

**USA Track & Field New England
Double Tree Hotel, Waltham, MA
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2010**

Present: *See sign in sheet*

The meeting was opened by President Ken Robichaud at 6:30 PM

Vice President John Oleski made a presentation of the 2009-2010 Athletes of the Month

Joseph Koech	September 2009
Molly Huddle	October 2009
Justin Fyffe	November 2009
Kim Duclos	December 2009
Francis Hernandez	January 2010
Allison McCabe	February 2010
Mass Velocity Track Club	March 2010
Reno Stirrat	April 2010
Steve Headley	May 2010
Moirra Cronin	June 2010
Gina Lucrezi	July 2010
Bob Cedrone	August 2010

President's Comments:

President Ken Robichaud introduced the officers, sports chairs and athletes representatives of the association.

He then made brief remarks, noting that among USATF associations, New England was consistently in the top 5%. He reported on the health of the sport. The association had a 23% increase in membership. He described the numerous road races and the association's Grand Prix series. He noted that the board frequently engaged in lively discussions of issues in our sport.

Managing Director's Report:

Managing Director Steve Vaitones made his report. He asked he asked members to check the Association website monthly for events the association is putting on. Steve extended thanks to Justin Kuo who spends so much time working on our website. He noted that the New England Association was one of the associations that met all requirements of USATF and that it received an award at the recent Buffalo New York Associations Workshop.

For part of the year Ryan Hardiman was Steve's assistant. He is now a student at University of Maine.

He noted that the national executive director of USATF was removed last week.

At the national level, there is a trial membership offer - \$10 per membership for the remainder of this year, provided it is purchased by November 1. In addition to receiving all the benefits of membership trial members will receive a special DVD commemorating the US track team's success at the Olympics.

Stephen asked for input from clubs if they have any concerns or ideas and noted that he had not received any recently.

He discussed the use of the facilities by the association and clubs. He noted that we have relationships with the owners of the facilities. He detailed those relationships at various tracks, as well as Franklin Park.

Steve explained that the Exchange Zone magazine, which every member receives in the mail, is printed free because of the association's relationship with Larry Eder. This relationship is unique to New England.

He noted that the association does cross country meets because no one else does. There is no money to be made in such events. The same is true of track meets. He noted that there are plenty of road races where there is money to be made.

Steve thanked the sports chairs and officers for their support in the past year.

Treasurers Report:

Stephen Peckiconis distributed hardcopies of his report. Richard Clark noted the size of the deposits in the savings bank and suggested that the association has an \$85,000 exposure. Stephen said that he would soon move money around to eliminate that problem.

Peter Stacz asked about the building fund and was told that that line item was removed last year.

Stephen noted that he had placed the association's IRS form 990 on its website.

Peter Stacz asked how much of the money received for sanctions becomes our share. Stephen explained that we ultimately receive one third of funds received.

Chairs Report:

MUT – Paul Kirsch noted a tremendous growth in participants in mountain ultra trail events. 105 participants did all six mountain races. The association will host the US Mountain running championships in 2011 for the sixth year at Mount Cranmore. At the world mountain running

championships in Slovenia, the US team won the silver medal beating the Italian team by six points.

LDR - Skip Cleaver stated that the goal of the long-distance running committee has to produce a great Grand Prix series. He stated that the series will continue in the same format as last year. The committee hopes to recruit more high quality events. It hopes to bring in more individuals from clubs as well as on attached runners. Skip thanked Jim Garcia for all of his help.

Skip explained the bidding process. There will be a presentation meeting at Brandeis on November 1. The long-distance running committee will meet November 8 Regis College. Ken Robichaud explained the change in format and voting which is now online.

Track - Dave Callum explained that we tried in 2010 to get the East region outdoor track meet. Although the Adirondack Association, we will have the meet in 2011.

In 2010 the association introduced prize money for its championships. It's championships were held at Regis College. It is a new state of the art facility which can have all events even hammer and discus.

Presidents Awards:

Ken noted that the association established new awards in 2007. He made the following presentations of awards for 2009-2010.

The Volunteer Service Award went to Michael Glennon and the Brookline high school cross country team.

The Youth Service Award went to the Sentinel Striders of Rhode Island.

The Jerry Cantor Award went to US ATF official and multi-event coordinator, Jim McGloin.

Old Business: Ken called for old business. There was none.

New Business:

The first order of new business was the association elections.

President.

Ken called for nominations for the office of president. The following three candidates were nominated and seconded: Tom Dederian, Jim Garcia, and Stephen Viegas.

The candidates each gave a two minute speech and answered 5 questions from the members. At the conclusion the meeting proceeded to vote.

The vote was Tom Dederian 40, Jim Garcia 23, and Stephen Viegas 27.

A second vote was held between Dederian and Viegas. The vote was Dederian 44, Viegas 44.

A third vote was held. The vote was Dederian 40, Viegas 40.

The President asked the candidates to have a discussion prior to any additional voting. Candidates left in the room and returned that each continued to be a candidate for president. They each spoke one more time.

A fourth vote was held. The vote was Viegas 44, Dederian 40. Steve Viegas was elected President.

Vice President.

Ken called for nominations for the office of vice president. He explained that there were three vice presidential positions. The following candidates were nominated and seconded: Tom Dederian, John Oleski, Jim Garcia, Gary Snyder, Joan Bohlke and Tiera Fletcher. The candidates made two minute presentations. Tom Dederian withdrew after the candidates' presentations. The vote was John Oleski 39, Jim Garcia 34, Gary Snyder 34, Joan Bohlke 43 and Tiera Fletcher 39. Joan Bohlke was elected.

His second vote was held determine the second and third vice presidential positions.

Steve Viegas moved that the top two candidates in the second ballot be elected to their positions.

A second round of voting took place and John Oleski and Jim Garcia were elected.

Secretary.

Gary Snyder was nominated and seconded. He was elected unanimously.

Youth chair.

Following candidates were nominated Tiera Fletcher and Larry Libow.

The candidates made a presentation. A vote was held. The candidates tied at 26 votes. The candidates made a second presentation. A second vote was held. Larry Libow was elected youth chair.

Sports chairs.

The following slate of sports chairs were nominated and seconded. A vote of acclamation was requested. All candidates were elected.

Men's LDR	Courtney Bird
Women's LDR	Lisa Doucett
Master's LDR	Skip Cleaver

Open Track and Field	David Callum
Masters Track and Field	Mike Travers
Racewalking	Justin Kuo
Mountain Ultra Trail	Paul Kirsch

Cross Country:

The following candidates were nominated and seconded, Bill Newsham and Dan Hocking.

The candidates made a presentation. A vote was taken. Bill Newsham was elected cross-country chair in the vote of 38 to 17.

Athletes Representatives:

The following candidates were nominated and seconded for the three athletes representatives positions.

Ignacio Arguello, Caitlyn Clark, Jim Fay, Matthew Haringa, Jennifer Lee, Dan Hocking, and Tiera Fletcher.

The candidates made presentations. The vote was taken. Caitlyn Clark, Jennifer Lee and Tiera Fletcher were elected. The vote was Ignacio Arguello 3, Caitlyn Clark 34, Jim Fay 7, Matthew Haringa 6, Jennifer Lee 25, Dan Hocking 19, and Tiera Fletcher 19.

Caitlyn Clark spoke about the possibility of the association holding an annual banquet for athletes.

Annual Meeting Delegates:

The following persons were nominated and seconded for the position of annual meeting delegates.

Steve Vaitones, Dave Callum, Carla Coffey, Kevin Curtin, Dave Dunham, Jim Garcia, David Kerin, Paul Kirsch, Justin Kuo, Larry Libow, Jim McGloin, Kathy Nary, John Oleski, Stephen Peckiconis, Ken Robichaud, Gary Snyder, Mike Travers, Steve Viegas, Laurie Boemker and Bill Newsham.

Gary Snyder made a motion to be adopted by the Annual Meeting for the association budget to include a new line item entitled "Sports Chairs Programs". After a brief discussion, Gary agreed to table the motion.

Ken Robichaud entertained a motion to adjourn after explaining that the vote of annual meeting delegates would be tallied and because USATF requires that certain constituencies be represented in the delegations that the delegation will be finalized after the meeting and the elected delegates notified by the Association.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen G. Viegas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a distinct 'V'.

Stephen G. Viegas, Secretary

2010 Annual Meeting Attendees

Larissa	Abramiuk	BAA	Kate	Klim	GBTC
Don	Allison	unattached	Christin	Kloiber	GBTC
Ryan	Aschbrenne	GBTC	Brad	Kozel	GBTC
Zakaria	Atrousse	Momentum	Justin	Kuo	Racewalking/NEW
John	Barbour	GLRR	Jeff	Kurbec	SenStr
D	Barnes	GBTC	Dave	Lapierre	CMS
Brian	Beaulieu	GBTC	Jennifer	Lee	GBTC
Dana	Begin	Mystic	Larry	Libow	MVel
Amelia	Bishop	GBTC	Chris	Lowe	GBTC
Carroll	Blake	MVel	Gina	Lucrezi	unattached
Laurie	Boemker	unattached	Gordon	MacFarland	CSU
Ron	Boemker	unattached	Kyle	MacQueen	GBTC
Joan	Bohlke	AthRep/NBB	Allison	McCabe	GBTC
Edward	Breen	GBTC	Jim	McGloin	MTFOA
Eric	Bucher	Mvel	Annajea	McMahon	NSS
David	Cahill	GBTC	Eric	Mendoza	GBTC
David	Callum	TF/GBTC	Michael	Needham	MVel
Dave	Camire	GCS	Bill	Newsham	GCS
Bob	Cedrone	TwIThrow	Ted	Norten	NTE-RR
Jim	Chamberas	TwIThrow	Joe	O'Leary	SRR
Roy	Charette	MVel	John	Oleski	MassVel
Steve	Chase	MVel	Stephen	Peckconis	Treasurer/CSU
William	Clark	unattached	Mike	Pelletier	NSS
Caitlyn	Clark	AthRep/Sisu	Roger	Pierce	Mvel
Skip	Cleaver	GCS	Ryan	Place	GBTC
Mark	Coddaire	GLRR	Langley	Proctor	MVel
Kevin	Curtin	NBB	Emily	Raymond	GBTC
Tom	Derderian	GBTC	Ken	Robichaud	President/NMC
Melissa	Donais	unattached	Bill	Robinson	MVel
Lisa	Doucett	CSU	Ken	Ross	GBTC
Joe	Fischetti	CSU	Ruben	Sanca	BAA
Tiera	Fletcher	GBTC	Bob	Segal	MVel
Katie	Fobert	GBTC	Michael	Servizio	GBTC
Paula	Fortuna	MVS	Patrick	Sheridan	GLRR
Jim	Garcia	GLRR	Dan	Smith	GBTC
Frank	Georges	SRR	Gary	Snyder	MVel
Mike	Gonnerman	HHS	Ralph	Souppa	MVel
Jennifer	Gordynski	GBTC	Chris	Spinney	Whirl
Warren	Graff	Mvel	Peter	Stasz	GSH
Brian	Hamill	MVS	Glenn	Stewart	GLRR
Matthew	Haringa	GBTC	Reno	Stirrat	Whirl
Cynthia	Hastings	GBTC	Susan	Stirrat	Whirl
Laura	Hayden	GBTC	Joe	Tranchita	Waltham
Daniel	Hocking	NBB	Mike	Travers	MastersTF/Mvel
Samir	Hossaini	Mom	Tomoaki	Uchiki	GBTC

Nate	Jenkins	unattached
Paul	Kirsch	MUT/WMM
John	Klechinsky	MVS
Jessica	Klett	GBTC

Steve	Vaitones	Managing Director
Stephen	Viegas	Secretary/MVel
Jon	Waldron	CSU
Suzanne	Walmsley	BAA
Joy	Will	GBTC