

USATF MVA 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 09, 2021 (12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

- Call to order at 12:00 by Carma Robinson-Kendall (President)

Attendees: Carma Robinson-Kendall, Dion Lewis, LaChandra Buckles, Pam Olawaiye, Harvey Kendall, Shannon Graves, Racquel Adams, Melissa Tate, Jamal Parrish, Roderick Mouton, Herb Martin, Connie Brand

-2021 Treasures report (Rae Adams)

\$4852.85 spent on expenses for the year?

75% to 80% of our budget is being spent on timing expenses

Small portions of expenses for hotels, official certification fees and food

Reaching out to board members seek avenues to reduce the cost of timing expenses

The current balance is \$15,366.51 in the bank as of today, Saturday, 9, 2021

-Membership Report (Pam Olawaye)

All rights to membership have been taken away from Membership Chair. Individuals must contact the NO to receive assistance. All members will renew memberships to be valid until 2024.

-Certification Chair (Rae Adams)

MVA lost a significant number of members due to AAU hosting the National Championship in Houston, TX and USATF allowing the JO's to become an "All Comers" meet. I am working with the NO to get badges and people keep asking me, but what they do not realize, and I have explained multiple times, "it is not the association that prints badges, we are at the mercy of the NO".

I have a spreadsheet that I keep of all the badges that I receive from the NO. Once I receive the badges in the mail, I will the individuals to let them know that I received their badge and put it in the mail the following day.

-Officials Chair (Herb Martin)

There are multiple officials complaining they have not received their badges. They have passed the required test and submit their payment, but no badge. When they reach out to the Association Chair, she states she is waiting on the NO to send badges. Many officials want to

leave MV and go to other associations because it seems that these other associations receive badges in a timely manner.

On another note, due to my work schedule and Coaching at Park University, I am relinquishing my duties as Officials Chair. This has been a great experience and Carma I thank you for your hard work and for bringing me on board. I will help train the next Officials Chair to get up to speed but thank you and good luck.

-Youth Report (Shannon Graves)

Youth membership has dropped from 110,000 to now 68,000 currently. Our meets did not have the numbers that we expected, but AAU held Nationals in Houston, so most people opted to run AAU instead of USATF this year. I believe COVID was also a big factor because they NO kept changing their requirements. I as a parent would not want to deal with USATF because they were being inconsistent, but that is a whole other matter. MVA hosted 4 outdoor track meets including Pirates All-Comers, Grandview Invitationals, Olathe Express, MVA Association Championship & MVA Regional Championship. MVA did not host any indoor meets due to COVID.

-Men/Women Chair (Melissa Tate)

We had about 10 Masters athletes participate at each of the outdoor meets. I would like to host more Open/Elite/Master's meets, but it is hard to rent outdoor facilities without paying an arm and leg.

-Sanctions Chair (Wayne Armbrust) - Absent

-Communications Chair (Dion Lewis)

Meet information and COVID protocols have been sent out. The newsletter for the outdoor season is on the MVA website. Once we get into the 2021/2022 indoor season, I will send out additional newsletters that include meets around the metropolitan area and surrounding cities.

-Board Elections

The following Chairs are open: President, VP, Treasurer, Membership, and Secretary. We did not receive any outside nominations.

President- Carma Kendell; all yea votes 0- nay votes

Vice President – Dion Lewis; all yea votes 0 – nay votes

Treasurer- Racquel Adams; all yea votes 0- nay votes

Membership Chair- Open

Secretary – LaChandra Buckles; all yea votes 0- nay votes

Meeting adjourned 1:31 pm CDT