



2009 USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting

Piedmont Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
September 12, 2009

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I. **Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.**

II. **President's Welcome Address Summary:**

- President Sanford called the meeting to order. He advised the membership that he wanted this year's meeting to be a positive, constructive session.
- All committee reports are represented in the USATF Georgia Annual Reports booklet available to members at the registration table.
- This year is a record year for the association with membership at an all time high of 3,500 members.
- The 2008 Association evaluation by the national office was published earlier this year. Georgia had many accomplishments. Georgia is at a record high of 91 member clubs and sanctions have increased over prior years. Georgia also has 314 certified officials and ranks 7th overall out of 57 associations. At the annual meeting last year, Georgia was honored as the most improved association.
- Georgia's athletes have also been highly visible at all levels of competition. Several members stood up to acknowledge athletes within their own clubs who had had outstanding years.
- President Sanford advised that this convention marked the end of his term as President. He thanked the many members of the Georgia Association who had supported him during his term as President.

III. **Acceptance of minutes – September 12, 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes:**

MOTION was made to accept the September 12, 2008 Annual Meeting minutes: In Favor – Unanimous, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. **MOTION passes**; minutes approved without correction.

IV. **Dexter McCloud Motion**

Dexter McCloud made a motion to amend the agenda to include enabling emergency legislation to correct the bylaws referencing the association meeting notification deadlines. Further, he moved to amend Article 7, Paragraph C, Section 4 as follows: "Except for renewals from the previous year, individuals must be members 30 days prior to the election". Mr. McCloud further explained, "The reason for this motion is that this change was made in Regulation 15 several years ago and our bylaws need to reflect that change in order to be in compliance."

President Sanford explained that there was an issue with the 30 day notice that affected 20 people who signed up after July 31, 2009. The national bylaws dropped the September requirement that stated, "*Voting membership deadline: Except for renewals from the previous year, individuals must be members in the month which ends more than one full month preceding the election (e.g., if the election is held at any time in September, the membership must be processed by July 31).*" The National Office, however, did not advise the Associations of this change. President Sanford advised that even though the national bylaws were amended, the Association is still in compliance with the 30 day requirement for individuals to sign up to vote in the elections.

President Sanford proposed putting the Dexter McCloud motion before the membership with a straw vote. All parties agreed and a vote was taken: **MOTION** to accept the Dexter McCloud motions: In favor - 36, Opposed – 55. **MOTION does not carry.**

President Sanford advised that the election would proceed as planned. Dexter McCloud advised that he would file a grievance and that the election would be held under protest.

V. **Treasurer's Report**

MOTION was made to approve Treasurer's Report. In Favor – 92; Opposed – 0; Abstained – 0.

VI. **General Elections**

Nominations for President: Ian Dube, Inez Finch, no nominations from the floor.

Results:

Ian Dube - 64

Inez Finch - 51

Nominations for Executive Vice President: Tom Shinnick, Ron Williams. Inez Finch was nominated from the floor.

Results:

Tom Shinnick - 19

Ron Williams - 33

Inez Finch - 56

Nominations for 1st Vice President: Eric Merriweather, Walter Pinion. Tom Shinnick and Ron Williams were nominated from the floor. Tom Shinnick was not present to accept the nomination. Ron Williams declined the nomination.

Results:

Eric Merriweather - 50

Walter Pinion - 54

Nominations for 2nd Vice President: Tony Carpenter, Michael Shoates. No nominations from the floor.

Results:

Tony Carpenter - 64

Michael Shoates - 40

Nominations for Treasurer: Linda Bommicino. Sonya Robinson was nominated from the floor.

Results:

Linda Bommicino - 51

Sonya Robinson - 48

Nominations for Secretary: Marlene Atwood. No nominations from the floor.

Results:

Marlene Atwood – By acclamation.

~~~~~Breakout Sessions and Lunch Break~~~~~

**Meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m. for Closing Session.**

**Elections Results – All Committees (Results to be verified)**

**Youth Committee:**

Chair - Jacqui Collins

Vice Chair - Operations - Tony Carpenter

Vice Chair - Admin - Eric Merriweather

Secretary - Monica Ross

**Masters:**

Chair - Joyce Hite  
Vice Chair - T&F - Mary Richards  
Vice Chair - Road Racing - Walter O'Brien

**Track & Field:**

Chair - Dexter McCloud  
1st Vice Chair - Neil Young  
2nd Vice Chair - Mike Brown  
Secretary - Greg Mitchell  
At Large - to be appointed by Chair - Open

**Officials: (Chair to be selected by committee)**

Murray Sanford  
Tom Shinnick  
Jeff Rigdon  
Cindy Slayton  
Jacqui Collins

**Race Walk:**

Chair - Jim Norvill  
Vice Chair - Steve Hubbartt  
Secretary - Jim Hite

**LDR:**

Chair - Dave Martin  
(No election, no nominees. Floren Ansley - Secretary, is moving to Chicago. Janice Anderson was not in attendance. Dave did not indicate if she was continuing in this position.)

- VIII. **Bylaws Revisions – MOTION** was made by Dexter McCloud to amend the bylaw referencing the Athletes Advisory position as follows: “The Athlete Advisory Chair must be an active athlete ~~representing the Georgia Association.~~” (Motion strikes “representing the Georgia Association”.) In favor: 14, Opposed – 10, Abstained – 1. **MOTION does not carry** – Amendments to the Bylaws shall require for passage a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting at the meeting...”
- IX. **Meeting Adjournment: MOTION** was made to adjourn. **MOTION** was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.
- X. **Miscellaneous**  
A question was raised regarding the Westlake/USATF Georgia Association contract. A request was made to see the document. President Sanford advised that the Association has a 10-year contract with Fulton County related to USATF Georgia Championship events. Other clubs have access to the facility through Westlake High School as long as they do not conflict with Association Championships.

**Respectively Submitted,  
Marlene Atwood  
USATF Georgia Association Secretary**