

Opening General Session

December 5, 2002

President Bill Roe called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

WELCOME

President Roe welcomed everyone to Kansas City and opened the 24th USA Track & Field Annual Meeting. He said that Kansas City has rolled out the red carpet for USATF to create some special memories for all of us, and we thank the city and Missouri Valley Association for their hospitality. The National Anthem was sung.

The President of the Missouri Valley Association, Shawn Love, also welcomed everyone to Kansas City and to enjoy the hospitality of the Missouri Valley Association and the city.

The dais was introduced. The new USATF mascot was also introduced. This is the first time that USATF has had a mascot. The naming will take place after the Annual Meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Secretary Darlene Hickman took an informal roll and announced that there was a quorum for the conduct of business. Member Services chair, Walter High, verified that information.

Motion: (Emerick, Pacific NW/Springer, Pacific NW) Accept the registrar's report in lieu of an official roll call. **APPROVED.**

MINUTES

Secretary Hickman asked for approval of the minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting as published in the Annual Meeting Minutes Booklet.

Motion: (Emerick, Pacific NW/Springer, Pacific NW) Accept the Minutes for 2001 Annual Meeting in Mobile, Alabama as published. **APPROVED.**

Those who have died this year were observed. The necrology was flashed on the screens.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Roe spoke about this year's Annual Meeting theme, memories. He spoke of a memorable year including the success in forging a three-way partnership with Los Angeles and the IAAF to place the 2006 World Cup in southern California. He issued a challenge to all, especially to those who were Association presidents and committee or council or task force chairs. Roe challenged them to plan with their group about how they could be productive all year long. There is more technology at our disposal today, than any other generation in history.

Throughout his report, Roe introduced the 12 President Award winners, given annually by the current USATF president to USATF figures who have made notable contributions to the organization and the sport. This year's 2002 President's Award winners were:

Long Distance Running Committee Chair Jerry Crockett; former Official's Committee interim Chair Finn Hansen; outgoing Athletes Advisory Committee Chair and two-time Olympian PattiSue Plummer; new Rules Committee Chair John Blackburn; Masters Committee Chair George Mathews; Associations Chair Alan Roth; USOC Athlete Representatives and Olympians Sandra Farmer-Patrick and Andrew Valmon; two-time Olympic gold medalist and athlete activist Gail Devers; strategic advisor David Morey; Mountain/Ultra/Trail Committee Chair and World Mountain Running Association treasurer Nancy Hobbs; and Penn Relays Director and track and field historian Dave Johnson.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ed Koch, Treasurer and Jim Elias, CFO, announced that the current fiscal status was sound and the 2002 revenues exceeded expenditures in the published report.

NOMINATIONS

Robert Langenbach, nominations chairperson, read the candidates for the following offices: IAAF Council Member: Robert Hersh; IAAF Delegate: Dr. Evie G. Dennis, and Russ Ebbets; IAAF Committee member—Cross Country/Road Running, Anne E. Timmons; IAAF Committee Member—Masters: Charles R. Desjardins and Rex J. Harvey; IAAF Committee member—Medical Committee: Dr. C. Harmon Brown; IAAF Committee Member—Race Walking Committee: Bob Bowman and Gary Westerfield; IAAF Committee Member—Technical Committee: John C. Blackburn, John C. Chaplin and David Katz; and IAAF Committee Member—Women's Committee: Dee Jensen.

LAW & LEGISLATION REPORT

Chair Jim Murphy deferred to the report in the published booklet.

IAAF COUNCIL

Robert Hersh, IAAF Council member, referred to his report and the upcoming Congress meeting in Paris at the World Championships.

USATF FOUNDATION

Foundation President, John McArdle presented the plan to the Opening Session membership. McArdle noted that it was exciting to see this idea implemented. He said that the Foundation would serve as a wonderful vehicle to expand involvement in our sport. The USATF foundation is committed to: Youth, Elite Athletes, Officials, Coaching and Track & Field Facilities. There are many levels of giving opportunities and donations may be directed toward a specific program.

CEO REPORT

Craig Masback, CEO, announced that the theme of this year's Annual Meeting is about honoring the past, paying tribute to the present and celebrating the opportunities lying ahead in the future. Masback noted that we lost too many people this year as was seen by the necrology list and so many people close to all of us. Many of those who passed this year were track and field pioneers, innovators who created opportunities for others and who made it possible for USATF to be where we are today. He pointed out that in 2002 revenues exceeded expenditures for the fourth straight year, as the USATF debt continued to shrink. Membership has increased 20% since 2000, and the 2002 Associations Workshop was the best ever, in terms of both attendance and content, as member benefits increased. Masback noted the many on-track successes of our American Athletes. In looking toward the future, he referenced the newly adopted Strategic Plan, which emphasizes four key initiatives: to build the USATF brand by promoting the sport and its stars; to identify and support the stars of the future; to promote excellence in coaching; to grow USATF resources; to promote youth fitness and physical education; and to continue USATF's position of leadership in the fight against drugs in sport.

The assembly was recessed at 10:40 AM.

Closing General Session

December 8, 2002

President Bill Roe reconvened the delegates at 9:40 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

The Secretary, Darlene Hickman, took roll and she announced that a quorum was present.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

President Roe introduced the dais. Roe then thanked all members for an outstanding job throughout all the committee meetings and this Annual Meeting.

REPORTS

CREDENTIAL REPORT

Chair Walter High gave his report that there were no credential issues at this time.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chair Walter High announced that of the original list of 20 Associations, there are three Associations that due to procedural issues have had their voting rights suspended for the 2002 Annual Meeting: West Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming. The associations will be contacted about the specific procedural issues & documents after the Annual Meeting.

ELECTION REPORT

Ruth White announced the results of the IAAF elections:

Bob Hersh for Council Member
Evie Dennis for Delegate
Anne Timmons for Cross Country/Road Running Committee member
Rex Harvey for Masters committee member
Dr. Harmon Brown for Medical Committee member
Bob Bowman for the Race Walk committee member
David Katz for the Technical Committee member
Dee Jensen for Women's Committee member.

Motion: (White/Boyajian) Destroy the ballots from the IAAF elections. *APPROVED.*

SITE SELECTIONS

Race Walk Chair, Dan Pierce, announced that the Pan American Cup for the 50K will be in Tijuana, Mexico and the 20K will be at Chula Vista, CA.

USATF FOUNDATION

President Roe was extremely pleased to announce that over \$150,000 was received in donations to the Foundation from only 40 donors. He will still be collecting any other donations through the recess of this session.

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT

Budget Committee member Curt Clausen presented the report including the proposed 2003 Budget. Motion (Emerick, Pacific NW/Springer, Pacific NW) Accept the budget report. The motion was *APPROVED.*

LAW & LEGISLATION REPORT

Chair Jim Murphy presented the report for approval. Motion (Bob Springer, Pacific NW/Emerick, Pacific NW) Accept the Law & Legislation report. *APPROVED.*

COMPETITION RULES REPORT

Bob Blackburn, Rules Chair, presented the report. Motion: (Hersh, Metropolitan/Emerick, Pacific NW) Accept the Rules report. *APPROVED.*

RECORDS REPORT

The Records Chair, Basil Honikman, presented the Records Report for approval.

Motion: (Berkompas, Pacific NW/Linnerud, North Carolina) Accept the report as presented. *APPROVED.*

CHALLENGE

New Jersey Association board member Andrew Boyajian challenged all Associations and clubs to come together and work as a USATF community to build for the future.

ANNUAL MEETING SITES

The USATF Annual Meeting sites through 2006 are:

2003 – Greensboro, NC

2004 – Portland, OR

2005 – Jacksonville, FL

The 2006 site had 25 cities bidding for the honor. Fresno, CA and St. Louis, MO were serious contenders. Fresno, CA will host the 2006 Annual Meeting from Nov. 29th through December 3rd, concluding on Sunday.

SAVINGS RESOLUTIONS

Secretary Hickman read the customary Savings Resolution for the good of the order:

- ÿ that USA Track & Field approve the acts and actions of the national officers and the Board of Directors from the previous year,
- ÿ that the standard bank resolutions be approved for opening, closing and changing signatures on bank accounts and signing notes; and
- ÿ that such resolutions are made an official part of the minutes.

These resolutions were *moved, seconded and approved* by voice vote without dissent.

CLOSING

President Roe announced that we have two retiring chairs, PattiSue Plumer from AAC and Carol McLatchie from Women's Long Distance Running. He thanked them for all of their time and energy and work in their committees for USATF.

Roe also extended his thanks for those who voted for him to receive the Giegengack Award. He expressed that this was one of the rare times that he has been speechless.

CEO, Craig Masback, thanked Shawn Love and his association members for all of their efforts during this Annual Meeting. The Missouri Valley Association set a new standard of excellence for the Annual Meetings to come.

At this time Masback brought up the USATF staff to be introduced and acknowledged their hard work all through the year. The applause was overwhelming.

A motion to adjourn was called for by President Roe, received, and seconded by half of the assembled delegates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Hickman
USATF Secretary

Board Of Directors

Audit Committee

Present: Curt Clausen Ed Koch, Bill Nault, Mary Stroud and Ken Taylor.

Guests: Lindon Carter (Open Session), Bill Roe, David Greifinger and Jim Elias.

Staff Support: Gina Miller called in.

NEXT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING (PROBABLY A CONFERENCE CALL) MAY 8,9,10, OR 11, 2003.

Agenda 1: Jim reviewed the January 1 through October 31, 2002 financial statements. It appears that USA T&F will exceed their budgeted 2002 Net Income of \$200,000.

Agenda 2: Earnst & Young will complete their actual audit work applicable to the 2002 financials around mid-April, 2003.

Agenda 3: USOC will audit 2002 payments sometime during the summer of 2003. They audit every other year.

Agenda 4: The Committee, in closed session, reviewed six probable Conflict of Interests (COI) questionnaires. Letters will be sent to those members, who have conflicts that explain what their responsibilities are under the COI Policy.

The Committee also discussed and revised several procedures:

The Committee will review all completed COI questionnaires and, when applicable, write corrective action letters for USA T&F Counsel, David Greifinger to sign out with CC's to Bill Roe and the Audit Committee Chairperson Pete Rhinehart. Any proposed changes to the letters must be discussed with the Audit Committee.

All proposed changes to the COI Statement must be discussed with the Audit Committee prior to Board approval.

Pete and Gina will establish the calendar for the 2003 COI distribution.

The Committee also discussed what steps were needed to obtain the three missing COI questionnaires. Jim and David said they would find the members and have them sign the forms.

(Pete made a side note to clarify "Nominal Value")