



Minutes for the October 4, 2015
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSOURI VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Meeting began at 1:35pm

Attendees

Present

President- Clifford Wiley
Secretary- Fawn McDougald
Membership-Fawn McDougald (Track and Field United)
Cross Country- Forika McDougald (Track and Field United)
Youth Chair- Forika McDougald (Track and Field United)
Officials Certification Chair- Carma Robinson-Kendall (KC Elite Competition)
Member- Kim Rollins (KC Wings)
Member- Kasha McDougald (Track and Field United)
Member- Darren Muci (Shocker Track Club)
Member- Dwane Pierre (KC Flyers)
Member- Chad Palodichuk (KC Flyers)
Member- Benjamin Green (KC Flyers)

Absent

Vice President- Kelly Harmon
Treasurer- Michelle Gay
Sanctions- Wayne Armbrust
Officials Chair- Connie Brand
Race Walking Chair- Wayne Armbrust
Masters Race Walking Chair- Alan Poisner
Media- Andy Gilmore
Disabled Athletes Chair- Terri McMillan

Credentialing

The Secretary/Membership, Fawn McDougald, verified the eligibility of members by confirming each member had a current 2014 membership with USATF.

2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

A couple of typos were pointed out on last year's meeting minutes; Gary Muci should be Darren Muci. Masters Race Walking, should be Masters Race Walking, Track N Field United should be Track and Field United. The changes were noted and will be corrected. With the corrected items Darren Muci made a motion to accept the 2014 minutes with the corrections. The motion was seconded by Forika McDougald. The motion was approved by vote of the members present.

Financial Report

A condensed financial report was made by the President in the absence of the treasurer.

As of October 1, 2015:

Money Market Account: \$14, 521

Checking Account: \$12, 675

*Source of income is from: sanction fees, membership fees, entry fees and gate fees.

*Major expense: Annual meeting. We are mandated by the national office to bring a certain number of representatives to the annual meeting. This year that expense will be in excess of \$5000.

President's Report

Cliff Wiley stated that the association as a whole had a lot of successes. Although we did not meet all of our standards for the past year, the association is still ok. The association did not meet the number of competitions, memberships as far as club athletes and website. He disputed the web site stating that we linked to the national office registry and we will make another link for our coaches. Road Races will help with the competitions and we should have that one taken care of. We had to cancel the cross country meet because of the weather. Run Jump Throw will help with the memberships. We held a Level 1 School at William Jewel and we have another one scheduled in November. The association started 3 new outdoor invitational meets. We implemented a team championship at the Missouri Valley Association Meet as well as the 3 new invitational meets where the winning team/club received a trophy. This made for a very competitive Missouri Valley Championship. This year we are hosting and scoring the Regional Championships. Cliff noted that the Regional meet is all about the associations and The National Junior Olympic Championship is all about the Regions. The Missouri Valley Association gave t-shirts to all of its members that made it to the JO Nationals. For 2016 we will still give out t-shirts. He noted that Oklahoma will give out t-shirts to its members this year. Cliff is trying to get all the associations in the Region to do this. He is trying to find a sponsor to give t-shirts to all Region 9 athletes that makes it to the JO Nationals.

Cliff stated that we had 2 members of the Missouri Valley Association to make National Teams: Stanley Redwine was the Assistant distance coach for The Pan Am Games and Dr. Vincent Key was part of the medical staff for the NACAC Senior Championships.

A new thing that we are doing is the Missouri Valley Show that highlights athletes and events that are going on in the association. It usually last about 15 minutes.

Membership Report

Fawn McDougald gave the membership report. She stated that over the last 3 years membership was as follows:

2013 membership 1540 male 954 female 586
2014 membership 1099 male 690 female 409
2015 membership 1240 male 730 female 510

Membership in 2015:

Youth 584
Open 203
Masters 453, for an overall membership of 1240.

We have 30 active clubs in the association and 22 non-renewed clubs.

Membership for the up-coming season begins after November 1 of the current year and is valid for 2016.

Fawn stated that she had sent emails to all the clubs that participated this year thanking them for their participation and to welcome them back this coming year. She also sent out emails to all the non-renewed clubs inviting them back to the USATF Missouri Valley Association.

Youth Report

Forika McDougald began by speaking on scheduling for this coming year. He decided to separate the Cross Country meet into two meets. On October 11, 2015 the meet is for 12 and below and on November 14, 2015 the meet is for 13 and above. These 2 meets will be contested at Warner Park in Manhattan, KS. The Cross Country Junior Olympic Nationals will be in Albuquerque, NM.

The schedule so far is:

Indoor

Pittsburg State Jan 9, 2016

Johnson County Jan 9 2016

K-State Jan 17, 2016

KU Jan 31, 2016

Wichita State Jan 30, 2016 – Masters meet with youth pole vault and running up to the 1600m

Forika spoke to Cass about getting the indoor facility at KU. Looking at \$5000 for a 10 hour meet, realistically maybe about \$2000 because we will not need all the things listed on the facility paper; still negotiating. Looking at hosting the MVA Championships either the 6th or 13 of February.

March 11-13 Hershey Indoor (Staten Island, NY)

Outdoor

KCK May 14, 2016
Future Stars may 21, 2016
Grandview June 4, 2016
KCK 10-11 June 2016
MVA June 17-18, 2016

Forika spoke to Kansas Wesleyan regarding hosting the MVA Championships. They have no throwing areas. Need to see how this is handled with the college. We are not doing the combined event. Looking at a Friday afternoon/Saturday meet.

June 28-July 3, 2016 Youth Championships

July 7-10, 2016 USATF Regional Championships (hosted by MVA). Looking for facilities now. One stipulation that the Regional Coordinator implemented was that there is to be no throwing off grass. Looking at Rock Chalk Park as a possibility depending on cost.

Officials Report

In the absence of Connie Brand the Officials Chair, Carma Robinson- Kendall gave the officials report.

Carma stated:

285 total Officials of which 162- apprentice, 69 associations, 20 masters and 34 national levels

She said that we had a hard time getting officials to work our meets; they only wanted to work college meets. Going forward they are raising the certification price to \$100 and requiring all officials to work our Association meets or they will not move up. She also stated that in talking to other associations, they are not having the same issues getting officials to work.

Darren Muci asked what can the association reasonably pay officials? Cliff stated that by raising the official's certification we should have money to pay. Fawn McDougald asked how many officials clinics did we do and what monies were made? Carma stated that she held 5 officials clinics and Connie held 2 at a cost of \$30 where no money was made.

Elections

None

Awards

None

Other Business

Kim Rollins gave a report on Run Jump Throw. A RJT clinic was held at Quindaro Elementary School in Kansas City, KS on April 10, 2015. It was a big success. They had 270 participants of which 250 were students and 20 staff members. Moving forward, the plan is to try to establish running clubs at all the elementary schools in KC. This year they are looking at doing a District wide RJT clinic for 4th graders only.

Kim talked about trying to bring middle school track back up. The goal this year is to have a USATF sponsor a middle school championship around the first week of May.

Cliff Wiley pointed out that the KCK district offered to pay for 1 coach in each of the schools to attend the Level 1 Coaching Clinic the USATF MV Association held last November. Needless to say, the participation from the schools was not great.

Carma said that the Run Jump Throw came from the USATF national office trying to get more youths involved in track and field. It began with 5-10 year old. They encouraged our elite athletes to get involved and hope this would bring the excitement back to our youths. The event that was held in Kansas City won t-shirts and stickers for the event as well.

Cliff Wiley said this is modeling after the Hershey Program. The Hershey people gave USATF 9 million dollars for these programs, i.e., Run Jump Throw, Future Stars and the Junior Olympics. He believes that as an association, we should be involved in all these programs. He was very disappointed that the National office only gave 50 t-shirts for the RJT event. His goal in the future is for all that participate receive a t-shirt.

Kim said that Cliff did make sure that everyone that participated received a medal.

Cliff asked the question. What do we need to do to grow the association? Some of the ideas were:

- Benjamin Green thought that maybe a survival kit explaining to parents what they will need while at a track meet, (i.e., water, tent, etc.)

- Dwayne Pierre said that maybe we need to reach out to the high school and middle school coaches. Let them know how much exposure their athletes could get by competing indoor as well.

-Darren Muci said that he run into problems with his parents wanting to compete with AAU because they get to run their age. He said that some of the clubs in the area pay their coaches and the Shocker Track Club was going to start a foundation to help the needy.

-Cliff said that we need an awards committee. We need all clubs to have at least 1 Level 1 Certified coach. Forika said that all coaches should have a background check and also if parents are volunteering then they should have one too. He said that we are trying to build relationships. In the past we had so few meets but with the addition of more invitational meets, hopefully this will help us to grow. He also said that JO Nationals usually is just financial.

Cliff Wiley introduced Bob Sanner, Director, Sports Markets at Lawrence KS Convention and Visitors Bureau

Here is a brief synopsis of what Bob spoke about.

Bob told us that the Lawrence, KS Sport Commission along with the USATF Missouri Valley Association put in a bid to host the 2017 Junior Olympic Nationals. He explained a little bit about the bid process and that the initial phase had been completed. The host facility would be Rock Chalk Park. He said that if we win this bid it would be a group effort and everyone's assistance is needed.

A motion was made by Forika McDougald to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carma Robinson-Kendall. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.