

Mid-Atlantic Association Executive Committee
December 21, 2005
Severance Room, Villanova University

President Ed Callahan called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.(Start delayed due to late finish of the Budget Committee). Members attending were Gary Arend, Bill Brasington, Ed Callahan, Bob DeLambily, Norm Green, Monique White, and Ken Yerger.

President's Comments: Ed attended the USATF annual meeting in Jacksonville and found himself "underwhelmed." He expressed pleasure that Mid-Atlantic has had a good year.

Secretary: Norm reported that minutes have been posted and reports to national filed. He has received the check to pay for our D&O insurance.

Treasurer: Harold was absent due to a family conflict but had filed his report with the secretary who distributed Harold's report. That report revealed our checking account had \$46,298 and CD's had \$15,128 and equipment was valued at \$3,000 as of November 30. Outstanding checks of more than \$17,300 bring the association's net worth down to \$47,049.

Financial Secretary Report: Gary distributed a report of income vs. expense comparing September 30 figures with the association's 2005 budget. Revenue was shown as \$85,183 and expenses as \$73,688.

Budget & Finance Report: Bob reported that the committee had met just prior to our Executive Committee meeting and is recommending the proposed 2006 budget be set at \$116,375. The Executive Committee, in turn, recommends this budget to the membership for approval.

President's Report: Ed stated that all areas of the association seem to be getting better.

Officials: Ken has been trying to get all he can posted on the website. Forms needed by officials can now be downloaded. He was told at Jacksonville that certification chairs a year from now will be able to do their own recertifying online. That will eliminate the significant delays experienced now with one national certifier. The officials annual meeting will be held in March. Ken also announced that Ed Callahan and Bill Jackson received plaques in Jacksonville for their Officials work.

Ed announced that Norm was the recipient of the Horace Crow Jr. Award as the top association administrator of the year. Ed will "re-present" the award at our January lunch.

LDR: Norm said he had distributed the year-end Grand Prix report to more than 300 athlete participants. The committee has chosen its Athletes of the Year and invited Grand Prix and Off-Road awardees to select their merchandise award (options were given).

L&L: Michael Hemsley was absent due to a business conflict.

Membership: Bill reported that membership appears to be ahead of the 2005 pace. With online registrations for clubs, he has been forcing earlier YA membership renewals. Race Walking

needs a program and to be reconstituted as a committee. Norm added that at this moment we have 650 members and 49 clubs already registered for 2006. Norm also reminded committee members that clubs will incur a \$100 national penalty if they wait until after May 1 to renew.

Youth Athletics: Bill reported that things are going well. A group of clubs has been lobbying for an Outdoor Series and is working out the details. While the Indoor Series that offers free entry to member youth benefits individuals, the proposed Outdoor Series will benefit member clubs that participate since they will share in the net proceeds from the series to fund their travel to regional and national meets. Bill proposed that the mandated Crown Award medals for association championships be purchased in bulk and offered to store the inventory. Discussion revealed that HP and YA are the only two committees interested and so will work out that matter together. Background checks must be implemented by October 1, 2006; we still need to recruit the individual who will serve as screening agent.

Communications: Carolyn was absent. Bill said he does not know the status of our overdue 4th quarter newsletter. He further reported that persons using other than Internet Explorer have had problems using our website. He has been working to correct those problems and to make the website more user friendly.

HP: Gary said the committee had met and elected Cardwell Wootten as chair. Mid-Atlantic will host the Eastern Region open and masters championship. They have been trying to develop HP activities in the Allentown to north corridor and the Harrisburg west corridor.

Coaches Education: A Level I Clinic will be held in March here at Villanova.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Ed stated all associations at the Associations meeting in Jacksonville had been invited to contribute \$250 to the Southern Association (Louisiana) that had sustained grievous loss due to Hurricane Katrina. After discussion the committee agreed to make the contribution.

Norm distributed an Association Award history and nominees for awardees that he had received. Association level awards are the Jesse Owens for meritorious service, Frank Percival for outstanding athlete, and Jack Milne award to the outstanding club. The committee reached agreement on the Percival and Milne awards and deferred Owens decision to Ed. Names are not given here since these historically are "surprise" awards. Other awards will be determined by Officials and the sports committees.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be **Wednesday**, January 25, at 7:30 p.m. in this Severance Room at Villanova University.

The committee adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, secretary