

2016 USATF Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL
Youth Division – General Session
December 1, 2016

Start time: 11:28

- Tricia Myers opened meeting
- Motion made for Latonya Salley-Sharif to be made temp secretary from Three Rivers Association
 - Motion seconded
 - Call for discussion was made
 - Constituents wanted to know who Latonya Salley-Sharif is and from what Association
 - Kenny Emerick explained what was happening and why a motion had to be made to conduct the Youth Meeting. The meeting could not proceed without a secretary to record official minutes.
 - A vote was called by paddle to accept the nomination
 - The vote passed by paddle majority
- Cindy Long reported -we have a quorum
 - Motion to accept 2015 Annual Meeting minutes
 - Call for discussion was made and vote called
 - Motion called for “I” vote – motion passed
- Meeting put on hold for parliamentarian to enter meeting and ensure that it proceeded in an orderly fashion and in accordance with governance mandates.
- Meeting reconvened at 11:44
- Thomas Johnson – Alumni Association of US Track and Field
 - Criteria for membership – National Team Participation, Olympian
 - Request was made for information to provide information about possible members
 - Purpose – to ensure that speakers are available to share information about life after Olympics and Track and Field
 - December 3, 2016 there is a Health and Wellness Fair
 - Team competitions

Tim Win – Professional Parliamentarian

- Explained process of meeting under Robert Rules of Order
- Vote by acclamation – unless by-laws specifically say otherwise, if only one nomination that nominee is elected
- Vote against a single nominee is only done by nominating another candidate

Candidate speeches

1. Vin Lananna – University of Oregon – Associate AD and President of Tracktown USA
 - a. Spoke of the various programs (youth) and how audience impacts all of them

- b. Concerns have been shared with over the past few months
- c. A voice for all constituents
- d. To be a strong and vocal voice for USATF
- e. Spend first 100 days meeting with as many people to learn the issues
- f. Plans to be assessable
- g. Came through USATF NY
- h. We should be listening to how the organization can help make the events the best that they can be and has spent time learning what those things are
- i. Will keep the athletes first at all times
 - i. **Question** – If you are elected how you do hold USATF accountable to the youth?
 - ii. **Answer** – It is not an us vs them and it is not about me (Vin). In the first 100 days Vin will look into the issues by meeting with people to attack issues 1 at a time.
 - iii. **Question** – Eric Weaver – has the concerns about the voting paddle and what it means because of the process. The process is in place and when there is a disagreement it should be discussed and determined whether vote really counts. What is our guarantee to ensure that his vote counts?
 - iv. **Answer** – Vin agreed that the vote should count and that majority rules
- The vote that Mr. Weaver was speaking of was a recommendation – the speaker (Sam) was called out of order
- Tricia will step down for the candidacy process due to a conflict of interest
- Rubin Carter stepped in to lead the nomination process
- Nominations for Youth Division Chair
 - j. Matthias Wicks
 - k. Tricia Myers
- Motion made to close nominations
- Motion seconded and paddles called
- Motion to close nominations called and opposed
- Motion passed
- Candidates announced
- Executive Vice Chair nomination called for and opened
 - a. Kenney Emerick
 - b. Quentin Wilson
- Motion made to close nominations
- Motion seconded and paddles called
- Motion to close nominations called and opposed
- Motion passed
- Candidates announced
- Nominations called for Executive Vice Chair of Operations
 - o Jim Engle
- Motion made to close nominations
- Motion seconded and paddles called
- Motion to close nominations called and opposed
- Motion passed
- Candidates announced

- Jim Engle is automatically elected
- 2. Nominations called for Executive Vice Chair of Administration
 - a. Deon Keaton
 - b. Dave Skeleton
- Motion made to close nominations
- Motion seconded and paddles called
- Motion to close nominations called and opposed
- Motion passed
- Candidates announced
- 3. Nominations for Executive Division Secretary
 - a. Carolyn Griggs
- Motion made to close nominations
- Motion seconded and paddles called
- Motion to close nominations called and opposed
- Motion passed
- Candidates announced
- Carolyn Griggs is automatically elected
- Rubin Carter announced positions and candidates for each office
- Rubin Carter announced the two positions claimed by acclamation
- Tricia Myers returned to podium as meeting leader
- We must make some decisions about things that must be handled in new business and all personal matters must be excluded
- Kenny Emerick made a motion to add new items as meeting proceed
- Motion seconded
- Call for discussion
- Call for vote and motion passes
- Kenny Emerick and Pat Pretty – rules
- Sept 1 was deadline for rules submissions
- 54 items were submitted and a call for discussion was made
- 300 Rule items
 - Item 32 – remove words track and field to keep in line with cross country
 - Motion made to accept item 32
 - Motion seconded and call for discussion
 - Call for vote by paddle
 - Call for opposed votes
 - Motion passes
 - Item 33 – no action taken
 - Item 34 – to add 25 lb weight throw for boys ages 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 lb weight throw for ages 15, 16, 17, 18
 - Motion made to accept item 34
 - Motion seconded and call for discussion
 - Call for vote by paddle

- Call for opposed votes
 - Motion passes
- Item 35 – decathlon for girls 15/16 and 17/18 but not contested at National Junior Olympics
 - Motion to accept
 - Call for discussion
 - Clarity called for about meets the event will be excluded
 - A call for an amendment to exclude the meet from Hershey National meet
 - Motion was seconded and a call for discussion
 - The amendment was accepted by the person who submitted the item
 - Becca provided background information about why she is proposing the addition of the event
 - Becca sites the lack of opportunity for girls to compete in the decathlon and made a call for support girls and women to compete in the event
 - Curtis Beech of NM - male Multi athlete spoke in support of girls competing in the decathlon and called for support of girls
 - Melinda Own of Montana- female athlete made a call for support of girls in decathlon
 - Arlena Dickerson of NM– disagreed with the motion because despite competing in the national meet the athlete must choose between the hept and dec
 - The multi events are 1 event and if a girls wants to do pole vault allow them to do so
 - Vote by paddle called
 - Majority voted and motion fails
- Item 36 – high jump warm up
 - Motion made to accept rule
 - Motion seconded
 - Call for discussion
 - The rule was added because of the number of athletes and pit limitation. We now have 2 pits and the events run faster than in the past – call for support of the rule change
 - Call to question
 - Call for vote by paddle
 - Motion passes
- Item 37 – language removal from rule (taken care of in previous rule change)
- Item 38 – rule 302.5t – this is a request to clear up the language of coaching athlete from outside of competition area
 - Motion called to accept the item
 - Motion seconded
 - Call for discussion
 - Bonnie wanted to change 1 word “and”
 - Kenny remarked that they adjusted the writing because it needed to cover viewing video
 - Pat explained that you can talk to your athletes and or coaches but cannot view video (not even from the coaches box)
 - Call to question

- Motion was made to temporarily table to the motion
 - Motion seconded
 - Call for vote and vote accepted
 - Call to open motion back up
 - Seconded and passed
 - Discussion resumes – person read from
 - Rules 300 are for exception to youth
 - National JO and other championships are set up differently and the rules impact the events
 - Call to question
 - Call for vote by paddle
 - Motions fails
- Item 39 – rule 302.6 (refers to the girls decathlon)
 - Call for discussion
 - It would have to be offered at the association level because it was offered to the boys
 - Discussion about making it easier for officials – allows for boys and girls to compete together for the event
 - discussion was made about replacing the hept for girls with dec for girls
 - Call to question
 - Call for paddle vote
 - Motion fails
- Item 40 – indoor championships (how they are conducted, but not qualification process)
 - Zones must be identified
 - Qualifications must be established
 - Motion was made to amend legible to eligible
 - Motion was made to amend the 15, 16, 17, 18 age group - automatically waived into the meet (high school meets are contested at the same time)
 - The amendment was accepted
 - The limit is questioned due to facility size and numbers permitted in exceed the lanes
 - Call for question
 - Motion called to paddle vote
 - Item passes
 - Item Kenny Emrick requested that the national committee allow him to make necessary changes to this item during the year without delegation formality
 - Motion called to vote
 - Motion seconded
 - Call to paddle vote
 - Motion passes
- Item 42 – withdrawn
- Item 43 –
 - Motion to accept
 - Call for discussion
 - Team scoring vs individual scoring is not clear using current language
 - Numbers will decrease for the group and penalize athletes

- Two ways to qualify for nation XC: associations or by way of regional meet
 - The numbers do not decrease for either age group
- Clarity was asked about how many teams advance (5)
 - Call to question
 - Call for vote by paddle
 - Motion passes
- Kenny Emerick will make the youth recommendations to the national rules committee

Tricia Myers – notes that the session is complete

Asked that youth pay attention to the schedule and will ask that the schedule be run according to a rolling schedule and delegate selections will be in the second half of the meetings

Meeting concluded at 1:14