

Mid-Atlantic Association Quarterly Meeting
January 25, 2005
Carousel House Philadelphia, PA

President Ed Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with Ron Jackson seeking a point of order to congratulate him on his election.

Secretary's Report: Norm Green stated that his written report was available on the table along with informational copies of the October 19 annual meeting and the January 15 Executive Committee minutes. He reported that a sign-in sheet could be found on the back table to report attendance. The Executive Committee authorized Norm to negotiate credit card capability for membership dues, club fees, and sanction payments. The vendor (Innovative Merchant Services) reported approval of our application just eight hours before the meeting. He then listed the meeting dates for 2005 quarterly meetings (April 27, July 27, and October 26) and Executive Committee meetings (March 23, June 22, and September 28) with meeting locations still to be determined. The impact of NJ boundary change that took effect January 1 was discussed by the Executive Committee and will be a topic for consideration under New Business.

Financial Report: In the absence of Harold Adams, treasurer, Norm Green reported that Harold had shared at the Executive Committee meeting our December 31 checking account balance was \$27,013 and our money market balance \$10,582. The Executive Committee asked Harold to "reverse" the ratio of those accounts in order to have more funds earning more interest. Ed said that Harold is working on doing that.

President's Report: Ed said his written report was on the back table. He is excited about being president and is pleased with the membership of the Executive Committee. He reported that Mid-Atlantic had received the Associations Award at the USATF annual meeting last December as the most improved association in the federation. He wants to recruit younger leaders for the association and enjoys the diversity found here. Two issues that hinder our progress will be reported later by Ken (Officials Certification) and Norm (NJ sanctions).

Vice-President's Report: Monique White said her report was also on the back table. Her charge currently is to find a meeting place for association meetings. She expects a response from Villanova within a day or two. She is also writing a column for the newsletter on T&F scholarship opportunities for youth.

Sports Committee Reports: High Performance and Long Distance Running reports were included in the written reports found on the back table. Jim Fischer (HP and absent) noted the upcoming Indoor T&F Championship at Ursinus College on February 26 as well as the USATF Level I Coaching School at Germantown Academy March 18-20. Norm (LDR) reported the new Grand Prix season would start in Wilmington on March 13 with the Caesar Rodney half marathon. There was no Youth Athletics report.

Law & Legislation Committee Report: None, due to the fact we do not yet have a committee chair for 2005-2006.

Membership Report: Since Bill Brasington had a schedule conflict, Norm presented the written report, noting we have already registered 1,175 members and 62 clubs. He presented the names of West Philadelphia Alumni Track Club, Burlington Township Track Club, A.J.'s Elite Track Club, Fast Tracks, University of Delaware, and New Hope-Solebury Community Association as new clubs. On proper motion and second, the 6 clubs were accepted for membership.

Budget and Finance Committee Report: None, due to Bob Delambily's absence.

Coaches Education Report: Carl Grossman also was absent. Ed noted that the forthcoming Level I school was covered in Jim Fischer's report.

Officials Report: Ken Yerger reported that he is the new chair for Officials and has been working with national leadership to overcome problems encountered in certifying (or recertifying) officials for the new Olympiad. Ken said that certification applications required digital photos, so he took a picture of all officials attending the meeting.

Communications Committee Report: Ed said that Ron Jackson and Carolyn Griggs of the committee were present and the committee had been charged to improve the newsletter, website, and publicity through press releases. Ron said that the website was visually improved but still needs functionality improvements. Carolyn said she is working on having the newsletter provide more information under the management of a professional. Ed noted that his wife, Wendy, is producing the next issue and needs more articles submitted quickly.

Awards Report: Norm reported that his committee's written report was on the back table and that the award lunch held last Saturday at the start of the snow storm had 59 of the 124 reservations in attendance. The expedited program was completed by 1:18 p.m.

Old Business: Ed put the 2005 budget on the floor, noting that Officials, LDR, and Youth Athletics expect to file amended budgets by the next meeting. Norm stated that the Administrative section also needs adjustment to gain congruent figures. Ron asked whether the budget is viewed as spending authority or merely spending guidelines. Ed replied that it will be treated as spending authority, with any overages requiring further B&F committee approval. On motion by Ron Jackson and second by Paul Walkovic the 2005 expense budget of \$82,977 was adopted.

New Business: Norm provided background to the NJ boundary issue and the problems encountered since January 1. Mid-Atlantic members living in New Jersey can not register on-line and our member events taking place in New Jersey can not secure Mid-Atlantic sanctions. In light of this situation and the continuing degradation of our service to members and potential members in southern Jersey, and on recommendation of the Executive Committee, Norm moved that the Mid-Atlantic Association authorize its secretary to file a grievance against the USATF Member Services Committee for destroying our obviously successful program (we won the Outstanding Association award last December) and for ignoring the cultural, economic, and socio-political ties of southern Jersey to Philadelphia. Our request in this grievance is to restore joint-jurisdiction, while enabling New Jersey Association to have primary jurisdiction. Ken Yerger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Walkovic reported that NCAA rule books are being ordered at \$7.00 each.

Gary Arend proposed that we seek sanctions for two major Pennsylvania events: Keystone State Games and the Pennsylvania Senior Games.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary