

Mid-Atlantic Association Quarterly Meeting
June 24, 2009
Villanova University Severance Room, Villanova, PA

President A Monique White called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Attendance was recorded on a sign-in page.

Secretary's Report: Ken Yerger's written report was available on the table along with informational copies of the March 25, 2009 Association Quarterly meeting, and the May 27, 2009 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ken was in Eugene officiating at a national meet.

Treasurer's Report: Norm Green explained that Harold Adams was seriously ill and had requested to be relieved of his duties. Since Norm was the only other viable signatory with the bank, he had been appointed to fill the position temporarily. His written report also was on the table, showing a June 20 Net Worth of \$113, 590.60.

Financial Secretary's Report: Mary Braverman was late arriving, so Monique announced that she had been elected by the Executive Committee to fill this position. Norm presented her written report showing Revenues of \$77,750.75 and Expenses of \$71,324.45 as of June 20.

President's Report: Monique White reported that the Executive Committee is working to build "bench strength" in all leadership positions to ensure continuity and viability of association committees and officer roles. Mentoring by experienced association leaders will be important as we recruit new leadership. We are also seeking proposals for expanding grass roots programming.

Vice-President's Report: Mike Hemsley reported he had been working on our grievance against the national Youth Athletics committee that had taken Mid-Atlantic out of sequence last fall for hosting this year's JO Outdoor Regional Championship. Although hosting that meet is now moot, the principle of this action without due process, notification or opportunity to respond is very important. The previous evening Mike, Monique, and Ed Callahan, past-president, held a conference call with the USATF legal counsel. The grievance has yet to be heard (seriously overdue) yet our position appeared to be favored by the legal counsel.

High Performance Committee Report: Joel Dubow was absent and had not submitted a report.

LDR Report: Norm noted his written report was available in the secretary's report. He reported both the Grand Prix and the Off-Road series were functioning well. The Broad Street Run had reached its limit late on Saturday; Norm opined that runners will need to deal with entry limits in the future, particularly for Broad Street and the Philadelphia Marathon. Dave Thomas described the new 4-event Cross-Country series that starts in West Chester on August 4. Bill Kampf reported that scoring will be for individuals, thereby relieving clubs from mounting teams for a third series. Dave emphasized that the target audience for this series is the post-collegiate athlete. He also shared that a motivation for the series is to generate revenue and interest in restoring the old 5-mile Belmont Plateau XC course. He has been in conversation with Philadelphia Recreation Department leadership toward that end—a plan that will involve area

clubs and many volunteers.

Youth Athletics Report: Celeste Battle distributed copies of her report, stating that we had completed our Junior Olympic series of 4 qualifiers on June 6. South Jersey had 92 athletes advance; Delaware had 84 athletes advance; Wallenpaupack had 62 athletes advance; while Philadelphia advanced 259 athletes from a total entry of 399. The association JO championship on June 13 was held at Kutztown University with 530 entries. From that meet 385 athletes (20 teams and 55 unattached) advance to the Region 2 championship in Jamestown, NY, on July 9-12.

Law & Legislation Committee Report: Mike Hemsley's report was given under Vice President.

Membership Report: Norm reviewed his written report that showed current membership is 2044 individuals and 111 clubs, a small improvement over the comparable date in 2008. Youth (18 and under) now have the majority of members. Norm described his concern arising from a coach registering athletes through national the night before the association JO championship using a VISA card that subsequently failed to be honored by the bank. The 12 athletes had a high level of competition against the best of our association youth athletes at no cost to their club—an organization that has not been a member since 2004. When memberships are purchased through our association website, we know immediately when credit fails. It was almost a week after the transactions before national reported the credit failures. Subsequently 2 of the failures have been rectified.

Norm also noted a long history of bounced checks, most particularly among youth clubs. He proposed that event registration deadlines be set 5 days before a meet and that membership deadline be 2 weeks before in order to allow notification time for USATF national and our local credit card vendor to report credit anomalies. This proposal was discussed and remanded with support to the Executive Committee.

Budget and Finance Committee Report: No report was submitted. Norm stated that Bob Delambily has set August 15 as the deadline for submitting 2010 budget requests.

Coaching Education Report: No report was submitted.

Officials Report: Ken Yerger's printed report was available at the table showing approximately 70 officials have recertified for the 2009-2012 Olympiad.

Awards Committee: Norm had no report.

Old Business: Norm reminded the body that we still need a Membership Chair to replace him. The magnitude of the job is daunting but might be alleviated if Sanction Administrator were again separated. Monique will explore some options in that direction. Norm is also serving as Treasurer only on a temporary basis, while LDR chair will be resolved at the Annual Meeting, and Awards Chair is an appointed position.

New Business: Bill Kampf expressed a concern regarding Joel Dubow's proposal last month to

amend USATF Regulation 7, namely to remove the 90-day unattached period between club transfers. The ensuing discussion revealed no support for Joel's amendment. Mike Hemsley will work on this matter in the L&L committee to bring a recommendation at the next Executive Committee meeting (August 26).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary pro tem