

## MINUTES FOR THE October 4, 2014

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSOURI VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Open meeting at 1:38pm

#### **Attendees**

#### **Present**

President-Clifford Wiley  
Vice President- Kelly Harmon (Draft Pick Academy)  
Secretary/Communications-Fawn McDougald (Track and Field United)  
Membership-Monica Joannes  
Youth Chair-Forika McDougald (Track and Field United)  
Sanctions-Wayne Armbrust (Computomax)  
Officials Chair-Connie Brand  
Cross Country-Forika McDougald (Track and Field United)  
Officials Certification-Carma Kendall (Kansas City Elite)  
Officials Advisory Chair-Greg Miller (phone/video)  
Race Walking Chair-Wayne Armbrust (Computomax)  
Kim Rollins-member (KC Wings)  
Josh Miller-member  
Steve Rinkle-member (official)  
John Deardorf-member (official)  
Darren Muci-member (Shocker Track Club)

#### **Absent**

Treasurer-Michelle Gay  
Masters Chair-Dennis Weber  
Disabled Athletes Chair-Terri McMillan  
Masters Race Walking Vice Chair-Alan Poisner  
Media/Webmaster-Andy Gilmore

#### **Credentialing**

The Membership Chair, Monica Joannes, verified the eligibility of members by confirming each member had a current 2014 membership with USATF.

#### **2014 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Carma Kendall moved to accept the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Connie Brand. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the members present.

#### **Financial Report**

The financial report was given by the President, Clifford Wiley. The Checking Account has \$10,500 and the Money Market Account has \$14,000. He noted that all bills are not paid. There is 1 outstanding bill to be paid, \$400 for the Zone Championship. This prompted further discussion. Carma Kendall, officials' certification chair noted that there was \$175 that needed to be paid for certifications. Connie Brand the officials chair said that the new officials that worked the Zone Championships had not been paid. After further discussion, the new officials were told that the zone meet was a training meet, so no payments are due. The President, Clifford Wiley, made the members aware that the Treasurer, Michelle Gay, now has a legacy email. Her email address was wrong so she was not receiving all the information related to bills, payments, etc.

### **Report of the President**

The President stated that this has been a learning experience for him. You think you know things you don't know. He really appreciates the leaders of the association. He went on to talk about the office of the Missouri Valley Association and the why behind the change of location. The old building was costing too much for too little space and no storage. The rent for the new office is \$235 and \$45 for the internet service, which is a very good price for office space in the down town area of Kansas City. He noted that he uses the building 3-4 times a week to work on association business and check the mail.

Discussed the Association workshop in Sacramento, California in August. Attending were Clifford Wiley, Fawn McDougald, Carma Kendall and Connie Brand.

Talked about the changes that were made by USATF regarding associations and what's needed for accreditation. For example: you have to put on 21 championships, last year we put on 11. The solution is to partner with other groups to obtain this goal. On Nov 8, 2014, USATF Missouri Valley Association is partnering and putting on the Buck O'Neil 5k road race in Kansas City, KS thru the Negro League baseball area. On Nov 9, 2014, USATF Missouri Valley Association is partnering and putting on a 1 mile road race in Wichita, KS. On Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, USATF Missouri Valley Association is partnering and putting on a 10 mile road race in Wichita, KS.

Future plans are for the Missouri Valley to put on road races just like we put on track meets. In the Buck O'Neil 5k road race, the Missouri Valley association has a 25% stake in the race. This years' race will probably show now profit but the plan is for the meet to grow in the future. The Missouri valley association is not spending any money for this meet.

Discussed the association website and noted that we need to utilize it better. One thing is to keep results updated and add pictures.

He discussed the problems last year of meets conflicting with the AAU association. He had a meeting with the President of the AAU Missouri valley association to come up with a solution to alleviate that in the future. It was a good meeting and they came up with a solution.

He discussed looking into sponsorship. He noted that USATF has strict rules regarding this so we need to be careful when acquiring sponsors.

Darren Muci, member and representing the Shocker Track Club wanted to know the territory of the Missouri Valley association and asked about partnering with the Missouri valley association on some meets. Cliff said that we could possibly assist with medals.

### **Officials Committee-Connie Brand**

Connie said that a lot of officials have been certified; K-State- 29, Wichita- 12. Both areas want to put on another officials certification clinic. She said that the association is having a hard time getting officials to work the association meets. She is looking at ways to improve. Connie was looking to amend the bylaws or maybe giving gear, or raising the cost of certification to \$50 instead of \$35. Maybe waive the cost if they work the USATF meets.

Clifford Wiley, the Association President, said that other associations aren't having this problem. He said that this association has had a long history of officials not supporting the association. He finds that officials get certified and work the college meets. We are not a training ground for a part time job. He thinks that it is unfair to certify officials and then they don't work the meets. Maybe we need to reach out to the clubs.

Connie plans to reach out to the clubs and ask each one to provide 2 names of people who may be interested in being an official for youth meets.

Kelly Harmon, Vice President, said that maybe we can consider reaching out to college kids. Connie said that we have two college athletes now for the throws.

Fawn McDougald, Secretary, said that we have to give the new officials a mentor.

Greg Miller, Officials Advisory Chair, said that we need to find people that only want to work youth meets. Make it a positive experience for them, i.e., have enough officials at the meet.

We have approximately 140 current officials and about 30 are in the Manhattan, KS area, 50 in the Wichita, KS area and about 30 are in the Columbia, MO area.

Connie said that she is trying to train people in weights and measures. Right now we have 2 that we know of, John Turner and Richard Messenger.

### **Sanctions-Wayne Armbrust**

Wayne said that the process is much easier now. Everything is done online which makes it much quicker. Every once in a while he may have to ask for additional information.

Cliff said that we have to make sure that people are doing their post-race reports. If these are not done, the insurance is null and void. Wayne said that the form is also on line and that he has no way of knowing if they are being done.

Wayne said that we get approximately \$50-thousands of dollars for sanctions.

### **Membership-Monica Joannes**

We have 1100 members now. Last year we had 1600. This maybe because we had low participation in the association meets last year.

### **Men and Women Track and Field**

Elite Athletes- Clifford Wiley said that we had a National Champion- Kyle Clemons Christian Cantwell did well in some of the Diamond League meets.

### **Cross Country-Forika McDougald**

The Association meet is Nov 15, 2014 at Warner Park, Manhattan, KS. The start time is 11:00am and it is for Masters and Open athletes as well as youth. We will need officials. Right now we need about 5-6 officials. Forika is going to start the meet with the Masters/open and work in. Masters and Open athletes will compete in the 5K.

## **Youth Chair-Forika McDougald**

Forika said that last year we had our 1<sup>st</sup> SW Zone meet. It was held in Manhattan, KS and had about 200 athletes to compete. He was notified in Jan of the meet. The meet turned out to be a success. We ran a little short on officials, but it all worked out.

At the Association Championships we had approximately 300 athletes this year. That number was a little down from the previous year of approximately 500 athletes. This year we combined open and masters athletes after the Junior Olympic meet. The cross country meet was at Warner Park.

Indoor: same as last year. Plan is to host an Association Championship around February 15, 2015, (Sunday), at K-State. We looked at other venues but KU and Wichita State were not available. Johnson County Community College has high school meets on December 13, 2014 and January 10, 2015 so its facility was not available. We are looking at hosting meets at Central H.S. on December 20, 2014 and January 4, 2015 and 1 more date. These meets at Central H.S. will only contest running events. The Indoor USATF Nationals is in March in Landover, MD. The target audience is 13-14 and below because of the high school rules and coaches. We will try to send out the information to all club coaches regarding the meet.

USATF is hosting a Level 1 School at William Jewell on October 11-12, 2014.

USATF Missouri Valley Association is hosting 2 district Championships, one on the Missouri side and one on the Kansas side. The dates are: Missouri-June 6-7, 2015; Kansas-June 13-14, 2015. You will need to compete in the championship of your clubs home state. You cannot compete in both. The Association Championship is June 19-20, 2015 right now in Manhattan, KS. The Border Challenge is not on the schedule right now. Only free week end would be after the Region Championship on July 19-20, 2015. The Youth Championship is June 30-July 5, 2015 in Lyle, Illinois. And then Cross Country at Warner Park in Manhattan, KS.

## **Other Business**

### **Run Jump Throw.**

Carma Kendall said that USATF is doing meets/events for ages 18 months – 5 years old. The goal is to get children interested in track and field at earlier ages. They are going around the country putting on clinics. You can put in a bid to hold on in 2015. She thinks that we should get involved in this venture. Kim Rollins asked if it would be possible to hold events to keep them going the entire year. She works with youth and volunteered to work with Carma on this venture.

### **Win With Integrity**

Kim Rollins explained that this is a program to get kids to say no to drugs. She thinks that Missouri Valley could get clubs to talk to their athletes about this program and the sponsorship connected to it. This is the closed program to a character program.

Wayne said that he was very impressed with the youth coaches.

Cliff stated that we would re-visit meet locations. He knows that we need to try to find a way to service the clubs out west.

## **Adjournment**

Motion made by Carma Kendall to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Connie Brand. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm