

Mid-Atlantic Association Annual Meeting
October 26, 2005
Severence Room, Villanova University

President Ed Callaham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Forty-nine members signed-in with the secretary as a substitute for a roll call and were given ballots to elect Sports Committee members for the 2006-07 terms.

Elections: Harold Adams invited members to nominate from the floor. There were no additional nominees for the High Performance Committee. Paul Isaac was nominated for the LDR Committee. Daryl Murphy, Marcus Holman, and Andrea Jennings were nominated for the Youth Athletics Committee. Members completed their ballots which were collected and counted by three members of the nominating committee: Harold Adams, Gary Arend, and Carolyn Griggs.

Secretary's Report: Norm Green shared that the minutes for our July 27 quarterly meeting had been posted on the website with copies on the back table. After motion and second, the minutes were approved as distributed. He further stated that informational copies of the Executive Committee minutes from September 28 were also on the back table. He noted that an important task for the evening was to elect delegates (in keeping with the mandated categories of athletes and coaches) to the USATF annual meeting to be held November 30-December 4 in Jacksonville, FL. Norm announced that Mid-Atlantic was accredited for 2005; his written report (copies on the back table and soon to be posted on the website) included dates for the 2006 meetings and noted that we have processed \$2,480 in organizational and sanction revenue through our credit card program.

President's Report: Ed shared that his report is included in the written reports on the back table and featured an expression of thanks to members of the Executive Committee and other committee chairs. He reviewed each one individually noting her/his contribution to the progress made by the association. Ed further noted the importance of the coming volunteers with youth background screening program mandated by USATF for 2007 and hopefully to be implemented by Mid-Atlantic in 2006.

Vice-President's Report: Monique White was absent. Ed said that she wants officials for the Jack Pyrrah meet at Haverford on December 2, and anyone able to help should see him.

Treasurer's Report: Since Harold Adams, treasurer, was out counting ballots, his written report was referenced in which he reported the net worth of the association as \$59,721.13.

High Performance Report: Jim Fischer was absent with his written report included in the reports on the back table.

Long Distance Running Report: Norm Green noted that his written report was included with the other written reports. He stated that the Off-Road Series of six events for 2006 has been confirmed, with nine of eleven Grand Prix events for 2006 now confirmed. He reported that congratulations are in order for Doreen McCoubrie's 3rd Masters finish at the Twin Cities Marathon national masters championship.

Youth Athletics Report: Bill Brasington shared from his written report about the schedule of fall XC events and the indoor series at Lehigh early in 2006. He noted the convenience of having the regional XC event in New Jersey and the national JO XC event in Rhode Island. Bill emphasized the coming youth coaches and volunteers background screening program.

Law & Legislation Report: Mike Hemsley referenced his written report, stating his major work entailed having Mid-Atlantic in compliance with U.S. laws and USATF bylaws and regulations.

Membership Report: Bill Brasington's written report was available on the back table. He stated that we have 2,655 members and 131 clubs. He responded to a question that the only difference regarding New Jersey is that applying members default to the New Jersey Association when applying online. He emphasized the value of adults applying between November 1 and December 31 to receive the 10% discount. He presented the names of new organizations: Chester County Running Store, Nittany Track & Field, Elite Racing—PDR, Steamtown Marathon, and Penn Track XC.com XC Club. All 5 were approved for membership. There was discussion about the proposal to increase the national membership fee. Norm reported that the USATF Board of Directors would be making the decision but has not yet—the adult fee is likely to be \$30, with youth at \$20.

Tellers Report: The secretary read the names of 9 persons elected for each Sports Committee. High Performance: Gary Arend, Louis Coppens, Tony DiSalvo, Joel Dubow, Ray Feick, Carl Grossman, Pete Hirschmann, Durrell Johnson, and Cardwell Wooten III. Long Distance Running: Norman Green, Carl Grossman, Robin Jefferis, Robert Lion, Edward Maher, Jim Marino, Michael McCloskey, Jerry Nolan, and Richard Webb. Youth Athletics: John Barber, Celeste Battle, Bill Brasington, Darlene Castillo, Carolyn Griggs, Malcolm Pace, Jeff Scott, Leonard Scott, and Joel Westman.

Budget & Finance Report: Bob Delambily reported the preliminary 2006 budget is \$98,675 with a final budget to be presented at the January quarterly meeting.

Coaching Education Report: Carl Grossman said the association would host a Level I school March 17-19, 2006 here at Villanova University. He also reported that a Level II school (a week long) would be held at University of Nevada Las Vegas next July.

Officials Report: Ken said his written report was on the back table with major efforts having been expended to recertify officials for the new Olympiad. Approximately 120 have been recertified.

Communications Report: Bill Brasington invited persons at the meeting to complete a communications survey—copies on the back table. Carolyn Griggs announced that the deadline for the next newsletter is November 15. Ron Jackson invited feedback concerning any difficulty in using the association website.

Annual Meeting Delegates: Nominees were: Ray Feick (athlete), Ed Callahan, Ken Yerger, Michael Rohl (coach), Monique White, Norman Green (athlete), Paul Isaac (athlete)[subsequently declined], Malcolm Pace (coach), Shafi Tinsley (coach), with acknowledgement that Jennifer

Rhines (international athlete) may be able to fill that slot. These delegates were elected by acclimation. Mid-Atlantic is permitted to send 14 delegates, so Ed will expand the delegation at Jacksonville depending upon who attends.

Old Business: Norm reported he will try to reserve space and cateress for holding our annual Award Lunch on Saturday, January 21. Although there were questions about a snow date in light of the 2005 experience, he stated that food preparation and rented set-ups make any last minute changes impossible.

Ray Feick reported that USATF Masters T&F is seeking to increase its budgeted resources and congratulated the association on earning the Outstanding Association award at the 2004 USATF annual meeting.

New Business: Paul Isaac asked if the association could have a Sports Psychology Committee to provide athletes this kind of resource. Ed Callahan responded that it will be explored at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary



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Long Distance Running, Masters' Programs, Race Walking, Track & Field, Youth Athletics

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REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY

President's Report

I am excited to be able to report to you that Mid-Atlantic is in many ways in the best shape it has ever been in. For that I would like to thank all of you, but especially our Executive Committee and our Committee Chairs.

Ken Yerger has done a terrific and very time consuming job of getting our officials certified and re-certified for the new Olympiad. Mike Hemsley has begun the process of helping us update our Bylaws. Carolyn Griggs has continued to produce a lovely newsletter for us. Jim Fischer has recommitted himself to High Performance. Bob DeLambily has helped us create the most accurate budget we have ever had. Norm Green continues to provide invaluable services as our Secretary while also running our LDR with one of the best programs in the country. Bill Brasington has done double duty as well while serving as both Membership and Youth chair. Our membership is still strong, surpassing goals set for us by our National office--this despite our having lost Southern New Jersey. Our Youth had a year with many challenges as well as improvements and records. Gary Arend and Harold Adams have been a rock on the financial side of the house. We are financially sound, as well as more modern and efficient. Monique White has served as Vice President, quickly and efficiently doing anything that was asked of her. The most noticeable tonight is our new meeting place at Villanova University. This new location is both attractive and more easily accessible for many members. Villanova, working with Carl Grossman and Mary Beth Bittles, has also made great space available for our Level I Coaching Clinic in March. I want also to thank Earl Williams for his continued friendship and advice. We speak often and I value the time. I can't forget Ron Jackson who continues to do so much with our website www.MAUSATF.org. Without the work of these people we wouldn't be the strong, dynamic association that we are. So while others will report more details, I think we are in terrific shape and poised for another terrific year.

There is one other issue of which I want to make people aware. The volunteers who work with our youth are going to be screened. USA Track & Field is mandating that, beginning in 2007, to be done annually. If we can put a program together soon enough, Mid-Atlantic will begin doing this in 2006. There is nothing more precious to a society than its young. The headlines have shown all of us, all too frequently, that predators are out there watching and waiting for the unlucky and the vulnerable among us. We are going to do our very best to ensure that doesn't happen here. More details will be forthcoming, but our program will be thorough, professional, confidential and effective. I wanted everyone to know about it ahead of time because it may be the most important contribution any of us can make to our sport and our kids and we're going to do it.

Again, thanks to everyone for all your time and effort. We are in great shape because of you and we are going to get better and stronger.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ed Callahan*

Secretary's Report

Minutes for our July 27 quarterly meeting were prepared and were submitted for posting on our Mid-Atlantic website after appropriate approvals. Copies are also available on the back table. Similarly, minutes from the September 28 Executive Committee meeting were posted and are on the table.

USATF national office is waiting for our selection of delegates for the USATF Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL on November 30 to December 4. We can have 14 delegates as long as some fit the mandated categories—4 athletes (one of whom is internationally ranked) and 3 coaches (one of whom coaches high school level). We are also overdue in reporting who will represent this association in the several committees at Jacksonville. I will need this information tonight. Anyone needing registration forms for Jacksonville should also see me.

In August I received the 2004 Association Accreditation Booklet informing us that Mid-Atlantic Association had passed accreditation by meeting 8 of the 8 Required Standards and 9 of the 9 Other Standards as set forth in Regulation 15. Of the 57 associations, 23 failed accreditation this year.

The Executive Committee has set forth meeting dates for 2006 as follows:

Quarterly Meetings: January 25, April 19 and July 26

Annual Meeting: October 25

Executive Committee Meetings: December 21, 2005; March 22, June 28, and September 27. It should be noted that an effort is being made to reschedule all of these meetings one month earlier in order to make it possible to comply with national deadlines for reporting.

In our first year of offering a credit card option (VISA and MasterCard) for paying club memberships and sanction fees, clubs and events generated \$2,480 revenue through this option. Regarding sanctions, we have issued 107 sanctions (PA and DE only) covering 130 events.

*Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green*

Financial Secretary Report

I have nothing to report at this time.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gary Arend*

Vice President's Report

No report submitted.

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High Performance Committee

The High Performance Committee is gearing up for the indoor season. The indoor championship will soon be set and posted on the association web site. We would like to have you get all of your indoor and outdoor events on the Mid-Atlantic schedule so everyone is aware of your meet.

We are also working with the Coaches Education Committee in the planning of the USATF Level I Coaching School to be held in March. They are working on a new site and information will soon be available.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Fischer, chair*

Long Distance Running (LDR) Committee

Our committee met September 12 to review our summer Grand Prix and Off-Road events. It made preliminary plans for the 2006 Grand Prix, inviting the present 11 events to renew their relationship with us. Nine of the 11 have already affirmed their desire to be on the 2006 circuit. We also plan to invite 4 of the present 5 Off-Road events to repeat in 2006 while adding 2 others to make a total of 6. Five of the 6 have confirmed for next year. The committee projects some changes in its Grand Prix and Off-Road scoring rules to encourage more club participation.

Lynn Knothe had a good race at Tufts 10K, female national championship, while Doreen McCoubrie was outstanding at the Twin Cities Marathon, finishing as 3rd masters. Both women had elite racing status, with Lynn going under our AADP support.

Our next LDR committee meeting will take place at Carousel House on Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, chair*

Youth Athletics Committee

The Junior Olympic Cross Country season is here. Our Association Championship is November 6th; there is still time to enter. The Region 2 Cross Country Championship is at Holmdel in New Jersey and Nationals are at Bryant College, Smithfield, RI. Everything is near our Association this year, on the east coast. For information check the website at www.MAUSATF.org.

Plans are underway for the indoor season. The tentative schedule will follow last year's plan, with three developmental meets at Lehigh. Our championship should be held the last Sunday in February. Details, schedules, and final plans will be posted on the website at www.MAUSATF.org and will be posted in the next newsletter.

*Respectfully submitted,
William Brasington, chair*

Law & Legislation Report

The Law and Legislation Committee is an administrative committee of the Association appointed by the president. A major area of its responsibilities is the interpretation and enforcement of the Association's bylaws and to make recommendations on amendments to the bylaws. The Committee is comprised of Michael Hemsley, Jim Aylsworth, and Dave Lukoff.

The Committee has initiated a process to review the Association's bylaws to ensure their conformity with the bylaws and regulations of the national Association and to develop recommendations for amendment based on the Association's practices and experience in applying the bylaws. This process will conclude in the first quarter of next year with proposed amendments being presented for consideration and adoption by the Association.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Hemsley, chair*

Membership Report

We finished the 2005 membership year with healthy numbers from all over the Association. We are seeing interest from the four corners of the association as well as the dense population of the Delaware Valley. We finished the year with 2655 individual members and 131 clubs. 2006 should

be another great year with national championships within driving distance for our youth, large regional meets for adults, and solid certification programs here in our area. We have had an increase in the number of people getting involved with timing, certifying, joining committees to get the work done, and just coming to events to help run the meets. For those interested in getting more involved with shaping the direction our membership is going, and the benefits they receive, you can send email to WBrasington@yahoo.com.

Registration for 2006 begins November 1st. Anyone wishing to renew their membership can do so starting November 1st and receive our early bird discounts. We have a 10% discount for adults joining prior to January 1. Youth also receive discounts for joining early. For information on benefits and joining online, visit www.MAUSATF.org.

The following new organizations have joined with us since our last meeting and are offered for approval:

Chester County Running Store	contact: Kevin Kelly
Nittany Track & Field	contact: John P Schmidt
Elite Racing—PDR	contact: Tracy Sundlun
Steamtown Marathon	contact: Joseph Grady
Penn Track XC.com XC Club	contact: Don Rich

*Respectfully submitted,
William Brasington, chair*

Budget and Finance Committee

No report submitted.

Robert DeLambily, Chair

Coaching Education Committee

No report submitted.

Carl Grossman, Chair

Officials Committee

The Official's Committee has been busy processing re-certifications with approximately 120 recertified to date. A cross country clinic is being held on October 30th at Ken Yerger's office and additional clinics are being scheduled. Notification letters will be going out to the officials certified in the last Olympiad who have not re-certified with a goal to exceed 200 officials within a year. The committee will be looking at ways to better serve meet directors in the northern and central part of Pennsylvania and the state of Delaware.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ken Yerger, Chair*

Communications Committee

No report submitted.

Carolyn Griggs, Chair