

Mid-Atlantic Association Executive Committee
March 22, 2006
Severance Room, Villanova University

President Ed Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members attending were Harold Adams, Gary Arend, Ed Callahan, Bob DeLambily, Norm Green, Mike Hemsley, and Ken Yerger.

President's Comments: Ed noted the death of Leonard Christian, a long-time official in the association. He also referred to the fact that other officials are quite elderly and will need to be replaced in the near future if the association is to have an adequate supply of certified officials.

Secretary: Norm reported that minutes for the December Executive Committee and the January Quarterly Meetings have been posted. On Ed's prompt, Norm reported that he had resigned his positions of USATF Masters Long Distance Running chair and member of the USATF Board of Directors in order to have a bit more "breathing room" to handle Mid-Atlantic Association and USATF Masters Hall of Fame accountabilities.

Treasurer: Harold distributed his report revealing our checking account had \$59,520 and CD's had \$15,128 and equipment was valued at \$3,000 as of February 28. Outstanding checks of more than \$11,300 bring the association's net worth down to \$66,268. In light of previous authorization Harold will purchase the next CD on April 1 in an amount of \$10,000. He was told to use his judgment about the respective interest rates in determining what term to select (12 months or greater).

Financial Secretary Report: Gary said he had no report to give.

Budget & Finance Report: Bob said he had no written report but could state that our revenue is stronger than expected.

President's Report: Ed reported the big task this evening is reviewing the bylaws. The next big task is to gear up for youth coach screening, mandated by national for the 2007 membership year. Finding an agent, determining screening procedures and the policies about remuneration are still ahead of us. The Association needs more officials. Wendy edited and published the first quarter newsletter. Ed shared some USATF triangular logo lapel pins, prompted by Robin Jefferis' appraisal of Ed's pin at the Award Lunch in January.

Officials: Ken reported the Officials' annual meeting took place last weekend with 40 in attendance. Track & Field outdoor season begins next weekend.

LDR: Norm said the 2006 Grand Prix has already completed 2 of 11 events, while the Off-Road Series has held its first of 6 events. The next Grand Prix event will be the Valley Forge Park 5 mile Revolutionary Run, and Norm invited committee members' help in promoting this first-time event, scheduled for April 23.

HP: Gary reported the Association championship had 174 participants at Lehigh, while the East Region championship had taken place at Susquehanna University last weekend with 75. The latter was a very smoothly run event. The Level I Coach's Clinic here at Villanova had 134

attendees. Marcus O'Sullivan, track coach at Villanova, was one of those attending.

Membership: Bill was absent. Norm reported that the Association presently has 1835 members, well ahead of the 2005 pace. We also have 103 clubs/organizations. An additional 30 clubs that were 2005 members have not yet renewed, and Norm noted the May 1 deadline for renewals to avoid a \$100 penalty being imposed by USATF.

Youth Athletics: Bill was absent.

L&L: Mike led the committee through a thorough review of the Bylaws. He noted that the blackline edition from which we were working contained formatting problems due to the conversion from PDF to Word. He promised to clear-up the format before we next see the amended document. Members shared editing suggestions and only a few substantive changes. Ed commended Mike for an excellent job in preparing the Bylaws for consideration.

Unfinished Business: At the last Quarterly Meeting Paul Isaac had proposed that Mid-Atlantic have a Sports Psychology Committee. We agreed that Paul should be invited to prepare a list of duties, a proposed composition for the committee, and the rationale for it to present to this committee at its next meeting. If we authorize Ed to appoint such a committee, it would be a sub-committee under Coaching Education, similar to the Bylaw authorized Sports Medicine Committee.

Mike reported that he had been in contact with Pennsylvania State Police concerning possible implementation of the youth coach screening task. Pennsylvania has a form and \$10 fee per person to undertake criminal background screening.

New Business: Gary asked what our procedure is concerning award of contracts for facilities. The committee answered that historically contracts have been negotiated by committee chairs. The committee agreed that sports committee chairs have contract authority up to the limit set by their approved budget; any contract beyond the budget will require approval by the Executive Committee.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be **Wednesday**, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in this Severance Room at Villanova University.

The committee adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary