

MINUTES FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING
OF MISSOURI VALLEY ASSOCIATION

ROLL CALL MEMBERS

Ken Ferguson-President (KC Flyer); Edward Thomas-Membership Chair (KC Extreme); Garen Stacey-Member (Lawrence Track Club); Vanessa Ferguson-Member; Melissa Gore-Secretary (Olathe Express); Wayne Armbrust-Race Walking Chair & Sanctions Chair; Fawn McDougald-Member; Forika McDougald, I, Youth Chair (Track N Field United); Forika McDougald, II-Member; Kesha McDougald-Athlete; Denise Simmons-Treasurer (Elite Express); Rhonda Birdsong-Official & Screening Agent; Lance Lenard- NEK Track Club; CJ Lehnlen-Athlete (NEK Track Club); Alan Posiner-Master Race Walking Chair (Heartland); Michele Goulsby-Official

1. Credentialing: The Membership Chair, Ed Thomas, verified eligibility of members claiming voting privileges. Credentialing was done when members walked into the meeting. The Membership Chair, Ed Thomas, required member complete a sign in sheet on every table, after which membership numbers were checked against the national office list.
2. Minutes 2007 Annual Meeting: Copies of the minutes for the 2007 Annual Meeting have been available at the Missouri Valley Association's web site. All members present at the meeting were given copies of the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting. Wayne Armbrust moved to accept the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting. The motion was second by Forika McDougald. The motion passed with unanimous consent of members present.
3. Report of President
 - a. Status of Association. Before presenting the Association's Strategic Plan, the President encouraged Association members present to reach out to the local track & field community and share the Association's commitment to providing members the highest level of service.
 - b. Association's Strategic Plan. The Association's Annual Strategic Plan was developed through the work of each Sport and Administrative Committee. To accomplish each Committee's Strategic Plan for the upcoming year, each Committee Chair will work to increase member participation in the work of the Association. The Association's Strategic Plan includes the following Annual Plan of the following Committees: (1) The Communication/Media Annual Plan call for improving the Association's web site, making it more user friendly; (2) Membership Committee goals for increasing membership within the Association and will work to fulfill the its goal of becoming a service driven Association; (3) Officials Committee revealed plans to improve service to officials by first providing at least two officials certification clinics, which will be posted at the Officials Committee's web page at the Association's web site. The Committee will also survey officials to determine how the Association can best meet their needs; (4) The Youth Committee will also seek to increase memberships by providing more access to clubs and unattached athletes and other members to current information on track & field and cross country events, including national and international competitions; (5) The Coaches Education Subcommittee will provide a total of two Level I Coaching Clinics during the 2008-2009 Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field season. Details will be posted on the Association's web site; (6) The Race Walking Subcommittee will seek to provide Race walking Certification

Clinics and will seek promote national and local race walking competition opportunities for youth through masters; (7) The President will establish a Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Ethical Standards that will examine and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on a plan to develop ethical standards for clubs, unattached athletes, coaches and parents; (8) The President will establish a procedure for identifying members interested in taking on leadership roles within the Association and will appoint such members to vacant Committee Chair positions.

- c. Accreditation Association. The President informed the Association that it must adopt Bylaw Amendments that will provide grievance and removal procedures that are consistent with USATF's National Bylaw. The Association will also submit its annual plant to the national office.
 - d. Strategic Business Initiative. The President presented the Association's Strategic Business Initiative to form strategic business alliances with local and Association businesses, universities and sports organization to advance the mission of the Missouri Valley Association, including establishing an Association Office.
4. Bylaw Amendments. After review of all Bylaw amendments by the President, Wayne Armbrust moved to adopt the bylaw amendments. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Ferguson. The board and members voted unanimously to adopt the bylaws as amended.
 5. 2009 Cross Country Championship. The Missouri Valley Cross Country Championship is schedule for November 22, 2008 as Rim Rock in Lawrence, Kansas. The Association will need volunteers for the championship. There will only be online registration for the Missouri Valley Cross Country Championship. The online registration is up on the Missouri Valley Association's website.
 6. Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs. Each subcommittee submitted its Strategic Plan to the President which was reviewed during the President's report.
 7. Roll call of clubs for election purposes was completed to determine whether a quorum of 10% of member clubs were present. After the roll call, the credentialing committee determined that 30% of the Association's Club members were present, including the following: Heartland Race Walk, KC Flyer, Olathe Express, Elite Express, Lawrence Track Club, NEK, KC Extreme, and Track & Field United. There were eight clubs present.
 8. Elections
 - a. PRESIDENT: The nomination of Kenneth Ferguson for president was submitted by Wayne Armbrust and seconded by both ED Thomas & Forika McDougald. Nominations were closed by motion of Ed Thomas and seconded by Wayne Armbrust. Wayne Armbrust called for the vote. Kenneth Ferguson elected president unanimous vote of members present.
 - b. VICE PRESIDENT: Rhonda Birdsong nominated Michele Goulsby for Vice president and Denise Simmons seconded the motion. The nominations were closed for Vice President after motion by Ed Thomas, which was seconded by Denise Simmons. After unanimous vote, Michele Goulsby was elected Vice President.
 - c. SECRETARY: It was moved by Denise Simmons and second by Kenneth Ferguson that Melissa Gore be nominated for the Secretary of the Missouri Valley Association. The nominations were closed by motion of Denise Simmons and second by Ed Thomas. After unanimous vote, Melissa was elected the Association's Secretary.

- d. TREASURE: Vanessa Ferguson nominated Denise Simmons for Treasure of the Association. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Birdsong. Nominations were closed by motion by Ed Thomas and second by Forika McDougald. After unanimous vote, Denise Simmons was elected the Treasure.
 - e. SANCTION CHAIR: Denise Simmons nominated Wayne Armbrust the position Sanctions Chair. The motion was second by Melissa Gore. After motion to close nomination was made by Ed Thomas and second by Denise Simmons, the nominations were closed. After unanimous vote, Wayne Armbrust was elected the Sanction Chair.
 - f. Several Chair Committees still remain open. The Association voted to post the open Committee Chair on the Missouri Valley website. Forika McDougald suggested and the Association voted to put the description each Committee Chair position on the web site. The Association voted that a form be placed at the website for members interested to fill out. The Association also voted to give Kenneth Ferguson authority to appointed members to serve as chair of each vacant committee.
9. Delegates for Annual Meeting. Delegates to the annual meeting were being approved and additional delegates will be appointed by the President.
 10. The Association's Background Screening, Rhoda Birdsong, presented her report. The report is attached to the minutes and was accepted by the Association.
10. Adjournment.