



Thursday, September 28, 2023
Potomac Valley Association Draft Annual Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
7:00 PM

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Opening

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:11 PM by President Henry McCallum.

Welcome

Henry McCallum, President, welcomed everyone to the virtual annual meeting and expressed how glad he was that so many people chose to participate. He recognized that we did have a quorum. He also called for a moment of silence as we prayed for the loss of Coach Larry Colbert's wife, Marlene, and others who had passed recently.

Roll Call

The roll call was made with the following officers present: President Henry McCallum, 1st Vice President Adrian McDaniel, Vice President Elenora Battle, Vice President Jan Price, Secretary Faye Howell, Men's LDR Chair Craig Chasse, Masters' LDR Chair George Banker, Men's Track & Field Chair David Barmer, Women's Track & Field Chair Victoria Adams, Racewalk Chair Ron Clarke, Youth Chair Quentin Wilson, Officials' Chair Dr. William Price, and Membership Chair Herb Nicholls. Not in attendance were Vice President Warren House, Treasurer Barbara Smith, Women's LDR Chair John Ivey (excused – Court case).

Visit from Vin Lananna, President USATF

Henry McCallum acknowledged that we had a special guest on line, Vin Lananna, President of USATF. He brought us greetings from the National Office and talked about the improvements that had been made since the establishment of 3 task forces: Information Task Force, Facilities Task Force, and the Communications Task Force. He visited many Associations and attended the Junior Olympic Championships in Eugene, Oregon. He reminded us that the children are our future and that we need to keep them engaged. He also asked us to push for younger officials. He talked about the Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL November 30 – December 3 and stated that he was inviting all Association Presidents to join him for the Presidents' Breakfast on Friday, November 29, 2023.

Elenora Battle said that USATF nickels and dimes us too much and does not even provide medals for the youth. We get less and less for our money. Henry referenced the change in the bid process and the fact that associations can no longer bid to host the championships. Vin explained that the CEO and National Office determine where the Junior Olympic Championships will be held. Robin Beamon leads that process.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting had been sent out earlier so we did not need to read them. Dr. Price made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Elenora Battle seconded it. The motion carried. Ron Clarke questioned the need to have an audit by someone other than an auditor. Herb Nicholls clarified that Henry could have a panel of people to review the books. George Banker made a motion that we review the books. Phil Barrett seconded. Herb clarified that we needed to vote on Bob's last year motion first. His last year's motion was that we do an audit of the books. The motion failed. On the audit review, Adrian McDaniels volunteered to assist with the audit. The motion to do the review carried with only Dr. Price opposing it.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was shared on screen with a starting balance of \$265,215.23. The expenses were \$159,459.35 and the income was \$153,246.42 with an ending balance of \$268,002.30. A discussion ensued suggesting that with the amount of money available, maybe we should think about investing in a CD. A motion was made by Arthur Turner and seconded by Adrian McDaniel that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as shown on the screen. The motion carried.

Sports Committee Reports

Youth Report

Quentin Wilson, Youth Chair, reported that we only had 300 youth registered for our Association Championship and that membership had drastically reduced over the past 4 years. It may look like a lot of youth out there, but they are only showing up for our invitationals, not our Association meets. Andrian jokingly said that it was because the announcers were so good. Several youth competed in the Regionals and several went to the Nationals.

Men's Track and Field Report

David Barmer, Chair of Men's Track & Field, reported on both the men and women. He said that the Open athletes assist a lot with the Youth Meets and Masters meets. They competed well in Kentucky and other places and had winners wherever they competed.

Men's LDR Report

Craig Chasse, Men's LDR Chair, stated that he was planning a meet on November 4 which would satisfy the LDR community. The meet will be held in Nottaway Park in Vienna VA.

Cross Country Report

Quenton reported that the Cross Country meet was planned and sanctioned in Smithsburg, MD for November 5.

Officials' Report

Dr. Bill Price reported that PVA has 150 Officials. He is having an Officials meeting at the Complex soon. Henry thanked Dr. Price for bringing the officials to the All Comers meets, That gives them good practice. He announced that 80% of the PVA officials are USATF certified. Dr. Price is glad to report that high schoolers are using our lasers.

Racewalk Report

Ron Clarke wrote a letter essentially saying: Racewalking continues to be a challenge in the Association. Participation in this discipline has stagnated in the Open, Master's and Youth categories. The sport has made strides to make it more appealing by innovations like the "Penalty Box" to keep athletes in the competition, but it still is the discipline that disqualifies an athlete who, in the eyes of the judges, does not comply with the two rules that govern the event.

To the extent that the rules, adjudication, and coaching impact the participation, it is a challenge to attract athletes to compete in the discipline. Hopefully, we can designate an event as the "Association Championship" that may have some appeal.

Henry thanked everyone for their reports. Anyone interested in attending the Annual Meeting should contact Henry. He will also contact all Sports Committee Chairs to submit a budget. A motion was made by Herb Nicholls and seconded by Phil Barrett to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Submitted by,

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