

Mid-Atlantic Association Quarterly Meeting
December 17, 2008
Villanova University Severance Room, Villanova, PA

President Edwin Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting attendance: A sign-up sheet was used for the attendees.

Secretary's Report: Ken Yerger that the Secretary's report was on the table. A copy is attached.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Adams was not present and no report available.

Financial Secretary's Report: Norm Green shared his written report and noted it was in the Secretary's Report.

President's Report: Ed expressed appreciation for the privilege of leading the association for 4 years as vice-president and 4 years now as president and felt it was in better shape than when he started due to working with good people.

Vice-President's Report: Monique expressed thanks for Ed's leadership for the last 4 years and looked forward to providing the association even greater service to its members.

High Performance Committee Report: No report was submitted.

LDR Report: Norm referenced his written report in the Secretary's report, noting the committee had a great year.

Youth Athletics Report: The youth report was in the Secretary's report. Carolyn Griggs reported on behalf of the committee regarding the events that took place at the USATF Annual Meeting pertaining to the youth committee meetings. A copy of her report is attached.

Law & Legislation Committee Report: Mike Hemsley reported the committee had a good year.

Membership Report: Norm Green report was in the Secretary's Report and noted that he had two clubs for consideration. Upon motion and second Race for Recovery and Philadelphia Athletics Charities were accepted for membership.

Budget and Finance Committee Report: Bob Delambily reported that the committee recently met and that Celeste Battle submitted an updated Youth budget and it was included in the budget summary presented. Upon motion and second the budget for 2009 was approved. A copy of the summary is attached.

Coaching Education Report: No report was submitted.

Officials Report: Ken Yerger noted his report was in the Secretary's report and that a clinic was recently held at Penn State with 21 attendees and 7 new officials were trained.

Awards Committee: Norm Green reminded everyone that the Mid-Atlantic Awards banquet was scheduled for January 24th at the American Baptist Center at 12:00 and that tickets were available for \$25/adults, \$20/12-18 yr olds, \$15/<12 yr old.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The dates for the 2009 executive committee were set as February 25th, May 27th, August 26th, and November 18th. The quarterly meeting dates were set as March 25th, June 24th, September 23rd (annual meeting), and December 16th.

A. Monique White again expressed her thanks for Ed Callahan's service over the last 8 years. She also expressed great thanks for Wendy Callahan for preparing the newsletter. All agreed and gave a round of applause in thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Yerger, Secretary

Mid-Atlantic USATF

**SECRETARY'S REPORT
Quarterly Meeting
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Informational copies of the November 6, 2008, November 19, 2008 Executive Committee minutes and the September 24, 2008 Annual meeting minutes are available.

Ken Yerger, Secretary

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Association's Vice-President for the past four years and I look forward in serving the Association in the future as President as it grows and we find new and better ways to serve it members.

A. Monique White. Vice President

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The officials committee continues to certify and re-certify officials in the new Olympiad. An official's clinic was held December 13, 2008 at Penn State University.

Recertification began for all officials (other than those newly certified in 2008) in November. A mailer was sent out to all currently certified officials and those recently certified. As previously noted all officials will be required to be current USATF members in order to maintain their certification as required by the National Committee. Liability insurance will be included at no cost to all certified officials beginning in November.

Ken Yerger, Chair

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT—Q4

Revenues exceeded expenses in 2007 by \$2,811. As of December 14, our income exceeded expense by \$23,859. While some expenses will continue to be recorded by year-end, in general the association's financial health is excellent.

	2007	2007	2008	2008
REVENUE	Budget	Actual	Budget	Rc'vd by 12/14
Administration	49,940	37148.48	24,400	35,600.00
High Performance	22,100	24,207.07	23,000	16,540.36
LDR	21,475	19,804.53	22,900	25,186.91
Officials	5,675	4,671.20	8,300	7,890.57
Youth Athletics	46,050	36,989.60	37,700	37,213.30

Total	\$145,240	\$122,820.88	\$116,300	\$122,431.14
EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent by 12/14
Administration	66,260	53,267.10	42,590	45,085.54
High Performance	16,788	15,077.44	18,350	11,646.92
LDR	17,375	13,605.70	21,000	9,597.02
Officials	4,100	3,503.33	6,700	4,330.83
Youth Athletics	32,400	34,556.17	27,660	27,911.63
Total	\$136,923	\$120,009.74	\$116,300	\$98,571.94

Credit card use in 2007 provided us \$14,655 in revenue at a cost of \$380. To date in 2008, credit card revenue has reached \$15,112, with a cost of \$474. Reporting by officers and committee chairs regarding bank deposits and voucher reimbursements have been improving. I thank one and all for this cooperation.

Respectfully submitted:
Norman Green
Financial Secretary
12/14/2008

LDR Committee Report—Q4

The LDR Grand Prix completed its 2008 season on November 23. The 3 events of that day saw almost 14,000 finishers among the Philadelphia Marathon, Half-Marathon, and Rothman 8k. Our Club Challenge found 11 clubs scoring in one or more events, with 4 of them scoring on all ten race dates. Cash awards will go six deep at our Award Lunch.

The Off-Road series of 7 events was completed on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Six clubs scored in this series, with four of them earning cash awards. While the Off-Road Series features club teams, individuals who excelled across the year will also receive awards in January.

Respectfully submitted:
Norman Green
chair
12/14/2008

Membership Committee Report—Q4

USATF Mid-Atlantic completed the 2008 membership year on October 31 with 2,142 members. We presently have 468 registered for 2009. Youth represented 985 (46%) of the 2008 members and 107 (22%) of the 2009 members. Traditionally youth join just before indoor and outdoor track seasons which explain the smaller proportion at this time of the year.

Clubs and events registered for 2008 were 107. We already have 37 registered for 2009. The

following new clubs have applied since our September meeting:

Race for Recovery (event) Curry Johnson, director

Philadelphia Athletics Charities (event) David Thomas, director

Respectfully submitted:

Norman Green

chair

12/15/2008

Awards Committee Report—Q4

The 19th annual awards lunch has been scheduled for Saturday noon, January 24. It will be held in its usual location: the American Baptist Churches Mission Center in King of Prussia. We have already received 12 reservations for the lunch. Reservation forms are available this evening for anyone wishing to ensure an available seat.

Youth Athletics, High Performance, and Officials are requested to submit award nominees to me by January 9. That date will allow our award supplier to prepare our standard awards before the luncheon date.

Respectfully submitted:

Norman Green

chair

12/15/2008

Youth Committee

Youth Budget proposal for 2009 was submitted to Bob Delambily. Indoor Youth Championship will be held at Lehigh University Rauch Field House Feb 22nd, all youth athletes are welcome. The Youth Committee is now at eleven, please refer to website if want detail on individuals as appointed. Youth Committee is in the process of planning outdoor developmental and Junior Olympic Seasons, I am looking for volunteers to be on planning committees for these events, if anyone is interested contact. Celeste Battle, Youth Chair @ cebattle@msn.com



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This report on Youth Athletics was submitted by Carolyn Griggs, Youth Delegate and was based on information provided during the 2008 Annual USATF Meeting held Dec. 3rd thru Dec. 7th at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, NV.

I. Youth Athletics

1. The membership of USA Track & Field on Wednesday night voted to approve a set of bylaw changes that will significantly alter the size and makeup of its Board of Directors, while increasing the accountability and professionalism of the organization. The USATF Board will be reduced in size from 31 to 15 members. Included in those 15 seats are USATF's elected president; seats nominated by each of six USATF Divisions: High Performance, Long Distance Running, General Competition, **Youth**, Coaches and Officials groups; three seats for athletes; three "independent" seats; one seat for "5E" organizations (groups such as the NCAA, NAIA and others); and one seat for USATF's IAAF Council member. Under the proposal, the new Board would be in place in the coming months. Each of USATF's constituent group with a nominated seat on the Board will provide the Board with three names as potential candidates for their respective seat. A Nominating and Governance Panel, which also will select and/or recruit the Independent Board Members, will choose the Board Members from among the three names listed for each Board seat. This process will ensure the overall diversity, gender equity and competence of the Board.
2. In accordance with a Board directive established over the summer, a **Youth Division** has been created. This is a first, re-establishing the **Youth Committee** to now becoming a separate **Youth Division**. Lionel Leach was re-elected as Chair of Youth Athletics. Darlene Hickman of the Pacific NW Assoc., was nominated as the Board representative for the Youth Division. This new structure for the Nominating and Governance panel will set the new framework for youth regarding policy and procedure.
 - a. **62% of USATF is represented by Youth aged 18 and under**
 - b. **74% of USATF is represented when adding 19 year olds to the equation**
3. **Youth Advisory Group** was formed to identify strictly with **policy, calendar and conflicts**. Ken Haines is the representative that will represent the youth division for the next four (4) years.
 - a. 996,00 athletes in the US that run track and are not members of USATF

- i. **World Youth Qualifier**- every four (4) years there will be a World Youth meet (i.e. takes place in August to be combined of Canadian and US athletes) consisting of 300-400 athletes.
- ii. a dual meet will take place before May 31st to select athletes aged 16 -18 years for a two (2) week meet.
- iii. athletes must have USATF membership and a passport on hand at the meet.
- iv. contracts are in negotiation regarding how this meet/trip will be funded.

4. **Youth Sponsors** – The Youth Division will have two new sponsors, *American Airline and IPICO Sports*

5. **Online Meet Registry** – There will be mandatory on-line meet entry/registering processing for all Youth Association/Regional meets. This is a more efficient manner of registering athletes and as the athlete data is linked with the National database.

6. **Rules Amended as Accepted**

Below represents proposed amendments to the 2008 USATF Rules of Competition and final recommendation to the Rules Committee:

- a. Add a new Rule 261.3 and new Rule 261.4 as follows and renumber:
3. Each athlete who achieves an American Record or American Junior Record in any event recognized for a World Record by the IAAF, or in the 5km Road Race, and excluding the Marathon Relay and the 100km, shall submit to a doping control at the end of the event to be conducted in accordance with IAAF Rules and Procedural Guidelines currently in force. In the case of a relay record, all members of the team shall be tested. The sample(s) collected shall be sent for analysis to a WADA-accredited laboratory and the results sent, as indicated in Rule 26.2, to be added to other information required for the ratification of the record. If such testing results in a doping violation, or if such testing is not conducted, USATF will not ratify this record. The provisions of this rule are effective as of January 1, 2010.
- b. iii. Athletes that have no parent/legal guardian residing in an Association may compete in a bordering Association for 'just cause' with the approval in writing of both the Youth Chair and Membership Chair of both the Association of 'Permanent Residency' and the Association of 'Non-Residency', and placed on file in the National office.
- c. Amend Rule 143.10 Note: as follows
Youth Athletics and road races, except for the size of the name of the sponsor, may vary the overall size of the number bib and height of the numeral.
- d. Amend paragraph (b) of the submission as follows:
(b) In the Association or Regional championship, whenever the number of competitors reporting for an event makes heats, as required in this Rule, unnecessary, the event may be run as a final at the time in the

program so scheduled for the heats.

e. Amend Rule 144.3(f) as follows:

The visible possession or use by athletes of video, audio or communications devices in the competition area. The Games Committee for an LDR event may allow the use of portable listening devices not capable of receiving communication: however, those competing in Championships for awards, medals, or prize money may no use such devices.

II. Criminal Background Screening Processing Update

(Note: Preliminary Information – more details to follow)

Starting on January 1, 2009 USATF will change from a “decentralized” program to a “centralized” program. All coaches/volunteers will submit for their background checks via an *online* platform provided by TCLogiQ.

This change will make for the following:

- wide range of implementation at the Association level
- annual process
- eliminates the association level screening agent who will now serve only as a point of contact
- More secure system
 - ✓ Social Security number no longer on paper
 - ✓ Screening Agents will not be privy to sensitive data on individuals that they must conduct business with (reduced chance of slander or defamation of character situations)

NOTE: All documentation previously held in the possession of the screening agent must be SHREDDDED.

- **COST:** The coaches/volunteers will pay \$8.00 for the online background check process (USATF is subsidizing \$10.00 of each background check); Manual process for background check will cost \$45.00
- More efficient communications to coaches/volunteers on the program
- Logon to TCLOGIQ.com and follow the instructions

III. Region II Meeting

A working lunch discussion took place for all Region II attendees.

- i. Introduction of all Region II Association members in attendance at the Annual meeting
- ii. Association Workshop for Youth Chairs will again be hosted in March 2009

- iii. Discussion of standards for hosting Region II championships: documentation entitled “Region Championships Volunteer Requirement List/Job Descriptions” was distributed. **(Note: Copies will be distributed to all Mid-Atlantic Youth Committee members)**
1. Plan a site inspection with Youth Chairs, Games/Youth Committee members, Regional Coordinators and facilities management to ensure the venue meets all standards.
 2. When Association meets end, please keep regional coordinators informed if there will be a delay in getting results and database advancement file submitted in a timely manner. Note: this causes a disruption in completing meet programs and additional meet staff assignments.
 3. Ensure the following is available for meet management
 - a. 80 working hurdles
 - b. Timing requirements – 3 networked computers (Finish Lynx Competition Elite pkg 32; HyTek 2.0) with internet capabilities
 - c. 2 start sensors, 2 cameras
 - d. 2 laser jet printers
 - e. 2 generators
 - f. j-box Ethernet

IV. Awards

The following individuals from Region II were awarded the following at the 2008 Annual Convention:

1. **U.S. Track Meet Directors Association**
Meet Director of the Year Award: Dave Johnson (Penn Relays)
2. **Junior Women – Catherine Davis – S.E. Pennsylvania AC**
3. **2008 National Youth Chair’s Award - Bob Jackson of Morris Estate T.C.**
The award reads: *“In appreciation of your years of service and outstanding contributions to Youth Track & Field and Cross Country Programs across the United States. Your dedication and support has played a vital role in the development of Youth Athletics.*

Lionel Leach – Youth Chair

Congratulations Bob!

“Recognize the power of a team; no one succeeds alone”.