

# USATF OHIO ASSOCIATION

Semi-Annual Meeting  
Sunday, February 3, 2008 --- 10:00am --- 3:00pm  
**Spring Hollow Lodge – Westerville, OH**

**Attendance:** Karen Krsak, Linda Melzer, Kountez Moore, Fritz Spielman, Duane Gosa, Lloyd Martin, Harold Martin, Eric Fruth, Matt DeLeon, Vince Peters, Brian Stephens, Carolee Stephens, Tara Storage, Matt Lydum, Elinor Tootle, Len Krsak

**Secretary's Report:** Linda Melzer  
Minutes from previous meeting were available for all present. One correction was noted, and then approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Fritz Spielman  
General Fund ----- Checking \$9545.74                      Investment ---- \$37,413.68  
Youth----- Checking \$6797.49                              Investment ----\$16,672.05

**Membership:** Kountez Moore  
The totals for 2007  
Youth ----- 1163                              Adults ----- 490  
Club members ---- 58                              Sanctions ----- 123  
Multi-year club memberships    2009 – 2              2010 – 1  
Totals as of 2/1/08  
Youth ----- 140                              Adults -----208  
Club members ----- 10                              Sanctions ----- 1

**Youth:** Fritz Spielman  
Ohio received a \$500.00 stipend from the National Office. We were given a choice of six items. The board voted to purchase a tent. The cost of the tent was \$600.00. We put \$100.00 of our funds with the stipend and purchased a tent.

Ohio Association Indoor Championships will be held at Ohio Northern University on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Open & Masters in the morning – Youth in the afternoon. On-line registration thru the National Office or thru mail to Jim Engel.

Jim Engel is now Region 5 Coordinator – A Region 5 Youth Guide and Operating Procedures has been developed. Region 5 rotation is:  
2008 --- Michigan                      2009 --- West Virginia                      2010 --- Kentucky  
2011 --- Lake Erie                      2012 --- Ohio

Approved at the Annual Meeting --- The rotation is based on each association having at least 75 athletes competing in region or providing \$1000.00 to the host association each year.

Changes to Region Meet:

- 1) Two day meet --- run by events not age groups
- 2) Three events for sub-bantam (100, 400 & 1500)
- 3) Events with preliminary rounds, eight fastest to final

4) In Bantam, Midget and Youth --- 16 athletes may participate in 2008 Ohio Association Outdoor Championships:  
Trotwood-Madison High School, Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Combined Events, Steeplechase and Hammer Throw:  
will pass all athletes who sign-up for the Region Meet.  
JO Cross Country Meet --- Kansas --- 2500 athletes ----weather bad ----  
Not enough hotels and hotels changed the prices.

**Criminal Background Check:** Brenda Martin

2007 – Background screening report ---

Youth Clubs ----- 24                      Coaches/Volunteer ----- 85

Passed background screening

2008 – To date:              Youth Clubs ---5              Coaches/Volunteers/Officials 16

Youth Clubs will not be fully accredited without having cleared background screening.

It's mandatory all persons involved in youth USATF must be cleared with a background Check. Write checks to Ohio Association --- cost \$8.00 / include application.

**LDR:** Matt DeLeon & Eric Furth

Ohio Association is pleased to have Matt and Eric as our new LDR Chairs.

Their experience speaks for itself. They; as well as; 1130 competitors took part in the USATF National Club Cross Country Championships, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at the Voice of America Park, West Chester, Oh.

**Officials:** Len Krsak

Ohio Association currently has 264 Certified Officials

Association 179 ----- National 39 ----- Master 46

Females 69                      Males 195

Re-certification begins for the New Olympiad after the completion of the 2008 Olympic Games. Fee for this Olympiad is \$50.00 --- (\$12.50 per year) USATF receives \$15.00 of the fee, remainder is used for association expenses.

Officials clinic was conducted at Capital University, January 27<sup>th</sup> . The clinic was attended by 67 officials.

At the conclusion of the clinic the remainder of the 2007 annual officials awards were presented. The John Davis Humanitarian Award, given at the USATF Annual Meeting, was presented to RON ALTHOFF by NOC Awards Chair, Gordon Bocoock. Ron was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

**Race Walk:** Vince Peters:

High School Race Walking is now on the NFHS web-site. Race Walking is also included in the NFHS Rule Book. Vince wrote a letter to High School athletes about Race Walking in college. Pointing out, what it takes to be a collegiate walker, what colleges are looking for Race Walkers, background information on scholarships, and other contact persons in Race Walking. The 21<sup>st</sup> Jack Mortland Racewalks 5k – 10k – 20k will be held Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton, OH --- The North Region USATF 20k Championship Men & Women --- and Ohio Association 20k Championship Men & Women will be held in conjunction with the Jack Mortland Racewalks.

**Lloyd Martin:** Vice President, is in the process of establishing a back-up plan/on line system. If a officer/chair is incapacitated in any way another member can proceed with their duties without any disruption of service.

**Matt Lydum:** Coaches Education/Outreach – We had two Level 1 schools in our Association this past December –  
Our Youth Camp will no longer be sanctioned. It was proposed we have localized workshops to expose clubs to the events not contested in the NFHS program. Local college coaches could serve as presenters for the workshop.  
USATF has begun dialog with the Youth Committee to find an effect way to educate the youth coaches. The current set-up is geared for college coaches.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Melzer, Secretary