

Mid-Atlantic Association Quarterly Meeting
April 20, 2004
Carousel House Philadelphia, PA

President Earl Williams called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Roll Call: Earl reported that a sign-in sheet on the back table would substitute for a roll call.

Finance Report: Harold Adams reported that assets total \$46,715, liabilities (outstanding checks) total \$2,675, for a net worth of \$44,040. Harold also distributed copies of the proposed 2004 budget, totaling \$76,605; Earl stated that discussion and action would be handled under Unfinished Business. Harold answered a question about interest received on our Money Market account (1%) and was asked if we could transfer some of the \$31,000 in the checking account to the interest-bearing Money Market fund. Earl reminded all that in a previous meeting the treasurer had been given authority to make such transfers.

President's Report: Earl reported that a lot is happening. He has been exploring the possible revival of the Philadelphia Track Classic. He met for five hours with the Budget and Finance Committee to produce the 2004 budget proposal. He said that the association has many programs that "cost" money but also needs to plan events that generate revenue.

Vice-President's Report: None due to Ed Callahan's absence.

Secretary's Report: Norm Green stated that his written report was available on the table along with informational copies of the January 20 quarterly meeting and the March 16 Executive Committee minutes. He reported that we have just received word of a staff opening at the national office for a Youth Programs position; the deadline for response is April 23. A correction to the March 16 Executive Committee minutes was offered, shifting the date of the East regional T&F meet from the last weekend of May to the last weekend of June.

Law & Legislation Report: None due to Ed's absence.

Membership Report: Bill reported that the membership currently stands at 1777 and is more than 400 ahead of last year at this time. Bill listed 8 new clubs (Javelin USA, Ambler Olympic Club, Big Four et al, Trinity Track Club, Runner's Edge, Avalon Yacht Club Road Runners, Trail Dawgs [stet] Athletic Club, and Easter Seals of Southeastern PA) that need approval. Approval was given. There was discussion around the issue that USATF may soon require background checks of club coaches and volunteers who work with youth; Earl proposed that the Membership Committee work with L&L to offer such a policy for national's consideration and Mid-Atlantic's action. The extent of such a policy is the most difficult issue to resolve: background checks on listed coaches is clear; such checks on parents or others who volunteer to take a child home from a practice or meet is much less clear. A check on USATF members is clear; what authority USATF has over non-member coaches or adult volunteers is much less clear.

Norm reported that he continues to work on a membership history project that, when completed, will provide a record of all members in the association since 1989—a total right now of almost

16,000 individuals. Norm has just found the 1991-93 records and is adding them to the spreadsheet.

Strategic Planning Report: None due to Monique's absence.

Coaches Education Report: Carl Grossman said the Level I school held in March was very successful; 62 persons attended from as far away as Seattle. During discussion, the suggestion was made that Carl offer coaching teams for the PIAA coaches' meeting held during the state championship meet.

Nominating Report: Harold said elections will be held this year for officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary), chair of Membership Committee, and 12 members of the Officials Committee. Deadline for submitting written nominations will be June 15.

Old Business: The 2004 Budget was approved as presented.

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary