



MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 9, 2010

ANNUAL MEETING OF MISSOURI VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Attendees

Present

President - Ken Ferguson (KC Flyers)
Secretary - Monica Joannes
Treasurer - Mark Jones (KC Flyers)
Membership - Edward Thomas (KC Extreme)
Youth Chair - Forika McDougald (Track N Field United)
Sanctions & Racewalk - Wayne Armbrust
Masters Racewalk - Alan Poisner (Heartland)
Men's Track & Field Chair - Derrick Peterson
Women's Track & Field Chair - Cliff Wiley
Disabled Athletes Chair - Terri Jones McMillan
Officials Chair - Greg Miller
Communications Chair - Andy Gilmore
Member - LaShone Thomas (KC Extreme)
Member - Kelley Harmon
Member - Vince Bingham
Club Representative - Angela Peth (Velocity Track Club)
Club Representative - Lance Lenard (NEK)

Absent

Vice President - Michele Goulsby
Coaching Education Chair - Vince DeGrado

Credentialing

The Membership Chair, Ed Thomas, verified the eligibility of members claiming voting privileges by confirming each member had a current 2010 membership with USATF.

Change of Annual Meeting Date

The President, Ken Ferguson, informed the members in attendance that the 2010 Annual Meeting was held on the second Saturday of October was not in accordance with the Association's bylaws. To meet the 30 day notification to the Association's members as stipulated in the Bylaws, the 2010 Annual Meeting was held on the second Saturday of October. The President requested the members in attendance to ratify the change in the annual meeting date from the first Saturday of October to the second Saturday of October to comply with the 30 day notification requirement. Vince Bingham moved to ratify the change in Annual Meeting date for the 2010 meeting. The motion was second by Forika McDougald. The motion passed by unanimous consent of members present.

Report of the President

Status of the Association

Ken Ferguson informed the attendees that the Greater Wichita Sports Commission, Wichita State University, City of Wichita, and Missouri Valley USATF Association submitted a bid to host the 2011 Junior Olympics Championships in Wichita, Kansas during the 2009 USATF Annual Meeting. The bid process at the 2009 USATF Annual Meeting was recapped for those in attendance. The bid was approved. All parties involved with hosting the 2011 Junior Olympics are meeting periodically to continue to plan the event.

With hosting the 2011 Junior Olympics, Missouri Valley will host Region 16 for Missouri Valley Youth Athletes to qualify for the 2011 Junior Olympics. The Region 16 meet will be held during the second weekend of July 2011. This is an advantage for Missouri Valley Youth Athletes to qualify for the Junior Olympics by competing against only the Association's athletes rather than athletes from four Associations at a Regional meet. The sub-bantam age group will be added to the 2011 Junior Olympics.

With the additional income for the Association in 2011 due to hosting the Junior Olympics, Ken has a sports law intern researching the necessary laws and regulations to create a permanent foundation to provide a leadership skills development grant. The goal is for the Foundation to function as a separate entity with its own revenue sources.

The Association is looking into hosting other USATF events within the Association. The President will keep the board and members informed of future USATF events scheduled within the Association. During 2010, a new USATF Outdoor Track and Field meet was held in Wichita, Kansas. The Association is in discussion with Springfield, Missouri and Jefferson City, Missouri USATF Clubs to host an outdoor track meet in 2011.

The Missouri Valley Association will be working with the Ozark Association to hold an Outdoor track meet in Moberly, Missouri on June 11-12, 2011 at Moberly High School.

The Grand Prix Indoor Series will be held again in 2011. The Association is in the process of updating the website with meets, locations and dates for the Grand Prix Series and all events for 2011.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Mark Jones, informed those in attendance that the Association had a \$3,600 gain as of October 9, 2010. Membership and sanction fees account for a significant portion of the Association's revenues. Mark is working to improve our accounting records through the use of Peachtree Accounting software. During 2011, he will work with the Committee Chairs to better record the revenues and expenses by Committee. The financial goal in 2011 will be to set up a cash reserve. The budget for 2011 was presented to those in attendance. The budget did not include an increase in revenues and expenses for hosting the 2011 Junior Olympics since this is a significant one time event. The budget was presented using more historical data.

Committee Reports

Memberships

The Membership Chair, Ed Thomas, presented to the attendees that as of September 30, 2010 the Association has increased by 54 members. This increase was attributable to an increase of 68 Adult memberships, which is comprised of athletes, officials, coaches, etc, as compared to prior year memberships at September 30, 2009. The Youth memberships had a decrease of 13 memberships using the same comparison.

To assist the membership with verifying youth athletes age, Ed present to the attendees an option for obtaining an eFax number for parents to fax copies of documents to verify the youth athlete's age. Vince

Bingham moved for the Membership Chair to research options to obtain an eFax number. Ken Ferguson modified the motion that the Membership Chair to work with the Association's Treasurer before making a financial decision impacting the Association. Forika McDougald seconded the motion as amended. The motion as amended passed by unanimous consent of members present.

Officials

The Officials Chair, Greg Miller, reported on the status of matters relating to the Association's Officials. Two Officials Certification Clinics are scheduled in November - (1) Wichita State University on November 6 and (2) Kansas University on November 21. Applications to work the 2011 Junior Olympics in Wichita, Kansas are available online at the Missouri Valley USATF website and USATF National website. Applications were also handed out to Officials at the 2010 Junior Olympics in Sacramento, California. The Association will need approximately 160 USATF Certified Officials to work the 2011 Junior Olympics. The Official Committee will be reaching out to neighboring Associations and coordinating with Officials who work the Missouri and Kansas High School State Track meets.

Disabled Athletes

Terri McMillan-Jones, the Disabled Athletes Chair, reported on the Mid-America games held during the first weekend of May in the Association. Disabled Athletes includes ambulatory and wheelchair athletes. This committee continues to find opportunities for Disabled Athletes competitions.

Youth Committee

The Youth Committee, Forika McDougald, reported that he is looking for more involvement from the USATF clubs in the Association. Kelly Harmon volunteered to join the Youth Committee to assist Forika with better coordination and involvement from the USATF clubs.

Sanctions

Wayne Armbrust reported that 55 events have been sanctioned to date. Fees range from a minimum of \$50 to \$300 depending the number of entrants in the event.

Racewalk Chair

According to Wayne Armbrust, Chair of the Race Walk Committee, 2010 was a great year for race walking in the Missouri Valley Association, led by Patrick Stroupe, a former collegiate walker from our Association who performed at a very high level at the National level.

Things got off to a great start on January 19 at Missouri Valley College Indoor Meet in Marshall, Missouri. This meet is perennially one of the best non-championship indoor race walk events in the United States. Patrick Stroupe, many time NAIA Indoor and Outdoor Champion and a 2007 graduate of Central Methodist University, won the men's 3000 meter walk in the fine time of 11:57.81 over Peter Muldoon of Central Methodist by way of Ireland. Stroupe's time was an easy qualifier for the USAF Indoor Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 27. A total of six men and women qualified for the NAIA Indoor Championships on March 5 in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Next up was the 3000 meter walk at the University of Missouri All-Comers Meet on February 20, which doubled as the Missouri Valley 3000 meter Indoor Race Walk Championship. Patrick Stroupe was again the winner of the men's race, improving his time to 11:52.03, which was the fastest time of the year in the US at the time. The women's race was won by Emily Hansen of Concordia College in Nebraska.

On February 27 at the USATF National Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Massachusetts, Patrick Stroupe finished second in the men's 5000 meter walk with a time of 21:19.90.

Dan Martin of Missouri Valley and Patrick Muldoon of Central Methodist competed at the NAIA Indoor Championships in Johnson City, Tennessee, on March 5.

On April 11 in Ronkonkoma, New York, Patrick Stroupe won the 20K USATF Team Trials for the IAAF World Race Walk Cup held May 15 and 16 in Chihuahua, Mexico. The time of 1:32:10 for the Central Methodist grad was a personal record.

The CMU-Asics Invitational at Central Methodist was held on April 9. This meet also doubled as the USATF Missouri Valley women's 3000 meter and men's 5000 meter Outdoor Race Walk Championships.

At the IAAF World Race Walk Cup on May 15 and 16 in Chihuahua, Mexico, Patrick Stroupe was the only Team USA finisher in the men's 20K event with a time of 1:32:74, a sixth place finish.

At the USATF Championships in Des Moines, Iowa on June 27, Patrick Stroupe finished third in the 20K walk to Olympians John Nunn and Tim Seaman in the time of 1:34:54. Unfortunately, Stroupe injured himself a few weeks before the race and was not at his best.

On August 15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Patrick Stroupe won the USATF National 15K Race Walk Championships.

Although the quality of several of our walkers, particularly Patrick Stroupe, is quite high, our numbers, especially among women, are quite low. Additionally, we need to keep more of our athletes competing after college. Especially critical is the development of more Race Walk Judges as some of our Missouri Valley events were in jeopardy because of the difficulty of securing Judges. There are eight NAIA schools within the Association that have collegiate racewalkers. The Association should look to continue their involvement in the sport by either competing post-collegiately and/or becoming Race Walk Judges.

Masters Race Walk Chair

The Masters Race Walk Chair, Alan Poisner, provided the following update at the Annual Meeting.

This report reviews activities and race results from 2010 and two reports from 2009. The Masters racewalkers in our area are mostly represented by the Heartland Racewalkers (HRW), a USATF affiliated club based in Overland Park (Alan Poisner, President). We promote racewalking locally, regionally and nationally to youth, open and masters racewalkers.

National Races

The National Senior Olympics are held only in odd number years, so the report from 2009 may have been omitted. The Heartland Racewalkers sent 10 members to Stanford in August (2009) and came away with 2 Gold medals, 2 Silvers, 1 Bronze and 2 Ribbons (1500 meters and 5K races). The age divisions of our members ranged from 50-54 to 90-94.

Huntsman World Masters Games (October 2010): Fred Adams won two Gold medals (1500 meters and 3000 meters).

Local and Regional Races (2010)

- Heartland Athletic Services Indoor-Overland Park: (March 13): 6 athletes picked up 9 Golds and 2 Silvers (1-mile and 3K).
- St. Louis Senior Games (May 30)-St. Louis: Two Golds (1500 meters)
- Heartland Athletic Services All Comers Outdoor-Overland Park (June 5) 4Golds and 2 Silvers (1600 meters and 3K)
- Missouri State Senior Games-Columbia (June 11): 6 Golds and 2 Silvers (1500 meters)
- Missouri Valley USATF Outdoors-Liberty (June 12): 3 Golds and 1 Silver
- Iowa Senior Games-Des Moines (June 19): 4 Golds (1500 meters and 5000 meters)
- Heartland Athletic Services Outdoor-Overland Park (June 26): 3 Golds (1500 meters)
- Sunflower State Games-Topeka (July 16): 3 Golds and 1 Silver
- ShowMe State Games-Columbia (July 17 and 23): 3 Golds and 1 Silver
- Kansas Senior Games-Topeka (Sept. 26): 10 Golds and 5 Silvers; 4 new Senior Games records

The races listed above do not include the many local road races that have a racewalking division. These are not sanctioned events because of the lack of judges. But the participation by racewalkers does promote the sport and increases our membership. We have a good relationship with the Kansas City

Track Club and receive recognition from them. We have also helped a couple of youth racewalkers who have participated in USATF-sponsored races.

Clinics and outreach

One report that was missing in 2009 was the appearance of a book on racewalking addressed mostly to seniors: *BoomerWalk*, by Brent Bohlen of Springfield, IL. There are several pages on members of the Heartland Racewalkers as role models for racewalkers, including our two 90+ year old walkers.

HRW presented racewalking clinics to the Kansas City Track Club and to the Kansas City Express women's group. We also gave demonstrations to the Johnson County Parks & Recreation 50+ group.

Dave McGovern World Class Racewalking Clinic (Aug. 6-8). HRW sponsored this weekend clinic that featured Dave McGovern and Loretta Schullein McGovern (nationally ranked racewalkers and coaches). There were 22 individuals attending from 5 Midwestern states. This was the second time that he had presented a clinic in this area. Previous clinics have been presented here by other national coaches and athletes including Jeff Salvage, Ray Funkouser, Debbi Lawrence and Carolyn Kealty. HRW will continue to sponsor clinics for local, regional and national walkers.

HRW continues to respond to inquires from prospective racewalkers who follow our homepage. Several have been from the Wichita area where there no longer appears to be any organized instruction. Also I have had inquiries from walkers in out-state areas in Kansas and Iowa. We should explore ways to bring these people into USATF sponsored events. There also needs to be outreach to youth USATF clubs.

As a result of the Masters Race Walk Chair's report, Ken Ferguson, USATF President, recommended that the board entertain a motion to create a group to organize a race walk clinics for athletes, coaches and officials. The following individuals volunteered to be a member of this group: Cliff Wiley, Alan Poisner, and Wayne Armbrust. It is recommended to include someone from the Youth Committee and Milan Donnelly, University of Kansas. The motion was moved by Wayne Armbrust to create a group to organize educational race walk clinics. Cliff Wiley second the motion. The motion as amended passed by unanimous consent of members present.

Communications

The Communications Chair, Andy Gilmore, commented that improvements continue to be made to the Missouri Valley USATF website. The Association is using both Facebook and Twitter to communicate with members and to distribute event notices and other information. The Twitter account was added during 2010. Links to both Fan pages are included on the Association's website.

Similar to 2009, the Association saw its highest traffic volume on dates after the Grand Prix series and Championship during the 2010 indoor track season. The goal in 2011 will be to begin distributing a newsletter to the Association's members.

Elections

The Board of Directors voted to fill two positions during 2010, the Treasurer by appointing Mark Jones and the Secretary by appointing Monica Joannes. A special election was held to fill the unexpired portion of the term of both the Treasurer and the Secretary by the above Mark Jones and Monica Joannes. Vince Bingham moved that Mark Joannes and Monica Joannes are elected to serve the remaining term by acclamation. The motion was second by Wayne Armbrust. The motion passed by unanimous consent of members present.

The following positions were open for election during the 2010 Annual meeting: (1) Men's Long Distance Running Chair, (2) Women's Long Distance Running Chair, and (3) Men's Elite Athletes Representative. For the Men's Elite Athletes Representative, Ken Ferguson presented to the voting members Derrick Peterson as a nomination. Cliff Wiley motioned to elect Derrick Peterson as the Association's Men's Elite Athletes Representative. The motion was second by Wayne Armbrust. The motion passed by unanimous consent of members present.

Discussions then moved to Rose Richmond as the Women's Elite Athletes Representative. Motion was tabled as the Membership Chair was unable to confirm a current USATF membership.

The Chairs for Men's Long Distance Running Chair and Women's Long Distance Running Chair remained open at this time. Discussions included potential nominations from the floor for individuals who were not in attendance at the annual meeting. The Board will need to inquire with the potential nominations if they would be able and willing to fill the position if present to the Board.

Awards

The President would like to create an awards committee to recognize the achievements and leadership for all athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and administrators in the Association. The awards would be awarded on an annual basis in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Vince Bingham nominated Kelly Harmon. In addition, the following individuals volunteered to be on the Awards Committee - Lance Lenard, Cliff Wiley, Forika McDougald, Terri McMillan-Jones, and Dennis Weber. Rich Ludwig would be contacted as the Officials representative on the Awards Committee.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.