

USATF BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL
Monday, November 21, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Stephanie Hightower, Ken Taylor, Kim Haines, Deena Kastor, Philip Dunn, Jeff Darman, Bob Hersh, Steve Miller, Elizabeth Phillips, Aretha Thurmond, Willie Banks, Darlene Hickman, Larry James

Absent: Dr. Evie Dennis

USATF Staff: Mike McNees, Gina Miller, Jill Geer, Benita Fitzgerald-Mosley, Norman Wain, Lynn Taeger

Meeting opened with a quorum present and started at 5:08 p.m. (EST)

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Stephanie Hightower

The Board received resignations on Thursday, November 17, effective immediately, from Board Members, Jack Wickens, Vice Chairman and Steve Holman. Board is actively looking for new members. Spoke in detail about the direction the board should be taking going forward. Hightower discussed the possibility of a Board of Directors retreat in early January. She is open to suggestions for meeting format.

Hickman discussed the nomination process for new board members. The definition of an independent member is: Someone who is not really considered one of the USATF family. For example, people on the foundation that are not a chair or not on committees or in a position of power. People on the outside still interested, still involved if they want to be.

Further discussion will take place in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Stephanie Hightower

Hightower asked for agenda item additions or issues for the Board of Directors meeting in St. Louis.

L. James - Trademark issues and resolutions: Mosley-Fitzgerald spoke about the strategy discussed moving forward with regards to trademark issues and an agenda for annual meeting. Hersh and McNees will give an overview of IAAF rules as it relates to uniforms and USATF. McNees will stress that we are open to dialogue and want to hear input and come up with a strategy to resolve issues. Shoe companies will discuss their overall strategy and speak about their issues related to athlete contracts and the restrictions thereof, looking for a question and answer format.

Spoke about a post meeting to reach a compromise/agreement to implement by 2013.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 5:55 p.m. (EST)

NOVEMBER 21, 2011 MOTION SUMMARY:

No motions were raised during this meeting.