

Mid-Atlantic Association Quarterly Meeting
April 19, 2006
Severance Room, Villanova, PA

President Ed Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. A sign-in sheet was passed around in lieu of a roll call.

Secretary's Report: Norm Green stated that his written report was available on the table along with informational copies of the January 25 quarterly meeting and the March 22 Executive Committee minutes. He further reported that since January 1 credit card transactions for individual and club memberships and sanctions have produced \$5,041 in revenue.

Treasurer's Report: Although absent, Harold Adams submitted a written report for 3/31/2006 Net Worth, that showed our checking account on that date had \$76,330, with \$2,132 outstanding checks. We have over \$20,000 in CDs. Net worth is \$97,463.

President's Report: Ed shared his written report. He noted that the association prospers in all areas, particularly noting our financial and membership gains. He emphasized the work of the Law & Legislation Committee led by Mike Hemsley concerning revision of the association bylaws. Our next big issue is the upcoming screening program mandated for youth coaches and volunteers.

Vice-President's Report: Monique was absent, due to a class conflict.

Financial Secretary's Report: Gary Arend said there was nothing to report at this time.

High Performance Committee Report: Cardwell Wootten shared from a written report noting the 5 indoor developmental meets and the association championship indoor meet. The East Regional Masters Championship meet was hosted by our association at Susquehanna University, attended by 75 athletes, and in spite of the distance to the meet, we managed a profit. Durell Johnson has resigned from the HP committee. Cardwell also shared the calendar for the outdoor season. Before Cardwell's arrival Gary Arend had reported that the committee is discussing possible development meets at Millersville University and Bucknell University.

LDR Report: Norm shared from his written report that the next event on our LDR Grand Prix is the first ever official road race in Valley Forge National Historical Park. This Revolutionary 5-mile Run takes place April 23 and already has more than 900 pre-registered athletes.

YA Report: Bill Brasington shared from his written report that the indoor series at Lehigh University achieved record numbers without requiring entrance fees for Mid-Atlantic athletes. Hurdles were an added event this year. The outdoor YA schedule is complete and posted on the association website. The first meet will be held at Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School. The spring season will allow athletes to try all normal track and field events. Bill invited anyone interested in hosting the Junior Olympic Association Cross-Country Championship to contact his committee.

Law & Legislation Committee Report: Mike Hemsley shared from his written report that an early draft of bylaw revisions had been reviewed by the Executive Committee with further amendments suggested for his committee to handle. Mike anticipates the amended bylaws will be ready for the next Executive Committee meeting and can subsequently be reported to the membership for adoption.

Membership Report: Bill shared from his written report. On motion and second, the following new clubs were approved:

Ivy Hill Track Club; Athena Track Club; Deep Six Racing; McGlobal Elite Track Club; Hershey Track Club; Sweat It Out.com; Keystone Runners; G T Racers; Holy Family Track Club; Breakneck Track Club; God's Country Marathon; Paradise Park Run; and Potter Co. Law Enforcement Assn.

Bill reported that the present membership is 1970 individuals and 113 clubs. He anticipates we will reach 3000 this year. To grow beyond 3000, the association must develop the "hinterlands" and provide a program that attracts new cohorts (e.g., race walkers).

Budget and Finance Committee Report: Bob Delambily said his committee has not been active recently. He is still looking for reports from the YA indoor season and the coaching school held at Villanova.

Coaching Education Report: Ed stated that he was very pleased with the turn out for the Level I school. Carl Grossman reported the attendance had been 134, thereby crowding the facility used at Villanova. Marcus O'Sullivan, track coach at Villanova, attended, was a featured speaker, and helped in many ways.

Officials Report: Ken Yerger was absent and provided no report.

Communications Committee Report: Bill Brasington shared from his written report that the first quarter newsletter had been published and invited members to submit articles for the next issue. He reported that a major overhaul of our website is underway, apologizing for any disruptions that occur from time to time in this process. Bill also reported that we have completed the first phase of our online membership registration system that allows us to serve our clientele better regardless of where they live.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was discussion about the track meet delays caused by tying our Finish Lynx system to a single computer. On motion by Gary Arend and second by Bill Brasington, the membership authorized purchasing 2 laptops at a combined cost not to exceed \$2,000. Mike Hemsley suggested that the association needs a policy concerning where its equipment is to be stored, who has access to it, etc.

Jim Aylsworth asked what a Board of Directors does. The response was that we have not implemented a Board of Directors as set forth in the bylaws but let the Executive Committee function in that regard.

He then described issues in regard to Ursinus University and officiating track meets, noting that Bill Donahue and the Emery Track & Field Association will no longer be involved at Ursinus. While most officials at Ursinus are USATF certified, we don't and probably won't get credit for it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary