

Meeting was called to order at 1:40pm

Attendees

Emmet Pierson, Vice President
Pam Olawaiye, Membership Chair
Cliff Wiley, Acting Youth Chair
Harvey Kendall, KC Elite Competition Track Club
Shannon Graves, KC Elite Competition Track Club
Gilda Muci, Shockers Track Club
Darren Muci, Shockers Track Club
Karen Homan
Dalton Weaver

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

Before voting on the acceptance of the 2016 Meeting Minutes, Cliff requested that the previous minutes be amended to state that he (Cliff) did not ask for Missouri Valley Association (MVA)'s financial help in building the stadium.

The group voted to accept the 2016 minutes with the above statement amended.

Old Business

Cliff talked about the success of all the sponsored MVA Track meets held over the summer.

Cliff stated that the Olathe meet had over 500 athletes and was completed by 3:00pm. Cliff reviewed the Regional Meet in Joplin, MO, the unexpected scheduling changes & how it impacted some of the athletes. Going forward, since MVA is the governing body of the Association, then meets will be ran accordingly without outside interference.

Coach Harvey Kendall from Kansas City Elite Competition stated the 3rd annual Grandview Invitational Meet was successful.

Coach Emmet Pierson from Excelerate Phenoms Track Club stated that the Phenom track meet held at Grandview High School, was also a success. He thanked Coach Harvey and Grandview High School for assisting in securing the location.

It was requested that the minutes reflect that MVA had NO involvement with the 2017 JO's held in Lawrence, KS. MVA was responsible for winning the 2017 JO bid; however, the USATF National Office took over the process and did not include the MVA Board or any of its participants in the planning and execution for the 2017 JO's.

MVA has requested financial data records and profit sharing for the 2017 JO's from Exploring Lawrence. An internal audit has been launched on behalf of MVA to the Lawrence Accountants. The letter requested action by the 1st of October. Results are pending. Any changes and updates to this status will be listed on the website.

The USATF National Office brought in the Ozark Association to run the 2017 JO's. Meet Management for the 2017 JO's was conducted by the USATF National Office and the Ozark Association, and NOT MVA as it should have been.

Darren Muci stated that on Sept. 30, the Shockers Track Club held a Masters Meet that was hosted by Envision, and had a total of 98 Open and Masters Athletes. 72 Master athletes and 26 Open athletes.

The group agreed that there is a desire to start looking at hosting more inclusive meets which would include blind, visually impaired, and Paralympic events. Dalton Weaver, who works and helps develop meets for athletes with special needs will pass on information.

Membership Report

Pam Olawaiye, Membership Chair reported that, to date, there are 2524 athletes registered compared to 1212 in 2016. This is an increase of 1312 from 2016.

Financial Report

Emmet stated that they were unable to get the financial report for this meeting, but will be provided at a later date.

New Business

Cliff and Harvey stated that there is now an Association Webinar on Sponsorship.

Darren Muci stated that the Shockers will host an indoor Masters/Open/Collegiate/High School Meet on Saturday, Jan. 27. Masters/Open/Collegiate will compete early morning to early afternoon, and High School will compete early afternoon to evening. Meet will be held at Wichita State University in the Haskett Center. A link to the event will be put on the MVA website.

Cliff stated that there will be no age group changes for USATF for now.

Masters Chair position is currently open.

Darren explained that the Shockers Track Club is looking at retooling their elite team. They are considering having a statewide elite team and he asked for suggestions of models, etc. It was suggested that they look at how some of the other sports structure their teams for sponsorship etc. One suggestion was to turn it back to the athletes themselves and ask *"how can we help you...what do you need from us?"* It was also suggested that a proposal be developed to show the sponsors exactly what and who they would be supporting and their goals. Proposal could be individual teams or from the MVA Association.

Coach Harvey asked the group if anyone knew of any suggestions for youth meets since JCCC no longer has a track program, and there are very few indoor meets for youth.

The question was raised about the rumor that Coaches will have to have a minimum Level 1 certification to achieve a USATF coaching status. Cliff stated that this issue will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in Columbus, OH in December.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm