

USATF - NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING September 15, 1997

Venue: Wellesley College Athletic Center, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

President, Ron Boemker, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm., welcoming all those in attendance. Ron's opening statement included the following:

1. Acknowledgement of Ed Sheehan's leaving the Association and the Boston area and thanked him for his positive efforts on behalf of the running community.
2. Explanation that the Boston Marathon will no longer require USATF membership and thanked the B.A.A. for all its efforts in behalf of USATF and that the two organizations will continue to work together on future planning and events for New England athletes.
3. Goal for new Board will be a thorough review and revision of the existing ByLaws.
4. Establish set of reasonable Title IX implementation guidelines for race directors and athletes.

Ron commended Steve Vaitones on his good work and tremendous efforts for and on behalf of the Association and commended the overall organization on a productive year.

A Quorum was established at 7:40 PM for the purpose of electing sports chairs, athletes representatives and Convention delegates.

Annual Reports were submitted by the Office Staff, Treasurer, Sports Chairs, and Athlete Reps. and available for everyone present. Brief oral reports followed.

Annual Election of Sport Chairs and Athlete Reps: Ron Boemker emphasized that sports chairs and athletes reps need to attend monthly Board meetings, volunteer at Association events, and help with office details. He explained the voting procedures and rules regarding voter eligibility.

Incumbents were polled to determine who was running for re-election. Nominations were taken from the floor and each candidate gave a brief (2 minute) presentation. A question and answer period followed, and elections of new officers and sport chairs took place.

<u>Incumbents</u>	<u>Re-election</u>	<u>Newly-electedOfficers</u>
Men's LDR - Edward Sheehan	no	Jean Olds
Masters LDR - Duke Hutchinson	no	Bob O'Hara
Women's LDR - Mimi Corcoran	yes	Re-elected
Track & Field - Bill Clark	no	Richard Hart
Tom Derderian	no	
Masters Track & Field - Ed Daniels	yes	Re-elected
Cross Country - Dan Hart	yes	Re-elected
Racewalking - Justin Kuo	yes	Re-elected
Youth - Ron Boemker	yes	Re-elected
Mt. & Trail Running - Dave Dunham	yes	Re-elected
Athletes Reps - Kathy Nary	yes	Re-elected
Rich Schilder	yes	Cheryl Brantle

Selection of 1997 Convention Delegates: The following USATF-New England members were selected as Delegates for the 1997 USAT&F Convention in Dallas, December 2 - 6. The Association has 19 voting delegates. All delegates must submit a preliminary meeting schedule, and everyone is required to attend the final Saturday Convention meeting. Written reports must be submitted with expense receipts in order to receive Association reimbursement of \$400-\$500 per delegate.

Ron Boemker
Betsy Harshbarger
Marja Bakker
Steve Vaitones
Bill Clark

Tom Derderian
David Post
Kathy Nary
Marlynn Bright
John Walker

Peter Stasz
Jon Babington
Ed Daniels
Ken Robichard

Dan Hart
Thomas Spann
Mike Walsh
Justin Kuo

If unable to attend, it is necessary to notify the Office in order to send a substitute. Our Association delegates are expected to function as a group, on behalf of our Association, and vote accordingly.

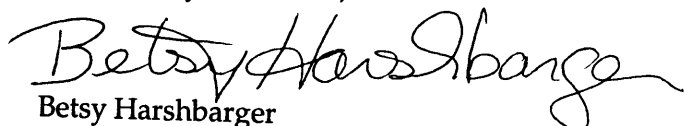
New Business:

1. Bob Sevene noted the inconvenient new schedule for the National Cross Country Meet, moved from Thanksgiving weekend to the weekend following the Convention. This change makes it difficult if not impossible for competing athletes and their coaches to attend the Convention. Ron requested that Bob or others assist him in drafting a letter from the New England Association regarding this change, including points of view from anyone concerned, and present it to the appropriate individuals at the Convention.

Grand Prix Selection Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th.

Ron thanked everyone for their interest and participation and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,


Betsy Harshbarger
Secretary

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Attendance :

Board Members:

President and Youth Chair: Ron Boemker, ThunderboltTC

VP - Courtney Bird, Falmouth TC; Bill Clark, Commonwealth; Pete Stasz, Gr.Springfield Har.

Treasurer - Marlynn Bright, Liberty;

Secretary - Betsy Harshbarger, Liberty

T&F - Tom Derderian, Gr.Boston TC

Masters T&F - Ed Daniels, NHTracksters

Men's LDR - Ed Sheehan, BAA

Women's LDR - Mimi Corcoran CMS

Cross Country - Dan Hart

Past President - Marja Bakker

Athlete Rep - Kathy Nary, Liberty

Athlete Rep - Rich Schilder, BRC

Officials Chair - David Post, Mass. T&F Officials Assn.

B.A.A.- Jean Olds

BRC - Michael McLaughlin, Brian Hamill

CMS, Bob Sevene, Adam Chesler

Comm.AC John Walker

FalconTC, Mike Walsh

Falmouth TC, Carolyn Bird

Gr.BostonTC - Jim O'Brien

Gr.Springfield Har - Chris Farmer

HFC Striders - Richard Hart

Merrimack Valley Str.- Lou Ristaino

New Balance - John Evans

No. Medford Club - Ken Robichaud, John Babington

Parkway RC - Julie Connors

Providence Cobras - Thom Spann

Tri Valley Frontrunners - Rob O'Hara

Waltham TC - Jonathan Parker

Unattached: Mike Nary, Cheryl Brantle, Paul Kortick

Also: John Orfoni Parkway RC, Joe Tranchita-Waltham TC,