

**Missouri Valley USATF Annual Meeting
October 8, 2006**

Emporia State University

Minutes

Introduction: Members attending: Mark Stanbrough, President; Wayne Armbrust, Racewalk Chair; Susan Melgares, Membership Chair; Cliff Wiley, member; Ken Ferguson, Law and Legislation; Gilbert S. Castillo, member; Jack Nelson, member; Bill Badura, member; Ryan Turner, Coaches Education Chair, Lashone Thomas, member; Edward Thomas, member; Sonja Garrett, member

President's Opening Remarks and Report: Mark reported the highlights of the year, including the 2006 Region 9 Jr. Olympic Track and Field meet held in Lawrence, and a bid by the Missouri Valley Association to host the 2011 USATF National Conference in Kansas City.

Minutes were approved from 2005 annual meeting.

Mark listed the current open positions: secretary, youth chair, cross country chair, sanctions chair, masters chair, elite athlete chair.

Committees to be formed are: membership, youth, track and field, cross country, and long distance running.

Membership: Susan reported that the 2006 membership count is 909, up from 753 in 2005 and 653 in 2004.

Mark mentioned the fee increase for USATF membership, beginning on Nov. 1, 2006 will be \$19.95 for youth and \$29.95 for adults. There was discussion over how that will affect clubs and how it will benefit our members.

Youth: Mark presented a summary of meets hosted by the association.

He suggested we form a championship committee to look into future policies for online entries, timing companies and entry payment only by cash or money order.

Racewalking: Report by Wayne Armbrust

Officials: There are 74 current certified officials. Kevin Robinson is the new Officials Chair. Former problems are being straightened out by Mark.

LDR: Road race championship series did not go over well in 2006. Promotion is seen as a very important component for future success.

Sanctions: Still needing a chair. One advantage for USATF is that RRCA cannot insure events at Corporate Woods since they cannot insure for over 2 million dollars.

Webpage: Any information to be posted may be sent to webmaster, Pat Melgares.

Coaches Education: Ryan Turner reported that there were 58 students at the Cowley County Community College Level 1 Coaching School in June. 56 of those were Missouri Valley USATF members. This was the first Level 1 school to be completely online.

Ryan suggested that ideally, the location of coaching schools should be moved around, with future possibilities including Salina, Hays, Emporia, and UMKC.

The next Level II school will be in Chicago at Loyola, University in the summer of 2007.

National Meeting: The USATF National Conference will be held in Indianapolis from Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2006. We need 8 delegates from the MV association and 7 people have offered to attend.