, December 3 we have one hour 9 am to 10 am

### **FACILITIES ACCESS**

Needs a chair which has high level expertise but gives consideration to others who may have time and high level interest Proposed structure of the division

The Associations Committee Meeting Saturday, December 3 is divided into two sessions and will be dedicated to business meetings for both sessions - 4 hours being from 10 am to 12 pm and 4 pm to 6 pm

Reports from the committees (3.5 hours)  
Zone meetings – championships (last 30 minutes)

### **L&L PACKAGE DISCUSSION**

#22 is changing General Competition to Grass Roots - Approved

#39 is athlete based memberships – discussion and Andy felt this would be a good change. Much discussion around the table based on the wording and intent of this item – Approved

#49 Sport Committee Residency – building national teams – Non-Issue

#50 Relates to item #49 – Non-Issue

#51 Youth Residency – Reject

#52 Transfer representations from one club to another - Approved

#57 Appeals from Association decisions – L&L recommend to table

#58 American's w/Disability Act – Policy already established therefore – Reject with written language

#58 Deny sanctions - Approve

#59 Association documents - Approve

#60 Dispute resolution - Approve

#61 Notice of Elections - Approve

#62 Organizations Representatives - Approve

#63 Ballots – Approve

#64 Amend Regulations - Approve

### **BUDGETS**

Ed Koch stated that revenue should be up but budgets should be still tight. Most committees will receive small increases. Some funding for a youth publication that Andy has been in negotiation.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm

Karen Krsak  
AEC Secretary

## **Associations**

### **General Meeting #1 - December 1**

Alan called the meeting to order at 10:20 am

### **D&O Insurance**

The first item on the agenda was Mike Price, a representative from ESIX insurance company concerning the D&O insurance. Mike made a couple of comments on the use of background checks and their history of aiding organizations on the setup of background checks. The goal is getting started and the process will develop over time.

Glenn Winn was present as an expert on D&O insurance. Mike and Glenn will be available the remainder of the day to answer questions. A handout was provided to the group as Glenn stepped through the handout and how the D&O insurance works.

You can now purchase this insurance online, which will expedite the process for each Association. The handout provides the information needed to make the purchase online and get a quote that best suits your organization. They also answer the questions that all Associations need to know.

Glenn explained how the forms of payment work and they no longer require the signature of the President of an Association to purchase the insurance. The Treasurer of each Association can directly handle the purchase of the insurance. The clubs within an Association can also purchase this same insurance and to that end the clubs can be notified with a letter that will be constructed

by ESIX to inform them of the coverage and then refer the clubs to the website.

Alan pointed out that Irene Herman has been appointed as the Chair of the Insurance Committee which is a committee of the Board of Directors.

A discussion ensued once the presentation was completed.

The D&O subsidy program is available for those Associations which are fully accredited, and have filed the appropriate paperwork such as the IRS 990 forms with the National Office. The rebate for these Associations is \$425. If the Association has a provisional accreditation, the rebate is \$350.

Andy will provide a one-page document that will state how to apply for the rebate. To obtain the rebate for 2005, the request needs to be made prior to December 31 via the appropriate paperwork to Andy.

#### **Consulting Report from USOC**

Alan showed the audience a consulting company's report called the Business Performance Plan which was prepared for both USATF and the USOC. It has glowing remarks for the effectiveness and efficiency of USATF operations and governance. Without any information in the report to show that governance changes are needed, it recommends reducing the size of the Board and eliminating constituency-based representation. Alan said he supports continuing the structure we now have and that the proposed changes would undermine the democratic process that we now use. He also said that there is a risk that changes of the Board structure would reduce the influence of grass roots on the Board.

Restructuring will begin this coming year. Alan said we need to be vigilant regarding restructuring of the Board. A group discussion ensued on their vision of the structure of the Board.

#### **Membership Fee Summary**

Alan stated the Associations Committee has not taken a stand on the fee increases to date. The Board of Directors will make a decision on membership fees sometime in 2006. They are asking for feedback and input or additional options. Further discussions will occur on Friday. The need for additional services from the National Office will require more money.

It was stated that we have approximately 80,000 members this year and why shouldn't we be able to attract more of the 30 million runners out there? We have a very small percentage of the total runners in the United States as members, but it wouldn't take more than a small percentage jump in that to give us many more members.

#### **Stretch Study**

Alan reviewed the technical issues of launching this study. There have never been studies of stretching done to show that pre-run stretching is beneficial or harmful in regard to injuries. It takes a large population to do such a study and the expectation is that we will get 5,000 to 10,000 volunteers during 2006 to be stretchers or non-stretchers for 3-month periods. When we finish the study, USATF will be the leader in this as we were in the Hydration study.

#### **America's Running Routes**

Alan described this new USATF website service which was announced in the opening session the previous evening. He developed the idea for this over the summer and then got the USATF staff to help put it together. Andy Martin, Jim Estes and especially Webmaster Keith Lively were instrumental in making it happen. The running public will be invited to put their maps online and then the database will be available to runners looking for routes to run when they travel or are new to an area.

#### **Runner Rankings**

We hope to soon have runner rankings available to the running public on our website. This, like America's Running Routes and the Stretch Study are meant to give the public a new perception of USATF as an organization that is serving runners nationwide in a very meaningful way. The hope is that as people use these services and benefit from them, they will appreciate USATF that much more and might consider joining or purchasing our merchandise while they are on our website.

#### **Benefit Package**

We have our package listed on the website and we continue to look for and process more benefits. Katherine Branch is our Membership Chair and she is currently working to increase the number of companies offering benefits. She described some of them that are currently being processed and will soon be on the USATF website. Alan talked about the plans for the Sanctioned Event Benefit Program and Member Club Benefit Program that are just getting off the ground.

### L&L Issues

Alan invited discussion within the group on amendment proposal #28. The discussion revolved around Course Measurers and Course Certifiers and the number available to do the job. The amendment is intended to bring the system now operated by RRTC outside of the Associations into the Association realm.

We reviewed the remainder of the Association-related L&L items and whether or not we support their approval in L&L.

Alan went over the agenda for the remaining meetings for the week in both the General Competition Division and the Associations Committee meetings.

Alan opened the floor for the remaining time for questions or comments.

This business meeting is to be continued on Friday, December 2.

### **Associations General Meeting #2 - December 2**

Alan called the meeting to order at 10 am.

**Shop 4 Zero** was the first topic of discussion as Alan explained the 2% cash back to the Association/club. The shopper gets 3% cash back. When clubs join Shop4Zero through the Association, the club gets 2% cash back and the Association also gets 2% cash back. Alan urged Associations to sign up for this and to get the clubs to sign up so that we can all raise some funds during the Christmas shopping period.

The exercise for today's meeting is to discuss the good things about your Association and the frustrating items.

The first part of the exercise is to bring forth and discuss the achievements from each Association for which the Association is most proud.

Among the achievements the following had the most mention:

- Increased growth
- Increased programs
- Increase in LDR activity – race series
- Improved websites
- Translation in languages based on diverse population
- Disabled events

The following items were mentioned as key points of frustration:

- ✓ Facilities access (clearly the most dominant problem)
- ✓ Getting HS/College involved
- ✓ Lack of communication
- ✓ Getting people involved (new fresh blood)
- ✓ Sponsorships
- ✓ Getting clubs/individuals to the meetings
- ✓ Conflict in meet schedules
- ✓ Club bickering
- ✓ Poor websites
- ✓ Bylaws issues
- ✓ Personal agendas
- ✓ USATF website interactive and search capability
- ✓ Officials willingness to work meets locally

With facilities access being the number one frustration, Alan mentioned we have a Facilities Access Task Force and we're currently searching for a new qualified chair. We need to get this task force off the ground and operating. There are many reasons why this is an issue from cost, location and just not allowed to use the facility. We hope to have a survey available in the first part of 2006.

Scott Erwin joined the meeting to discuss an open L&L issue. Item #37 is concerning giving the authority to the USATF Board of Directors with input from the Associations Committee on increasing membership fees. Some discussion ensued with Scott being given the approval for the item.

Meeting to continue on Saturday at 10 am.

### **Associations General Meeting #3 - December 3**

Alan called the business meeting to order at 10:35 am

The Shop 4 Zero representatives are present for those who wish to talk with them outside the room.

Jeff Martin was introduced as the Chair of the National Screening Panel for the Child Protection Program. Jeff has been an attorney and judge. The intent is to have people on the Panel who have backgrounds that are related to the issue.

**Coaches Education Committee** - Pat Pretty

Two years ago we had friction with the Committee regarding Level I schools. Two years later we have a 6 disc DVD course that will be ready by approximately February for the Level I school. We are currently haggling on what it will cost to take the course. Students will receive the 6 DVD's and have one year to complete the course. The current proposal is \$275. The Committee wants to keep it expensive enough that there will still be coaches who will want to go to the Level I schools. It is estimated that those schools cost participants about \$400 with travel, lodging, etc., so \$275 is a savings.

Tina Kauffman at USATF is our contact at the national office. (*Note: At the time of printing this publication, Tina is no longer at USATF. Her replacement is TBD.*)

The 200 questions that require answers – Once completed you can have the results and certificate to print the following day. How are we going to market this? Gill Athletics will be giving 4 pages in their catalog to USATF and use some of that space for advertising the program.

Pages 127 and 128 from last year gave a list of all of 2004 Coaches' Education Classes.

Discussions on other issues need to be resolved such as cost, flyers, the number of schools versus distant learning and the DVD's need to be cleaned up. This is a first step in the process and will get better.

The chair of Level I stated the number one priority is to have a face-to-face class but understand the need to reach more remote areas. Pat will send announcements of Level I schools by e-mail to Associations for their review. It is necessary for the Association to respond to the e-mail within 21 days with their approval or rejection of the class although the Association does not have final authority. With Level 1 they have added Race Walk and Hammer.

**Ron Mascarenas, Associations Vice-Chair and Chair of Workshops**

Feedback forms are provided at the end of each workshop but the return percentage is very small. Ron incorporates the information he receives into the next year's workshop. Ron reviewed the agenda from this past August workshop. The problem is to balance the new people with the ones who have been involved for many years. At

your next Association meeting please discuss the need in next year's workshop and provide information on this to Ron via e-mail.

**Clif McKenzie, Associations Vice-Chair and our Chair of the Diversity Subcommittee**

Clif mentioned our diversity leadership session at the workshop was well received. He was sure that everyone attending took something valuable away with him or her. Clif mentioned that there is a Diversity Task force meeting from 12 – 4 today.

Andy was next to give his report. Andy thanked all people who work in the Associations. Andy stated he has attended great meetings with a variety of groups. He is excited to see new faces among us.

Providing a look back much has happened. He has felt that 2005 was a year of change for him and the office. He was promoted to Director of Grass Roots Programs (Mark Springer's position prior to his death) and Liz Turner Suscha is the new Grass Roots Manager.

Andy thanked all the office staff that has worked so hard this past year along with the Associations Committee.

Andy recounted all the happenings for the youth teams internationally. Andy and others also met with AAU on scheduling conflicts. Information was also discussed regarding the Junior Olympics program.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year we have seen an increase in sanctions and memberships. Andy provided the percentages of increases. There were also club and event growth this past year.

The members continue to receive discounts on hotels and car rentals along with other benefits from a number of companies. Fast Forward also truly became a quarterly publication.

For the second year we have provided two workshops. The first was a one-day workshop for new and rookie members. In August we set a record on attendance. A number of grants were provided and a subsidy on D&O for the current year is being provided until December 30, 2005.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year statistics (Reg. 15) were gathered and provided to individual Associations. Andy restated the awards that were received by various Associations.

AADP applications once revised will be sent to the Associations. The National Club Track and Field Championships were held in New York City, which was the first time these championships were held outside Indiana. Andy summarized the regional championships. The Club Cross Championships were held in Rochester New York.

The 2006 schedule is set in many cases and the locations and dates will be provided. Membership cards will come out earlier than ever before and continue to build relationships and the Running Routes on usatf.org now has 800 new maps.

Andy completed his comments and a full report of them is available upon request. Alan opened the floor for questions for Andy.

Most questions were around the background screening and membership fee structure.

#### **Associations General Meeting #4 -- December 3**

Meeting began at 4:05

Alan began with summarizing the Stretch Study that USATF is trying to get off the ground and in process.

Clif introduced Andrew, President of the Tennessee Association, concerning the hurricanes that affected our Southern Association. They are in need of equipment, uniforms, shoes, etc. Donations are requested at the amount of \$250 if your Association can donate at this level. Andrew is asking that each person take this information back to their boards. Those denotations can be sent to the office of the Southern Association (Gertrude Thomasson) or to the President of the Association, Henry Woods, or Jackie Callender, the Associations Committee's Southern Region Representative who spoke of the situation currently in New Orleans.

#### **Master's T&F - Marilyn Mitchell**

That Committee would like to move the age to 35. However the LDR committee does not want to go to age 35 and they may have a floor fight over the item.

The vote in Masters for fee restructure was agreed upon and the proposal won 25 to 11 to raise membership fees up \$10 to \$30 as a cap.

They want no change in any restructuring of the Board that would eliminate the vote of Masters.

#### **Youth and Family Fitness – Darlene Hickman**

Darlene will ensure that she keeps Alan in the loop so that he can provide information as the taskforce develops.

A motion from Ruth White was made to ratify the AEC vote that would provide a representative from the Associations Committee to the Officials Committee in a voting capacity. *It was seconded, small discussion and the vote was unanimous as passed this day.* An Associations Committee representative will have voting rights in 2006 in the Officials Committee.

LeeAnn Meyer gave her report on LDR. There are 24 slots for AADP in for 2006. She gave a summary of the issues in the committee and the changes. Irene gave an update on races for 2006. You will be able to locate the information on the website.

Craig Masback spoke to the group on the fantastic year the Associations have had during 2005. Craig stated that June might not be the date to discuss the membership fee increases. It will be made when it's right. The restructure of the Board may or may not occur in the next year. It must be what's best for the organization.

Ruth Van Kuren, the Liaison for Youth Athletics provided information on the championship awards for 2007.

Scott Erwin, our Law & Legislation rep, gave his reports on approved, rejected, and tabled items.

Steve Vaitones gave his report on various committees with site selection and awards of championships. Race Walk has a full slate of championships as well. Rules changes are mostly based on IAAF rule changes.

**Bert Williams – Men's T&F** Left his report with the Chair and Secretary for inclusion into the minutes.

#### **Athletics for the Disabled Committee – Barbara Chambers, Chair**

Her committee would like to partner with more Associations. She discussed the issues being seen with soldiers from the Middle East who are returning to the US with disabilities and how to bring them to the fore front.

**Officials rep – Paul Morency**

Paul stated that 18 will be the age for certification of officials due to liability, and the tests will be on line and work with DVD's for tests and certification.

No additional report on member benefits from Katherine.

Jackie talked to the issues of grievances as Chair of that Subcommittee. Jackie summarized the timelines and process of filing and handling a grievance. Alan stated that you should consider calling Jackie to obtain help and advice.

At 5:30 Alan asked that the regional reps break out into their meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Karen Krsak  
AEC Secretary

## **Masters Track & Field**

**December 1, 2005**

George Mathews, Masters T&F Chair presided.

The roll call of voting delegates was followed by the election of 17 active athletes. Becky Sisley was voted by the active athletes to be their representative. Delegates-at-large appointed by George Mathews, were Barbara Kousky, Carroll DeWeese, Sandy Pashkin, and Tim Edwards. Phil Byrne, parliamentarian, explained the rules of discussion and for making motions.

Bob Fine, representing Tom Light, the Law & Legislation Chair presented the proposed by-law change item #18 regarding restructuring of USATF. A motion from the executive committee of Masters T&F disapproved of proposed changes in the Board of Directors of USATF. The motion passed unanimously.

Harry Brooks of the media sub committee represented Bob Weiner reporting on the budget request for \$3000.00, received \$1500.00

**December 2, 2005**

**Ken Weinbel, Site Selection Committee Chair**

Ken explained the site selection procedures. Jim Murphy, of the Inland NW Association, presented the bid for the 2008 Outdoor Championships, which is sponsored by the Spokane Regional Sports Commission. The bid for the meet to be held the first weekend in August 2008 was approved. Jay Riddell and Kim Haines were introduced as directors. Spokane also was awarded the 2007 Weight Pentathlon Championships, a one day event to be held probably two weeks after the National Championships in Orono, Me. Lee Hess and John Oleski led a bid for the 2008 Indoor Championships in Boston that was also approved. The event will be held in the Reggie Lewis Center, which was the site for the Indoor Championships from six years until 2005 (Boise, Idaho), and is the venue for the 2006 Championships. The 2007 Championships will be held in New York City. Gordon Edwards, meet director of the 2006 Outdoor Championships, Charlotte, N.C., discussed the site, housing, food plans, transportation, and amenities, and answered questions. Robert Hill reported on housing, transportation, and the New York Armory facility for the 2007 Indoor Championships.

**Phil Byrne, Masters T&F Awards Chair**

explained the criteria for eligibility of the awards. There was a motion on the floor by Madeline Bost and seconded by Mark Cleary that all recipients of awards must be members of USATF in the year the award is given. *The motion passed.* There was also a motion entertained on the floor by Stephen Cohen and seconded by Marilyn Mitchell to reaffirm policy that only marks in USATF and IAAF sanctioned meets be considered for awards. *That motion also passed.*

Sandy Pashkin, the U.S. and world age-group record chair explained the procedures for record consideration, noting, for instance, that at least three participants must be in an event for national and world record approval. Pending national records are posted on the USATF website as soon as possible and are approved once a year at the USATF annual meeting. Pending world records are posted in the WMA website two weeks after being received.

**Mark Cleary, Masters Invitational Program Chair,** told the group that masters will have events at the open indoor and outdoor

championships, and he will get the events and requirements on the USATF website as soon as he has worked out the prerequisites. In response to questions about those masters' events, he explained that the selection of events for masters is confined to those events prescribed by USATF and meet directors, generally from the 100m to the mile.

A panel of hurdlers discussed the proposed study of the need to alter the present hurdles specifications or leave them untouched. The panel consisted of Jeff Brower, Joy Upshaw-Margerum, Phil Byrne, Ken Brinker, and Stan Druckrey, with Rex Harvey, WMA Vice-President Stadia, acting as moderator. Opinions were relatively evenly divided among the panelists, as well as in the body, after much discussion. Harvey noted that WMA has charged its affiliates to come up with information on the possibility of hurdle specification revisions to determine what's best for the athletes. Brower was named to chair the hurdles ad hoc committee.

## **Joint Masters T&F and LDR Committees**

### **December 2**

Norm Green, Masters LDR Committee Chair, presided.

The minutes from the 2004 USATF Annual Meeting were approved. There were also reports on San Sabastian. Charles DesJardins reported that Torsten Carlius, WMA Secretary had died of a massive heart attack, and, regarding the delegates stated that the WMA Council could select the secretary by appointment. He said that the WMA determines one's citizenship by the last country the athlete competed for.

Phil Greenwald, Masters T&F Manager, reminded the body that entry forms for the WMA World Indoor Championships in Linz, Austria, are due at the USATF office by January 10, 2006. It was clarified that the 8 km Cross-Country, 10 km racewalk, and half-marathon are to be held at Linz and will be championship events.

Rex Harvey stated that the revised age-graded tables are essentially done, except for final formatting, and will be upgraded every 8 years.

The next step is the printing by National Masters News.

Sandy Pashkin reported that the indoor NCCWMA Championships are scheduled for Guatemala City, Guatemala, August 24-27, 2006. She also reported that if we (USATF) do not recognize men competitors at age 35, we are the only group in the WMA to not recognize this age group. The IAAF endorsed this change in minimum age – their handbook identifies masters as 35 and above. If we do not allow this in the USATF we are not publishing the fact that this group is allowed to compete in 2006. There was a motion by Sandy Pashkin and seconded by Marilyn Mitchell that read: Masters T&F favored to change race walking and T&F for ages 35 and above. If the proposal does not pass through at this time, it should be pulled to be presented on the floor at closing. *The motion passed unanimously.*

### WMA Women's delegate – Marilyn Mitchell

She gave the numbers of the U.S. medal winners at the WMA Championships in Spain by region (62% gold, 68% silver, 75% bronze) and world (10% gold, 6% silver, 11% gold). She noted that the NCCWMA women's organization needs to make more contacts in the Latin countries.

### Becky Sisley reporting from the Women's Committee meeting in Spain

mentioned that the events in the women's outdoor pentathlon were under review. Currently the women's events for both the indoor and the outdoor pentathlon are exactly the same. Australia wants to replace the hurdles with the dash. It was suggested that a long throw replace the shot put.

Norm Green advised the group that all three LDR divisions (men, women, and masters) oppose adding men 35-39 to the WMA official age groups.

Bob Fine's motion "The joint USATF Masters T&F and LDR Committees express support and appreciation of the National Masters News as the official organ of communication among masters." Green also reported about the Hall of Fame for display at Track & Field Hall of Fame in New York.

### National Masters News – Jerry Wojcik and Suzy Hess

Wojcik reviewed the names of important meets and races covered in 2005 and thanked all of the contributors who provided

information, articles, and photographs to the NMN during the past year, and asked them to continue with concern for accuracy. He also recruited volunteers to distribute free copies of the NMN for the forthcoming year. Hess stated that the NMN would continue to be a hard copy publication and will not become a website subscription. She thanked both committees and the athletes for their support. There was a motion on the floor by Bob Fine and seconded by Carroll DeWeese which stated that: **USATF Masters join LDR track & field meet to express support of NMN as the official organ of communication. The motion passed.**

Marilyn Mitchell's motion seconded by Mark Cleary stated: USATF Masters athletes be prohibited from soliciting funds for any reason, at overseas meets without the express written approval of USATF in the form of email, letter or fax. The motion was withdrawn in favor of adding to code of conduct.

## **Masters T&F Committee**

### **December 3**

George Mathews presiding, the meeting opened with much discussion concerning the acceptance by LDR and racewalking of the newly adopted WMA M35-39 age group. Bob Fine's motion that master's racewalking accept the M35-39 was successful (21 Yes /16 No /2 Abstain).

Sandy Pashkin made motion, which was approved, that LDR and RW reduce their men's age groups to 35-39, and if not we will separate amendment items 89, which deals with T&F and RW from items 90 and 91, and if not the Masters T&F committee is to take the matter to the floor at the closing session on Sunday for approval. (At the closing session representatives of the three divisions of LDR met outside the closing session concerning 90 and 91, and returned with the decision that LDR would accept M35-39 group January 2011 citing contractual obligations through 2010, with an attempt to persuade WMA/IAAF to drop the M35-39 adoption). She explained club scoring, noting that non-citizen residents of the U.S. can score points for a national club; foreign clubs cannot score points. An ad hoc committee was established to study club scoring and advise the Masters T&F Committee before the Aug. 1, 2006, which is the

deadline for rule changes. The matter of Association transfers will be presented in 2006, a rules year.

**Dexter McCloud, Masters Committee on Diversity Chair** Discussed the Committee's mission statement. He asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Marilyn Mitchell also discussed various aspects of diversity.

Dr. Evie Dennis, who was inducted into last year's 26<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame, spoke about diversity and her experiences and successes in the world of track and field.

Bob Fine reported on Law & Legislation item #49 dealing with residency exceptions had been tabled.

An issue of great interest was the General Competition Committee report regarding an increase in USATF membership fees. Much discussion ensued, with some members voicing disagreement with the Chair's position of favoring a fee increase. Todd Taylor's motion seconded by Mark Cleary was that the Masters T&F Committee support an increase of \$10.00 for adults with a 20% increment to go to Masters was approved by a vote of 25-Yes and 11-No.

George Mathews announced the establishment of an ad hoc committee to study contingency plans to possible changes in restructuring of the USATF Board in 2008.

Becky Sisley reported that the first draft of the meet manual is nearly completed. The manual will focus on how to conduct a successful meet from the local level up through a regional championship event. Plans are to have the final copy reviewed by members of the MTF Executive Committee. Once the project is complete it will be available on the web and on a disk hopefully by March.

Becky Sisley moved that an ad hoc committee of Becky Sisley, Mary Trotto, Phil Raschker, Joanne Petkus, and Christel Donley be formed to review the events in the women's outdoor pentathlon and report back at the 2006 convention with possible recommendations for change. ***The motion was seconded and passed.***

Another group will examine the discrepancy in numbers between the LDR team managers, who

have to organize three events and T&F team managers, who are responsible for 25.

The delegates to Linz, Austria are George Mathews, as chair, and the elected delegates are Bob Fine with 20 votes, Robert Thomas 19 votes and Marilyn Mitchell as alternate with 13 votes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Toni Nichols  
Acting Secretary

## Youth Athletics

### November 30 - Session One

Meeting called to order at 4:30PM - Quorum present

Linda introduced herself and spoke about the meeting format. Delegates must sign in and pick up their voting paddle. If you are an alternate you must have paperwork from the Association to change the name on the voting paddle. We have approximately 90 members who can vote.

**Courtesy-type items:** Please put cell phones on vibrate. Please take private conversations outside. You must be recognized from the podium to be heard. We do have a timekeeper, and we will adhere to the time. We have a booklet that Mona made up for the committee which you are asked to read.

**Agenda additions:**

Alternative ways of advancing to National Junior Olympic Championships by John Wissler  
Chip timing @ National CC after 2007 by John Wissler

Mark Springer Award by John Wissler  
Lowering Youth Standards by Joann Camargo  
Using the USATF Online system for Youth Athletics by Inez Finch

Approval of the minutes with one correction was mentioned by Ruth White. The delay in the voting was not due to the voting booths but the traffic between the floors and the elevators. Minutes approved as corrected.

Linda introduced the Executive committee, Zonal Representatives, Delegates at Large, Regional

Coordinators and also Subcommittees. Linda would like to expand these committees. We will be having our Zonal elections done by Organizational Services. We need a Sergeant at arms and Sam Germany and Ken Emerick will handle the positions. Ken Emerick will be getting information to Ken Ferguson for L&L.

Linda reported that it has been a very interesting year and she has traveled a lot this year. We have put together some check lists for the onsite. We started in January with the World Youth, which was continued on from Bob Flint our past chair. The team was downsized and, funding was a problem. We came home with 13 medals. We have been number one consistently. There were sixteen men and sixteen women. Bob Flint raised monies from the Associations in the amount of \$6000, and this was used for extra cultural days. The next meet will be in the year 2007 in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

The youth National in Knoxville was a first time 6-day meet and it went very well. Charles Oliver did a good job. The JO meet in Indy had about 6400 athletes. It was very successful. Only one downside was a grievance that was filed regarding a Relay Team. Cross Country in Rhode Island has an outstanding group and is going well.

Last year Mark Springer passed away and we had a lot of challenges. Everyone on the Youth Committee and National Office stepped up to pick up the slack to fill the void he left. He will be missed.

Liz Turner Suscha and Mona Mascher made some comments regarding what they would like to see done this coming year. We are now trying to develop a timeline to better emphasize when things need to be done. We need to be pro-active. They would like to see us utilize the website more. They met with the AAU twice this year. Bob Flint started with the group and we are trying to continue working with the calendar.

The indoor zonal meets went well. They were funded by USATF in the amount of \$10,000. The budget for Youth is \$20 thousand.

Linda asked if there were any questions. A question about AAU fees was brought up. Linda said there is a difference. If you wish to discuss our fees, bring it up under new business. Attend the General Competition meeting tomorrow and see what is going on regarding fees.

She welcomed new first time members to our meeting.

Bob Flint reported on **Cross Country** in Lawrence KS. We only had one bid and it was outstanding. It is called Rim Rock Farm, which is a Cross Country site only. The University, LOC and the CVB were very cooperative.

**2007 Track & Field, Walnut, CA:** Mary E. Aude mentioned that it is a very good site. Be very diligent, and ask questions when they make their presentation.

**2007 Track & Field, Spokane, WA:** Sam Germany said it was very well organized, good officials, and good meet management. He also mentioned that we should ask questions of the bidders when they make their presentation.

**2007 Youth Outdoors Lisle, IL:** Shirley Crowe mentioned that the first time we went there the facility was under construction. It is now completed and a good facility. Lefty commented that this was the first track that had all the Youth markings. Dorothy Dawson said that Shirley's instructions were followed when the track was being done.

Session adjourned at 5:30

## Session Two -- Thursday December 1

Meeting called to order at 2:15.  
Quorum present

Linda called the meeting to order. She again reminded everyone about our courtesy rules.

Nancy presented the Frank Sevigne and Bill Hargrove awards for 2004 to Mary Elizabeth Aude and the Oregon Association.

The ballots were picked up for the 2005 awards and Mary Elizabeth Aude and Liza Mascernas were asked to do the counting.

Greensboro NC gave their update on the 2006 Youth Athletics Nationals. They will be ready for our meet. They are getting items updated per the Onsite committee.

Linda mentioned that information on the meet will be on the website shortly and that Officials information will be on the Official web site.

**Rhode Island 2005 Cross Country Youth Nationals.** Lance Turley gave the report in the absence of Ron Boemker. Lance read an e-mail from Ron. You can go on line to order merchandise. Everything is ready to go and they are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Nancy announced the winner of the 2005 Frank Sevigne award, Norine Richardson; and the Bill Hargrove award was presented to the Arizona Association.

Cindy Long gave a report on Associations. She mentioned the Insurance policy available for Associations. For a 12-month period, it is available online. A 3-month subscription to Road Runner and a prescription plan.

Bob Flint spoke about what went on in the General Competition Division meeting. They spoke again about what happened at the Association workshop. He didn't feel that the people in the room were impressed with what was being said. There will be another discussion on Saturday. This is a recommendation by the members to the Executive Board that will make the final decision. E-mail your comments to [n2track@aol.com](mailto:n2track@aol.com). John Wissler asked if we could take a position as a committee. John Wissler moved that the current fee proposed we are not in favor of. There was a unanimous vote against.

Linda explained about the voting process for the four zones. All information is on the back page of the agenda that was handed out. She then turned the proceedings over to Organizational Services.

Linda thanked Organizational Services for their help with the election. Those elected as zone representatives are:

Northeast Zone - Lance Turley  
Alternate John Martin  
Midwest Zone - Lefty Martin  
Alternate John Wissler  
West Zone - Mary Elizabeth Aude  
Alternate Darrell Hampton  
South Zone - Inez Finch  
Alternate Willie Richardson

A motion was made to destroy the ballots.  
**Approved**

Kenny Emerick presented L&L to us. We have some recommendations by the Youth Executive Committee

Items to be tabled and we recommended to be kept are 7- 9 -12- 17-20- 23- 24 -30- 43- 50- 57. Ruth made a motion we accept the tabled items. ***It was seconded and passed unanimously.***

We need to talk about rejecting items 11- 25- 26 48 -66. Ruth made a motion that we accept the rejections. John Wissler would like to take a look at them. John would like to pull item 66. Ruth will take a friendly amendment. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

The Youth Executive committee recommends we accept the following 1-5- 6- 8- 10- 13- 21- 27- 28- 29-31-36- 38 -40 -41-47- 52- 53- 55- 56- 58-65- 67. Ruth made a motion that we accept all items read. John is concerned about looking at the items. The time was extended to 15 minutes.

Pulled items 6- and 52. Moved and accepted to pass. ***Unanimously passed.***

Recommended for discussion: 14-16- 22- 37- 39- 42-46- 49- 51- 54- 66- 52. John Wissler moved that we go into discussion. ***Approved unanimously.***

**Item 6: Background Screening.** Moved and seconded to be approved. Discussion. It is a trial basis for 06 and final in 07. Call for questions. ***36-7 item passed.***

Item 14: Move to approve option 1 seconded. Question called. ***Approved unanimously.***

Item 15: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Note 15 is an alternative to 16 Friendly amendment to adopt 15 and reject 16. Question called. ***24 for 1 opposed. Item passed.***

Item 22: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Questions called. ***Unanimously opposed.***

Item 37: Moved and seconded to oppose. Discussion. Questions called. ***Unanimously opposed.***

Item 39: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Question called. ***11 for 14 against. Item rejected.***

Item 42: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Questions. ***Unanimously rejected.***

Item 43: Moved and seconded to remove from the table. ***Unanimously rejected.***

Item 44: Move and seconded to approve. Discussion. Amendment to take out in conjunction with the National Office in section e-1. Question on Amendment. ***Unanimously passed.*** Amendment to take out under g-3 "fees" sports committee and the National Office. Question. ***Unanimously passed. Item as amended unanimously passed.***

Item 45: Moved and seconded to approve. Discussion. Question called. ***9 for 20 against. Item failed.***

Item 46: Moved and seconded to approve. Discussion. Question called. ***Item passed.***

Item 49: Moved and seconded to approve. Discussion. Question called. Motion has been withdrawn. ***Motion to table - Unanimously passed.***

Item 51: Moved and seconded to table. Question called. ***27 for 16 against.***

Item 52: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion: Amended to notify the membership chair or their designee. ***Unanimously accepted.*** Second amendment was made to change online to electronic transmission. Seconded. ***Amendment rejected.*** Motion to remove online. Seconded. ***21 for 17 against. Motion passed on third amendment. Question called. Moved to accept.***

Item 54: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Question called. ***Unanimously passed.***

Item 66: Going to Organizational Services for approval. ***This was approved.***

Kenny will return tomorrow for Youth items.

Linda asked who did not receive the Youth Book handed out with Youth Operating procedures in it. We will have more booklets made-up.

Session Adjourned at 5:30

### Session Three - Friday December 2

Meeting called to order at 2:15PM  
Quorum present

Lionel started the meeting and mentioned that Dorothy Dawson is not here because of an injury she sustained.

Jim Duncan gave us his report on the Standards for the upcoming season (see attached). Jim gave his explanation as to how the standards are determined. John Wissler mentioned because of the lower numbers should we consider changing the standards. Jim feels comfortable with them. He feels that the attendance is there. Motion made to accept standards as presented. ***Motion carried.***

Lionel informed us that we will not need a roll call as we have only one bid for the Cross Country meet in 2007.

Lionel reiterated what Linda has been asking us to consider before each session regarding cell phones etc.

Lionel asked Baltimore to do their update for the 2006 JO National meet and he prefaced their presentation with the fact that all is in place and in agreement with the Youth Executive Committee and the National Office. Tanya Rush gave their update and introduced her staff. She met with Officials Committee Chair and they advised her that they would accommodate officials to the fullest.

Spokane gave their update for the 2006 Cross Country event. A handout was given out with information pertaining to the meet. Introductions were made and they assured us that they are ready for our meet. They mentioned that the Association and Regional Cross Country meets went very well. Lawson mentioned that he would like to implement a new part to Hy-tek regarding Cross Country. This should be presented to the computer committee.

Alma Price gave us an update on the "Doping Program." Products can be purchased online that are still harmful to our children. Nutraingredients.com has information regarding some of the drugs on line.

Denise Smotherman reported on Records. She gave everyone a handout with all the records. The information is online. She asked everyone to

please review pending records in the handout and give your comments. John asked about the 5000m RW at the JO meet running the two divisions together. Does this take away the record? We will table this until Denise talks to Darlene. John moved that we accept all records with the exception of RW #... also a correction on a name change and other corrections. Denise will make corrections and bring back to the committee. **Approved.**

Lefty has asked if anyone has meet records from past Youth Athletics meets. If you have them, get them to Lefty.

Linda went over the rules regarding voting for the bidders. We will be voting by paddle only as we have only one bid for Cross Country.

Lawrence, Kansas presented their bid for the 2007 Cross Country Meet. It will be held at Rim Rock Farm. They gave a fifteen minute presentation and a fifteen minute question and answer period.

Kenny made a move that we accept by acclamation. ***All approved.*** The 2007 Cross Country meet will be held in Lawrence, KS.

Liz Turner Suscha, Manager of Grass Roots Program has been very busy with the Annual meeting. Mona Mascher is our Youth Programs Coordinator and Andy Martin the Director of Grass Roots Programs. Call them anytime if you have any questions or problems.

President Bill Roe came into visit. He mentioned the meetings with AAU and the scheduling problems and has solved national dates with them. Susan Johnson has a problem with her dates. Bill said they will hopefully have it worked out for 2006. Liz, Linda, Andy and Bill have been working on this with their staff person, Garrett. Lefty asked about a Regional that does not want to comply. Linda asked that he report to her and she will try and clear it up.

Glenn mentioned that we are changing our J.O. dates, Bill & Linda said we are trying to find a common denominator. Glenn has calendars printed up and will pass them out for us to look and review. Linda said people want to run both programs and we need to try and accommodate them. The AAU is here to stay as is USATF. Bill made a couple of corrections on the handout before leaving the room.

Bill mentioned the membership fees that were talked about in the General Competition meeting. We need more input and more study before this will be implemented.

John asked about World Youth Assignments being taken out of the Youth hands and given to someone else. Bill assured us that this will remain the same. His and Jill's piece of legislation was put in to make sure everything was put out in the open for everyone to view.

Erika asked about the increase of fees. Bill said any fees raised by any specific sport committee that the monies would go to them if the fees increased. There are many avenues to be explored regarding membership fees.

Linda then made mention of the president's awards recipients: Erika Baxter, Nancy & Larry Seifert and JoAnn Grissom.

The issues regarding the World Youth Selection are tabled for the moment and Linda will be meeting with the High Performance Committee later this evening to discuss.

Kenny Emerick discussed items tabled – 49 & 51. L&L committee wrote up a revision to Item 49 which was handed out for the committee review. A motion was made to remove item 49 from the table. Motion passed. Item 49 put into two parts. Motion to accept seconded. Discussion. **Passed unanimously.** Ken asked about removal of item 51. It has been removed by the presenter. Ken will make sure it is in the proposal for next year.

Youth Committee operating procedures: They are the sole property of the Youth Committee. Items:

Item #1 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #2 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item # 3 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #4 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #5 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #6 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #7 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved. 2 against.**

Item #8 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #9 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #10 moved and seconded. Discussion. John Wissler would like to amend it to read that the Chair would make a report at the annual meeting of any actions taken by the Executive Committee while the Committee as a whole was in recess. **Motion to pass amendment approved unanimously.** Questions on item 10 as amended. Passed as amended.  
Item #11 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #12 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **6 for 32 against. Item failed.**  
Item #13 moved and seconded. Discussion. Questions. A friendly amendment to remove protest referee and put in administrative subcommittee. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #14 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**  
Item #15 moved and seconded. Discussion. Amendment made that if no alternative sites were available the Youth Executive Committee will contact sites that have successfully done championships in previous years. Amendment to the amendments stating which have held championships in previous years. Question called. 4 against 32 for. **Approval of item #15 as amended again. 2 opposed 34 for.**

Items proposed to the Rules this year by IAAF are on different years than ours. We are doing this to be in compliance. Glenn Fortune reported that most of our rules were being brought in to be in compliance. The Rules committee is at this time finalizing and he would be able to discuss with us what has been tabled. He will get a summary together for us to be available tomorrow.

John asked about hurdle heights. 39" for the 110m high hurdles for Jr.men. Glenn will look into that. On item #38, the 2000 steeplechase, make sure no conflicts. Item #40 wording on the vault. Item #78 reversing the days on the decathlon for women only (does not effect youth at this time). Item #7 revised regarding the starter. Item #19 you cannot see any mechanical devices.

Kenny reminded us that next year is a Rules year and to get any rules changes to Glenn and Ken so they can work on the language. They must be submitted 90 days before annual meeting.

**New Business moved to tomorrow.**

Darrell Hampton and Mary E. Aude gave their report on World Youth. Darrell thanked everyone for the honor bestowed on him. He told everyone that it was a very positive experience. Mark Springer was very instrumental in helping him with this project until his untimely death. He was very pleased with the staff selection. The team selection was very challenging. Darrell's motto was "together everyone achieves more". The budget was a real challenge. He thanked those Associations that contributed to the World Youth as this allowed the team to have many cultural experiences. He would suggest that we change our rules regarding where we draw our athletes from. The IAAF establishes the rules.

Mary reported that she was not initially on the staff. Lionel, Darrell and the rest of the team were more prepared and had more time. She was able to step in and have a great experience. 32 athletes were taken and they were given an opportunity to participate as world class athletes.

Over 171 countries participated. Ages are 14-15-16. Bob Flint explained how the World Youth concept started. He feels that the athletes should come from a USATF Youth Program.

Lionel thanked Mary for stepping in and doing such a wonderful job. We did come out number one.

Session ended at 6:30PM

**Session Four - Saturday December 3**

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM  
Quorum present

Linda again reminded us of the courtesy rules.

Darlene Hickman came in to address the issue regarding 5000 km Men's race walk record. She stated that they are protected by rules. Moved and seconded to accept the record. **Passed unanimously.**

The Bid for USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field for 2007 was presented by Lisle, IL. They gave their 15 minute presentation and 15 minute question and answer.

Dorothy Dawson made note that this is an Association event with the cooperation of the CVB and the University. The bid for the USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Meet at Lisle, IL for 2007 was voted in by acclamation.

We are continuing with our Agenda left over from Friday: Glenn Fortune spoke to us about the schedule. Moved and seconded to approve the calendar as presented. Discussion. Question. **Unanimously accepted.**

John Wissler reported on the Youth Track Coach's Association. Lamine Diack, the President of IAAF requested that he be allowed to sit in on their meeting. He spoke for about 15 minutes and showed his strong commitment to Youth. He has asked for our help with their Youth Program. The Coaches had a discussion of the 4x8 in the Jr. Olympic schedule. They would like to leave as is. There was also concern about the Hammer being held on the first day of the Youth Meet. They would like it changed.

Background checks were also discussed and the problems that might occur. Coaches of the year were also selected for 2005 and they will receive their awards next year. If you want to be a member, see Larry Seifert, Treasurer. Dues are \$10. Coaches Plaques for 2004 were given out to Midwest zone, Larry Seifert; Southern zone, Sam Smith; West zone, Robert King. Officers John Wissler, Liza Mascarenas and Larry Seifert thanked the Youth Committee for their support.

Inez asked if we have a Coach's web site for Youth. John will follow up on it.

**Regional Coordinator** report from Larry Seifert: He met for three hours yesterday with the Regional Coordinators to try and improve our programs. We will be working closer with the youth chairs to solve any problems. We will be preparing guidelines for our new Regional Coordinators. They would like to see the Youth Committee purchase a Hy-Tek program to be used at our meets. They would like to see all of our meets, starting with the Associations, use Hy-Tek. More tweaking will be done on the entry form. It was mentioned that they would like to have a better web site for Youth with more information. Should something be put on there regarding ADA and e-mail?

**New items:** John Wissler mentioned about athletes being allowed to advance from a race walking clinic directly to the Nationals. Linda said that a tremendous amount of material was put out by the Race Walking Committee and we did allow 6 athletes to advance. We extended this courtesy for one-time only. Linda will hand out our Youth Calendar to the Board of Directors so that will not happen again. We will also have this put on the web site. John would like to make a resolution that we support the Executive Committee when it has been made known from the Youth Committee that rules are followed. Sam would like to see us abide by the rules. ***Resolution seconded and carried.***

**Chip timing:** John Wissler made a motion that for bids past 2007 Cross Country Junior Olympic Nationals require chip timing. Seconded. Discussion. Questions. John will withdraw and bring up to rules for a change next year.

We interrupted new business to introduce Mona Mascher our Youth Programs Coordinator.

John would like to move that the Youth Executive Committee discuss giving a Mark Springer Award to a club in our Youth Group. Seconded. Discussion and questions. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Joann Cameron spoke regarding lowering standards. Jim Duncan gave her an explanation as to how they were reached and she was satisfied with Jim's explanation. Kenny Emerick said if we want it changed it would have to be presented to Rules. Why the difference of standards between the Youth Meet and JO's? We base it on numbers. DeEtte asked if it worked this summer, and it was reported that it did.

Inez Finch spoke about the USATF online system. Motion that we use the USATF online system as a requirement for the Youth Meet. Those that use paper submit normally. Seconded. Discussion. Bob Flint suggested we have a list of different data entry systems and their cost. Coach "O" spoke on his system and said there were no problems the first year. He charged \$100 for his program. He has donated \$15,000 to Youth and feels that his program should be considered. This item needs to be put in the bid document. This would be for 2008. Questions called. ***9 for – 31 against. Motion failed.*** Linda is encouraging our bidders to use online entries.

Gordon asked if we have a technical committee to facilitate our needs. We do have a committee.

The South Zonal meet has been changed from Louisiana to Tennessee.

Motion made to close out all new business. Seconded. Discussion. ***Motion carried.***

You may pick up applications for Morgan State Officials today.

**Pat Pretty, Coaching Education:**

**Level I** will have available 2-1-06 on DVD for \$250.00. You may get them from the National Office through Tina Kauffman (**Note:** As of late December, Tina left USATF and a replacement is still TBD as of this print date; contact Duffy Mahoney in the interim.) You can do the test in one calendar year via your USATF number online.

**Level II, July 1-8, University of Nevada at Reno.** Gill as one of our sponsors has four pages dedicated to USATF and information on schools will be there. Larry asked about instructors being USATF members and Pat stated this was voted on and that they should be. Kenny asked about the dates conflicting with our Youth Meets. Pat said we are catering to the collegiate coaches and is trying to get other coaches to do the clinics. Let Pat know if you have a site. Laurie feels that we need to get more youth coaches involved. If you have a problem let the Coaches Education Committee know about it. A question came up about sharing the \$250.00 fee for a group. Pat said they will work on that.

Pat then reported on the Combined Events as referee for Youth and JO's. Make sure athletes bring their poles in on the first day. We need viable scales. Make sure poles are okay. Combined events went really well at both meets -- 225 at Indy and 93 at Tennessee.

Coach King commented on his Coach of the year award.

Session ended at 12:00PM

**Session Five – Saturday, December 3**

Meeting called to order at 2:10PM

Quorum present

Inez Finch has asked for a zone meeting after the session.

Outstanding persons from the Associations were read by Nancy Seifert and she will send the list to National Office so that they will be able to send out the Certificates of Appreciation.

Ken Ferguson elaborated on what goes on in L&L and highlighted items he felt we should know about. They need to know what idea the party that submits the L&L is trying to get across to us. We need to be more specific so that he can draft language to convey the idea to the L&L committee when he is called upon to explain. Background checks have been approved. The Grass roots name change was rejected. The residency item #49 the Board rejected saying that they have to solicit all committees including Youth regarding fee raising if and when the decision is made. Item 42 high performance committee selecting the National Team. Agreement reached to table so that the Youth committee can discuss and bring up next year. Frosty mentioned our concern about it. Ken assured us that this is going to be done to be consistent with policies. Any tabled item can be brought up on the floor. He would hope that the committees have conveyed that this shouldn't be done. Linda will keep us updated in our Exec. Committee meetings as she meets with those parties concerned. Lionel said that we had Ken Ferguson in there and he did a good job of presenting the case for Youth.

Linda went over the rules for the bidding procedure. Bidders who have a vote are allowed to vote after the presenters are done. This will be a roll call vote.

Walnut, California (Mt. Sac) will be bidding for the 2007 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship. They gave a 15 minute presentation and a 15 minute question and answer period.

Spokane, Washington will be bidding for the 2007 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship. They gave a 15 minute presentation and a 15 minute question and answer period.

Roll call was done by Nancy Seifert of all voting delegates and Norine Richardson, Bob Flint and Liza Mascrenas will do the counting. Charles Shepherd gave his report on the Athletes for the Disabled. The Government agency committee has withdrawn their funds. They are still in business, but will need help. We need Coaches clinics to get proper training. He gave a list of the various meets that they participate in.

There will be a training session this year. This country has only one person trained for qualifications.

The ballots were counted and Linda announced that the 2007 Junior Olympic Championships will be held in Walnut, CA. Motion made and seconded to destroy the ballots seconded. Discussion and questions. *Motion carried.*

**Ron Williams gave his report for Coaches Advisory:** Terry Crawford is the President. Not much going on as far as Youth is concerned.

- The IAAF hurdle height for Jr. National changed from 42 to 39.
- The recruiting NCAA 2007-2008 signing period will be changed from the first Wednesday in February to the first Wednesday in July.
- Feb 4-7 is a dead period...no contact with athletes.
- August 1st begins contact period.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of December to 1-6 quiet period. Coaches cannot make contact with athletes.
- Jr. Commission has set ages for world youth 15-17, World Jr. 16-19 (male) and 14-19 (female).

**Zone Reps:** Information for 2006 Indoor meets:

Lance Turley, Northeast 2-26: New York Armory  
Lefty Martin, Midwest 2-19: Ada, Ohio. We are trying to rotate next year to Nebraska

Mary Elizabeth Aude, West 2-11: Reno, NV.  
(Darrell and Susan for Mary A.)

Inez Finch, South reported that they are deciding about the dates and will get info out at a later date.

Flyers are available for some of the Zonal Meets and will be on the web site soon. You do not have to go to the meet in your Zone.

Applications are available for the World Youth Team Staff.

Final Session adjourned at 4:25PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Seifert,  
Youth National Secretary