



GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONVENTION
August 25, 2007 - 9:00 AM

I Meeting called to order at 9:40 am.

II PRESENT – 57 members present through the voting of the By-Law changes; 71 members present through the voting of elected officials; four youth athletes and family members were present as guest.

III President's Welcome – President welcomed everyone to the 2007 annual convention. He announced how well the youth did during the Youth World Championship. There were 14 medals for athletes from the USA, of which 9 were Georgia athletes. Both the coaches and athletes have a lot to be proud of.

IV Two items of business to be addressed during this convention: 1) voting on two By-laws packets, 2) voting to elect the Executive Committee.

V Acceptance of minutes

Discussion - question was asked why the 2006 minutes stated that the Masters Chair did not give a report. The Secretary explained that the statement meant that no verbal report was given, but a written report was made available to the general membership.

Motion made to accept the minutes from the August 20, 2006 Annual Convention; motion seconded; all in favor - 57, opposed – 0, abstain – 0; Motion to accept the 8/20/06 Annual Convention minutes passed.

VI Committee Reports.

A Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer had an emergency and was not present to give a report. The President stated that the Association is still solid financially. The increased membership fee brought in extra revenue. The Association currently has a Budget & Finance (B&F) committee, chaired by Duncan McGregor, which provides another set of eyes on the Association's finances by reviewing bank statements.

Discussion – General membership asked what happened to the 2006 Treasurer's Report that was supposed to be posted and can the B&F committee give a report. Bob Briar, member of the B&F committee, explained that the committee only reviews budgets. It is not responsible for preparing a Treasurer's Report.

The President stated that the Association currently has three different accounts: 1) Money Market, 2) General Account, & 3) Youth Account. The President's name is on all three accounts and he periodically goes to the bank to review the accounts in addition to reviewing the bank statements. As of the end of July, the Money Market had \$181,771.35; the General Account had \$3,960.23; the Youth Account had \$6,711.47, totaling \$192,443.05.

The President went on to state that the Association has a problem that needs to be rectified. The Association has had a problem getting reports from the Treasurer. There is no problem with funds disappearing; the problem is with the reports. The Association owes the membership a Treasurer Report.

Motion made for the Association Board of Directors to ensure that a published 2006 & 2007 Treasurer Report be posted to the Association Website by 1 Oct, 2007; motion seconded; all in favor - 56, opposed – 0, abstain – 1; Motion passes.

- B Track & Field (T&F) – The President announced that Wendy Truvillion, the T&F Chair, recently resigned from her position. She moved to Arizona for a job as an Assistant Principal. She has served many years on the local and national level. He wanted to recognize her for her many years of service and also stated that the chair vacancy is one of the positions that will be voted on during the committee elections.

Motion made for the Association to recognize Wendy Truvillion for all of her years of service with a plaque or something; motion seconded; all in favor - 55, opposed – 0, abstain – 2; Motion passes.

- C Second Vice President Report – Ian Dube, 2nd VP, addressed the membership. He met with Dartfish to discuss getting a high performance center established in Georgia. They film the athletes and give the pluses and minuses of their performance.
- D Masters Committee – Joyce Hodges-Hite, Master's Chair, stated that they held 8 championships from 5K to Marathons. This year they had a new race, the 1 mile road race in Savannah. Masters starts at age 30.
- E Athletes Advisory Committee – works closely with T&F to do what they can to help athletes win. AAC has a union for professional athletes - the top 50 in the world and the top 25 in US. He is working closely with the National Diversity component on legislation which would trickle down to the Associations. The legislation deals with minorities, disabled athletes, as well as athletes from other countries.
- F LDR – Dave Martin, the LDR Chair is in Osaka for the World Championship. The main focus has been with the Grand Prix and looking for more committee members.
- G Youth – Inez Finch, the Youth Chair, stated that a written report was provided and more detail will be given during the committee meeting. This year has been a challenging year with the increase of the membership fees. There were a few new clubs. For the preliminary meets, we offset the membership fee increase by only charging \$2 per entry. There were also travel grants available to five youth athletes.
- H Officials – Art Carrington, an official, addressed the membership, appealing for the members to become starters. Murray, the Official's Chair, announced Carol McGregor and Ralph Teague as the 2006 Officials of the Year. He stated that we did not do a good job with low number of officials at this year's JO Association meet. There were only 27 officials present, who did a good job; however, people came out of the stands to volunteer. The parents, coaches and officials all jumped in and worked together. He was extremely pleased and wanted to thank the general membership for coming together as an association.
- I By-Law Changes - Angela Bowie, the By-law committee chair, addressed the membership. She explained that no changes can be made other than what has been posted on the website and proposed for the meeting. There are two packets to vote on this year.
- i Packet one lists proposed By-law changes that are required to be changed and/or included in the By-laws in order to be in compliance with the National Office. These topics have to be approved or disapproved as one packet. Packet one includes the following:
- 1 Record of a Meeting – page 5, Article 6, Section C.
 - 2 Removal from Officer/Committee Chairs – page 8, Article 9, Section D.
 - 3 Grievance Complaints – page 11, Article 14, Section B.
 - 4 Redress of Grievances – page 12, Article 14, Section C.

Motion made to approve all proposed By-law changes listed in packet one; motion seconded; all in favor - 56, opposed – 0, abstain – 1; Motion passes.

- ii Packet two lists proposed By-law changes that were introduced and reviewed by the By-law committee. These topics have to be approved or disapproved as one packet. Packet two includes the following:
 - 1 Nominating Process of the Executive Committee – page 5, Article 7, Section B.
 - 2 Committee Officers – page 10, Article 11, Section C.
 - 3 National Convention – page 15, Article 21.
 - a Delegate Selection
 - b Reimbursement
 - 4 Succession and Vacancies – page 8, Article 9, Section C.

Motion made to approve all proposed By-law changes listed in packet two; motion seconded; all in favor - 47, opposed – 5, abstain – 5; Motion passes.

VII Elections - (Now 71 members present); Tom Shinnick, the Exec VP, is the chair of the nominations committee. Anyone interested in running for a position and not present must have a written statement saying they accept the nomination. There will be nominations from the floor in addition to the names that were submitted. The positions are President, Executive Vice President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- A President candidate – Murray Sanford; no nominations from the floor. Motion made to close nominations and accept Murray Sanford as the new President by acclamation. Motion seconded. All in favor – unanimous (71). Murray Sanford re-elected Association President.
- B Executive Vice President Candidates – Tom Shinnick; Inez Finch (nomination accepted). Ron Williams (nomination accepted) was nominated from the floor. Motion made to close nominations. Ballad vote results – 30 votes for Inez Finch, 19 votes for Ron Williams, and 22 votes for Tom Shinnick, A run off between Inez Finch and Tom Shinnick; 38 votes for Inez Finch and 32 votes for Tom Shinnick. Inez Finch is the newly elected Executive Vice President.
- C 1st Vice-President Candidate – Walter Pinion; no nominations from the floor. Motion made to close nominations and accept Walter Pinion as the new 1st Vice-President by acclamation. Motion seconded. All in favor – unanimous (71). Walter Pinion re-elected 1st Vice-President.
- D 2nd Vice-President Candidate – Ian Dube (nomination accepted); Tony Carpenter (nomination accepted) was nominated from the floor. Motion made to close the nominations. Ballad vote results – 40 votes for Ian Dube and 31 votes for Tony Carpenter. Ian Dube is re-elected as the 2nd Vice-President.
- E Secretary candidate – Angela Bowie; no nominations from the floor. Motion made to close nominations and accept Angela Bowie as the new Secretary by acclamation. Motion seconded. All in favor – unanimous (71). Angela Bowie is re-elected as the Secretary.
- F Treasurer candidates – Clark Humble and Linda Bommicino; Tiffany Wright (nomination accepted) was nominated from the floor. Ballad vote results – 39 votes for Linda Bommicino, 30 Votes for Tiffany Wright and 2 votes for Clark Humble. Linda Bommicino is the newly elected Treasurer.

Motion was made to destroy all ballots; motion seconded. All in favor - 71, opposed – 0, abstain – 0; Motion passes.

- G Youth Recognition - Youth Chair addressed the membership and introduced 4 Youth Athletes who won medals during the Youth World Championship.
 - William Wynne set a new world record for the 400m hurdles; he placed 2nd in the 100m hurdles and won the sprint medley relay.
 - Kenneth Gilstrap helped win the gold medal for the sprint relay and also won a bronze medal in the 100m.

- Christine Taylor won the Triple Jump and also placed 3rd in the Long Jump.
- Chalonda Goodman won gold in the sprint medley and also won a silver medal in the 200m.

All athletes are to be congratulated for a job well done!

General membership ended at 12:30 for committees to hold committee meetings and elections. The meeting will reconvene for closing session.

VIII Closing Session – Committee Reports (15 present)

- A Officials – see below for elections results; discussed the number of officials on roster verses active officials.
- B Youth – see below for elections results; the committee will propose change to next year's Region III meet. The Youth committee will approach church volunteers to help out with T&F meets.
- C Masters – see below for elections results.
- D Georgia T&F Cross Country Website Partnership - cost \$25 per month to be a sponsor. This partnership will help build a bridge with the high school coaches and athletes. The 1ST VP will oversee this as a part of his duties.

Motion was for a partnership with Georgia T&F Cross Country (GATFXC) website; motion seconded. All in favor - 14, opposed – 0, abstain – 1; Motion passes.

IX Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. All in favor –14, opposed – 0, abstain – 0. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

ANGELA L. BOWIE
USATF Georgia Association Secretary

2007 Georgia Association Elections

Executive Committee Officers

Murray Sanford...President
Inez Finch...Executive Vice President
Walter Pinion...1st Vice President
Ian Dube...2nd Vice President
Angela Bowie...Secretary
Linda Bommicino...Treasurer

Committee Elections

LDR

Dave Martin...Chair
Janice Anderson...Vice Chair
Floren Ansley...Secretary

Masters

Joyce Hodges-Hite...Chair
Bill Daprano...Vice Chair
John Kissane...Secretary

***Racewalk**

No election - Sue Bozgoz has resigned as Racewalk Chair...effective 24 August 2007.

****Track and Field**

No election results - No election results or attendance list recorded with the Secretary for T&F.

Youth

Inez Finch...Chair
Eric Merriweather...1st Vice Chair
Tony Carpenter...2nd Vice Chair
Vonda Wilkerson...Secretary

*****Athletes Advisory**

Chair to be appointed
Vice Chair and Secretary...No election results

***AAC Chair to be appointed as a result of bylaw change. No election results for Vice Chair or Secretary recorded with the Secretary.

Officials

Five elected...Murray Sanford, Dick Moss, Tom Shinnick, Lanette Fullwood, Cindy Slayton
Chair and other officer positions to be determined at first Committee meeting.