

**USATF New England Annual Meeting**  
**Yawkey Center, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA**  
**Thursday, September 29, 2005**

The Annual Meeting began with an Awards Recognition segment that began at 6:45 p.m. Athletes of the Month for the period of May 2004 through August 2005 were recognized and presented with plaques. The presentations ended at approximately 7:45 p.m., at which point, a number of the attendees departed.

The annual meeting business session began immediately following the awards session. All members entering the room received a reports book and ballots for the elections to be contested later in the evening.

Opening the session was a general greeting by President Gary Snyder, who reviewed some activities of the past year and put forward some topics that would need to be addressed in the coming year, in particular, the child protection / background check program.

Gary referred the attendees to the report booklet and introduced the current board of governors.

David Cahill presented the Treasurer's Report, and reviewed the materials in the booklet, and commented on two projects of the past year; converting the accounting system to QuickBooks and getting improved return on the organization's investments.

Steve Vaitones followed with the Managing Director's Report. He noted the wide range of programs and championships that we conduct which are matched by few if any other associations. A summary of the association's status within USATF as a whole and, in particular, the number of individual members, clubs, and sanctioned events locally, was discussed, along with the fact that the association has been one of a small number of associations that have met all required operational standards for four of the past five years. He ended with a request for more individuals to step forward and help with proposed new projects.

Elections for sports chairs followed. The ballot package which included nominees was explained. Pre-meeting nominees were: Dave Cahill (Track & Field), Lee Hess (masterd track & field), Lance Turley and Patrick Sweeney, co-chairs for youth athletics, Justin Kuo (racewalking) Dan Hart (cross country), Rich Bolt (mountain/ultra/trail), and Gordon MacFarland, Jim Garcia, and Courtney Bird (women's, men's, masters LDR respectively). There were no additional nominees from the floor, and nominations were closed.

It was moved and seconded that one vote be cast for the slate, and it was so done.

Athlete representatives were the next balloted positions to be voted. Incumbents were John Mortimer and David Callum, with Christine Kloiber choosing to not run. Paul Kelly (HFC Striders) was nominated for the third spot. Nominations were closed, and one vote was cast for the slate.

Elections followed for USATF-NE Delegates for the USATF Annual Meeting. The funding allotment from the organization was described – a total of up to \$500 per delegate divided into three expense categories; \$150 for registration, \$150 for travel, and \$200 for hotel. There were 16 pre-meeting nominees with three nominees from the floor. Ballots were cast, with a trio selected to count them.

While the ballots were counted, Dan Hart presented the Athlete of the Year award, as voted by the board. This inaugural award went to John Barbour, who was not in attendance; he will receive his award at the Grand Prix selection meeting on November 7.

Door prizes winners were announced.

Courtney Bird presented the work of the LDR committee chairs on prize money payment guidelines. Races awarding money will be sent this report starting in 2006.

Dave Cahill, as track & field chair, presented the basics on a track & field grand prix circuit that is planned to start during the indoor season of 2005-06.

Results of the delegate selection vote (39 votes cast) were announced.

Winning spots as delegates were, in alpha order, Marja Bakker, Laurie Boemker, Harry Brooks, Dave Cahill, Carla Coffey, Jim Garcia, Lee Hess, Justin Kuo, John Mortimer, Kathy Nary, John Oleski, Ken Robichaud, Gary Snyder, Lance Turley, Steve Vaitones

To be listed as alternates are Rich Bolt, Dave Dunham, Pat Lavelle, and Paul Ryan

Gary closed the meeting with remarks, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Marja Bakker\* (un), Courtney Bird\* (Falmouth TC), Carolyn Bird\* (Falmouth TC), Jim Blackburn (un), Laurie Boemker\* (RI T&F Officials), Richard Bolt\* (Central MA Striders), Brad Bowery (NE Pole Vault Club), H. Oldham Brooks\* (Sugarloaf Mountain AC), David Cahill\* (Greater Boston TC), David Callum\* (Greater Boston TC), Gerry Cantor\* (MTFOA), Dan Conti\* (Greater Boston TC), Mike Cooney (Whirlaway RT), Kevin Counihan\* (North Shore Striders), Kevin Curtin\* (Reebok Boston), Tom Derderian\* (Greater Boston TC), Dave Dunham\* (Central MA Striders), Jim Garcia\* (GLRR), Tom Goulet\* (Greater Boston TC), Warren Graff (Merrimack Valley Striders), Christian Gras (un), Pascal Gras (un), Kojo Gyasi\* (Greater Boston TC), Ryan Hafer (Harvard), Frank Haggerty (Harvard), Paul Hammond (Whirlaway RT), Dan Hart\* (HFC), Lee Hess\* (MVS), Dave Kazanjian (Whirlaway RT), Paul Kelly\* (HFC Striders), Adrian King (un), Arantxa King (un), El Hassan Kouchaoui (Master RW & T&F Club), Justin Kuo\* (New England Walkers), Larry Libow\* (Mass Velocity), Gordon MacFarland (Cambridge Sports Union), Annajean McMahon (North Shore Striders), Jim McGloin (MTFOA), Amy Mortimer (un), John Mortimer\* (un), Don Murray\* (un), Ted Norton\* (Boston Athletic Association), Jim O'Brien\* (Greater Boston TC), Sara O'Brien\* (Greater Boston TC), John Oleski\* (Greater Boston TC), Mike Pelletier\* (North Shore Striders), Jeff Robbins\* (Air Time Athletics), Ken Robichaud\* (North Medford Club), Paul Ryan\* (Reebok Boston), John Saxelby\* (Merrimack Valley Striders), Lindsey Scherf (Harvard), Bob Segal (Mass Velocity), Branwen Smith-King (un), Gary Snyder\* (Greater Boston TC), Ralph Souppa (Greater Boston TC), Bill Spencer (Moose Milers & Marathoners), Chris Spinney (Whirlaway RT), Peter Stasz\* (Gr. Springfield Harriers), Patrick Sweeney\* (HFC Striders), Sarad Tomlinson\* (Greater Boston TC), Cheryl Twerorgy (un), Steve Vaitones \* (Managing Director), Stephen Viegas\* (Mystic Runners), Suzanne Walmsley\* (Boston Athletic Association)

\* in attendance for business meeting