

Mid-Atlantic Association Executive Committee
September 27, 2006 Public
Severance Room, Villanova University

President Ed Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Members attending were Harold Adams, Bill Brasington, Ed Callahan, Bob DeLambily, Norm Green, Carolyn Griggs, Monique White, and Ken Yerger. Malcolm Pace attended as a guest.

President's Comments: Ed welcomed the members and stated that the newsletter has been prepared and will be in the mail soon.

Secretary: Norm reported that minutes for the June Executive Committee and the July Quarterly Meeting have been e-mailed to committee members and passed to Bill Brasington for posting. He reported the association has been accorded Full Accreditation by national.

Treasurer: Harold distributed his report revealing our checking account had \$64,168 and CD's had \$20,265 and equipment was valued at \$3,000 as of August 31. Outstanding checks were only \$40 to bring the association's net worth to \$87,393. Ken proposed that we shift more funds to a CD. Our next CD comes due on October 1. The committee decided to raise it to \$20,000 and renew for another 12 months.

Financial Secretary Report: Gary was absent.

Budget & Finance Report: Bob reported he is still waiting for Youth and HP requests before submitting a 2007 budget proposal.

President's Report: Ed reported the association is in good shape and getting better.

Vice President's Report: Monique said that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Press Room of the Pavilion building on Villanova's campus.

Officials: Ken reported recertification has been going slowly. We have about 150 certified officials.

LDR: Norm said the Parkway Run held last Sunday has become a "happening" and not a competitive event. Concerned about athlete safety the LDR committee has decided to drop this event from its Grand Prix and will seek another 5km in its place. Carol Hansen Montgomery has volunteered to market event membership, course certification and USATF sanctioning to road races in our Mid-Atlantic area. Norm asked if there would be any objection to holding the Award Lunch on Saturday, January 20. There was none, so he will seek to confirm usual location and cateress for that date.

L&L: Ed reported that Mike is traveling. The committee agreed that the "blackline" of 9/8/06 represents a draft we want Bill to post on the website. Since notification to the members would be less than 30 days before the Annual Meeting, it means action on these revised Bylaws must wait for the January quarterly meeting. [Norm e-mailed the blackline to Bill after the meeting.]

Membership: Norm reported that the Association presently has 2934 members. We also have 140 clubs/organizations. Bill stated that our Internet Provider had installed a significant software upgrade that has “fouled up” our credit card operation. Bill is still working to return full capabilities to that operation, while also working to upgrade our entire website.

Youth Athletics: Bill said that there may possibly be no youth cross-country event this fall since only 40 athletes participated last year, and registrations have been declining for some time. There may be possible hosts in Gettysburg or Mansfield. Another option raised in the meeting was to include youth in the Association 5km championship on November 5 at Belmont Plateau.

Communications: Ed said the newsletter is at the printers.

HP: No report.

Unfinished Business: The committee agreed to rescind the proposed purchase of 2 laptops since no one had come forth to be trained in their use. If users surface in the future, training and laptop purchase can be reintroduced to the budget.

New Business: Nominating Committee report was made by Harold Adams. Since Gary Arend is not permitted to serve as Financial Secretary by regulations of the state (he is a state auditor), that position had no name in the report; Norm proposed that he and Gary shift roles. Harold will ask Gary if that is agreeable with him. As soon as that issue can be resolved, Bill will be asked to post the report on the website. All other officer positions have incumbents standing for re-election unopposed. Nominees for the Officials Committee are: Ken Yerger, Monique White, Ed Callahan, Earl Williams, Frank Palombaro, Joe McGonigle, William Jackson, Douglas Winemiller, Claire Koegler, and Harold Adams. There can be 12 persons elected to the Officials Committee so additional names coming from the floor of the annual meeting may not require a written ballot.

Membership fees are being raised by national. The national Board of Directors got “cute” and has authorized a 2007 fee schedule of: \$19.95 for youth; \$29.95 for 1-year adults; \$54.95 for 2-year adults; \$79.95 for 3-year adults; and \$99.95 for 4-year adults. The association share of these increased fees will be: \$10, \$15, \$27.50, \$40, and \$50 respectively. There was discussion about the impact of increased fees particularly among youth clubs since the national JO meet in 2007 will be in California—a western location for this meet usually coincides with a significant decline in youth and youth club memberships. After extended discussion the committee agreed to set 2007 fees at \$19.95 for youth and \$29.95 for adults, with both fees discounted in November and December by 10% (e.g. \$18 and \$27 respectively). Norm will ask the board at its November meeting to revise its fees to even dollars.

Youth coach background screening has been mandated. Ed and Mike Hemsley have talked with Andy Martin to explore whether we can use an outside agent. Andy has approved that approach, suggesting that Mid-Atlantic has only 45 or 54 coaches. Ed estimated the number, including volunteers, as high as 600. Sterling Testing Systems performs this function for businesses known to Mike and has prepared a \$37.25 proposal, including DWI which will not be necessary. Ed and Mike will secure a new proposal. If Andy can produce another agent option, they will put before our committee by e-mail the alternatives for a decision quickly. Bill suggested the association

create a "Gold Standard Club" status for the clubs where the coach is an association member, the coach has completed at least a Level I school, and involved coaches and volunteers have passed background screening. Such clubs would be identified on our website.

Norm was asked to e-mail the 10 international athletes from this association to determine if any will be at the convention in November so can be included in our delegation. The following indicated that they plan to attend and so can be nominated as delegates: Ken, Monique, Carolyn, Malcolm, Ed, Dolores and Norm Green.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be **Wednesday**, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Press Room at Villanova University.

The committee adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary