

Mid-Atlantic Association Annual Meeting
October 25, 2006
Press Room at Pavillion, Villanova, PA

President Ed Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. A sign-in sheet was passed around in lieu of a roll call.

Election of Officers: Ed asked Norm Green to conduct the election. Norm opened each position for floor nominations; there were none. On motion by Frank Palombaro and second by Harold Adams the nominations were closed and the following slate was elected by acclamation:

President: Edwin Callahan
Vice President: Monique White
Secretary: Gary Arend
Treasurer: Harold Adams
Financial Secretary: Norman Green
Membership Chair: William Brasington

Election of Officials Committee: Norm then opened nominations for the Officials Committee. The name of Tom (TJ) Martino was added to the slate provided by the Nominating Committee. On motion by Ray Feick and second by Joel Dubow the nominations were closed and the following slate was elected by acclamation:

Harold Adams
Edwin Callahan
Bill Jackson
Claire Koegler
Tom (TJ) Martino
Joseph McGonigle
Frank Palombaro
Monique White
Earl Williams
Douglas Winemiller
Ken Yerger

Election of Annual Meeting Delegates: Norm opened the floor for election of delegates to the USATF annual meeting. The list of volunteers was displayed so that voters could see that the athlete and coach categories were appropriately covered. On proper motion and second the following were elected as Mid-Atlantic delegates:

Ed Callahan (chair)
Monique White (athlete and coach, alternate chair)
John Barber (coach)
Ray Feick (athlete)
Dolores Green (athlete)
Norm Green (athlete)
Carolyn Griggs
Larry James (coach)
Malcolm Pace (coach)

Ken Yerger

Ed then welcomed the members to the meeting and began the formal agenda.

Secretary's Report: Norm Green stated that his written report was available on the table along with informational copies of the July 26 quarterly meeting and the September 27 Executive Committee minutes. He further reported that since January 1 credit card transactions for individual and club memberships and sanctions have produced \$13,720 in revenue. However, our credit card vendor has not reported transactions subsequent to August 11—a period that should have generated \$1,910. Whatever “glitch” is behind this discrepancy will be researched and resolved.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Adams shared a written report for 9/30/2006 Net Worth, which showed our checking account on that date had \$64,644, with \$2,741 outstanding checks. We have \$35,200 in CDs. Net worth is \$100,103.

Financial Secretary's Report: Gary Arend said he had no report.

Budget and Finance Committee Report: Bob Delambily asked that committees file their revised requests soon, so he can prepare a final budget report for 2007.

President's Report: Ed shared his written report. He noted that the association prospers in all areas. He thanked the members for their fine work and for electing him to a second term. He reported that the draft of the revised Bylaws is on the website but had been posted too late for action at this meeting; they will be on the January agenda.

Officials Report: Ken Yerger said that certification and recertification continue. Presently there are 150-160 certified officials compared with 230 at the close of the last Olympiad.

LDR Report: Norm shared from his written report that the next LDR Grand Prix event will be Sunday's Radnor Run, while the Off-Road Series will reconvene on November 5 with the Philadelphia Catholic League Alumni 5k XC race at Belmont Plateau. He reported that the Philadelphia Marathon has had a management change with both sanction application and course certification issues outstanding. This week the Valley Forge Revolutionary 5 mile Run, a 2006 first-time event, is in the midst of a management change, with David Broida resigning as race director. Commitment from Valley Forge National Historical Park and the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau remain in place for this event.

Tom McGinley emphasized the strength of the core race committee and event sponsors.

Law & Legislation Committee Report: Mike Hemsley was absent.

Membership Report: Bill Brasington was absent; Norm reported that the present membership is 2947 plus 140 clubs.

YA Report: Bill Brasington was absent.

High Performance Committee Report: Cardwell Wootten was absent. Joel Dubow reported that Philadelphia Masters will hold 5 indoor meets (12/3 Albright College; 12/17 Haverford; 1/7 Swarthmore; 1/14 Albright, and 2/4 Glen Mills). Kyle Mecklenborg noted that it was fine to have the Philadelphia Masters offer these competitions but wondered what the High Performance program is. It is his opinion that Mid-Atlantic needs to offer its own HP program.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ed reported that a nationally mandated program of Youth coach/volunteer background screening is being launched. Mid-Atlantic's Executive Committee has just approved hiring Sterling Testing Systems as our Screening Agent. More information will be mailed soon to guide clubs regarding 2007 membership.

John Barber proposed that Mid-Atlantic enact a Code of Conduct document for clubs and athletes, similar to what Michigan has. He will share copies with Monique and others soon.

Norm reported that the Philadelphia Marathon's new management is seeking certified officials to serve as referee and a jury of appeals. At the close of the meeting, Ed Callahan volunteered to serve as referee [Bob Delambily did also, by e-mail] and Harold Adams, Monique White, and Ken Yerger volunteered to serve as the jury of appeals. He also stated that the next Awards Lunch will be in its usual King of Prussia location with its usual cateress and will be held at noon on Saturday, January 20.

Ray Feick said he is looking for a site to hold the East Regional indoor T&F meet.

Carl Grossman reported for Coaching Education that national has approved Mid-Atlantic for a Level I Coaching Clinic to be held at Villanova March 16-18, 2007.

Kyle Mecklenborg proposed having certified officials with their contact information posted on our website to enhance communication for event directors facing last minute cancellations. Ken Yerger stated that national policy prohibits doing that. It may be possible to post information for those who volunteer to go public. Bill Jackson said that the Officials Committee could use an Assigner of Officials to meet Kyle's need.

[The Executive Committee caucused and selected December 20 for its meeting and January 24 for the next Quarterly Meeting.]

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary