

**USATF Three Rivers
Minutes of Annual Meeting – 2007
Washington & Jefferson College
September 23, 2007**

Board Members in Attendance:

President - Frank Rodenbaugh
Vice President - Linda Phelps
Secretary - Eric Cottle
Treasurer - Bruce Schifino
Membership - Cindy Long
Officials - Bruce Long

Youth Chair - Tonja Stevens
Youth Cross Country –
Men's and Women's Track - Mark Schwartz
Long Distance Racing (LDR) - John Harwick
Race Walk - Michelle Labash

Meeting was called to order by Frank Rodenbaugh at 2:13 p.m.

President's Report – Frank Rodenbaugh

Mr. Rodenbaugh discussed how the Association gains accreditation by USATF. Among other things, the Association must conduct and hold annual meetings, have official certifications, provide sanctions, and hold championship events. Mr. Rodenbaugh stressed the importance of sending in post-report sanctions in order for the event sponsors' sanctions to be complete. It was also discussed that sanctions must be turned in for youth meets at the annual youth meeting. It was discussed that in 2007, the Association issued 78 sanctions, which is in line with the 70 to 90 sanctions per year average.

Secretary's Report – Eric Cottle

Mr. Cottle read the minutes from the 2006 annual meeting. (See attached minutes.) The general body approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Schifino

Mr. Schifino reported the balance in the Association's main checking account as \$50,584.39. Amount in the Money Market Account is \$46,647.62. There was discussion with regard to obtaining a higher interest rate for our Money Market Account. The treasurer's report was approved by the general body.

Youth Report – Tonja Stevens

Ms. Stevens reported as follows: The Association is hosting the regional meet this year at Carnegie Mellon University. Presently, Ms. Stevens is negotiating with officials from Carnegie Mellon and she will continue to update the board on her progress. Ms. Stevens indicated that a youth meeting will be scheduled in October or November 2007 for the youth clubs to pick their meets for 2008. With regard to the regional meet, there was discussion regarding the host hotels being located in Downtown Pittsburgh. All sanctions must be paid for on the day of the youth meeting. The youth committee is contemplating a festival/banquet that will kick off the meet. There was discussion regarding the coaches' meeting being held aboard the Gateway Clipper. Ms. Stevens asked for volunteers to serve on the youth banquet committee.

Background screening checks will be done by TCI Logistic. This information will be provided online and directly to TSI.

Ms. Stevens discussed the recent tragedy involving Tyron and Tyrel Hill. A day of healing is being contemplated. The youth committee, as well as the Penn Hills School District and Gusuta Football League is planning a day of healing in honor the Hill family.

There was discussion from the general body regarding security at the hotels for the regional track meet. It was also agreed that \$1,204 would be transferred from the main account to the youth account. This is with regard to expenses for prior youth banquet.

Masters Open and Masters Report – Mark Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz reported that the senior games will be held at Carnegie Mellon. At the 2007 Open Master Games, 30 to 40 individuals registered and reported in Open Masters Division. Mr. Schwartz discussed new standards for Junior Olympics and Olympic trials.

Long Distance Report – John Harwick

Mr. Harwick reported on the Brookline Breeze Championship Series.

Officials' Report – Bruce Long

The Association has 72 certified officials, which represents 13 more than in the previous year. Mr. Long discussed changes to the new rule book, and also reminders for upcoming meets on April 5, 2008 and the PAC Championship Meet held at Washington & Jefferson College. Officials are also needed at Robert Morris for the NEC Outdoor Championship. Dates will be provided.

Mr. Long also discussed officiating opportunities for the Association championship and regional championship in 2008, and also reviewed the 2007 fall cross-country championship. Mr. Long requested officials to work the Association championship, and encouraged the general body for participate.

Membership – Cindy Long

Ms. Long reported that there are a total of 1,809 members of which 1,472 are youth, and 337 are adult members. There were 1,419 youth clubs and 35 youth clubs registered. New clubs included the Y-Spirit and Allegheny North.

Secretary's Report – Linda Phelps

Ms. Phelps reported on the following subject matters: changes to the Bylaws, one new provision involving dispute resolution, specifically arbitration provisions, challenges, filings, delays, and appeals with regard to dispute resolution. Ms. Phelps reviewed the changes to the dispute resolution and also referred the general body to the changes that are reflected in the Bylaws, which can be found on the Association's website. The amendments to the Bylaws were passed by the general body.

Elections - The results of the annual elections are as follows:

President	<i>Frank Rodenbaugh</i>	Youth Chair	<i>Tonja Stevens</i>
Vice President	<i>Linda Phelps</i>	Youth Cross Country	<i>Willy Cook</i>
Secretary	<i>Eric Cottle</i>	M&W Track	<i>Mark Schwartz</i>
Treasurer	<i>Noel Webb</i>	LDR	<i>John Harwick</i>
Membership	<i>Cindy Long</i>	Race Walk	<i>Michelle Labash</i>
Officials	<i>Bruce Long</i>		

New Business

Oronde Shariff (Nadia Truck Club) presented an idea for a travel committee. Mr. Shariff presented a detailed proposal (see attached proposal). In sum, the proposal requests the creation of a national rewards grant financial aid program for any Three Rivers Association athlete who has declared and advanced to the USATF Junior Olympics for Track and Field and Cross-Country. There were spirited discussions with regard to how to implement this program. It was decided that an exploratory committee be formed setting forth specific guidelines which will be presented to the board sometime in the early part of 2008.

Old Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.