

## USATF NEW ENGLAND

### ANNUAL MEETING

September 21, 1998

Gosman Sports Center

Brandeis University

Waltham, Massachusetts

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Ron Boemker.

**Establish Quorum:** Marja Bakker announced that 23 Association clubs were represented, establishing the necessary Quorum.

**Opening Remarks:** President Boemker said that it had been an honor to have been President for the past two terms and that he has great respect for the organization and its events. He particularly noted that our organization offers a lot to its members for the \$15.00 membership fee, including a professionally staffed office, technical expertise, and a full schedule of year-round events. Ron described the Association as being like a family, having its own internal disagreements but pulling together when necessary and best for the sport.

Ron announced that Florence Griffith Joyner had died earlier today from apparent heart failure. He said that she should be remembered for having been instrumental in moving the sport of track and field forward after her performance at the Seoul Olympics and served as an inspiration to many young women.

**Managing Director's Report:** Steve Vaitones commented from the written report he had prepared for the meeting:

- The New England Association is 4300 members strong, even without the Boston Marathon membership requirement, and that we lead all Associations in the number of sanctioned events and annual prize money races;
- The Office was functioning more effectively and efficiently due to having had an Office Administrator, Kajsa Newlin, since January;
- New England Runner Magazine moved into the office in July, which has proven very beneficial, especially with the constant flow of information;
- Cool Running continues to maintain our website;
- the Newsletter has improved and is now being published in magazine format;
- relationship with the National Office is very positive, with the New England Association setting the example as an active and successful association for others to emulate.

**Officials Report:** Dave Post submitted a written report, but commented that this year more officials were Association members and that New England fields the fifth largest officials group. Ron noted that Dave's position on the Board is an appointed one and that he plans to work toward increased training and on-site opportunities for officials throughout the New England area.

**Treasurers Report:** Marilyn Bright distributed copies of her report to Board members, noting that financially the Association is holding its own, at the break even point. She added that the Masters Championship Meet brought in \$11,000.

Ron thanked Marilynn for her services over the past years and noted the very important role the Treasurer plays within our Association.

**Election of Officers:** Ron outlined the procedures as established at the August Board Meeting, which divided the voting into three parts: 1) President, 2) Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3) Sports Chairs and Athletes Representatives. Vice President, Bill Clark, made a motion to have all offices voted on at one time = one ballot. The Motion carried 31/28.

Beginning with President, Ron read off the list of declared candidates, requesting additional nominations from the floor. Uncontested candidates were approved by a majority vote. Following are the results of said voting:

<b><u>Officer:</u></b>	Treasurer	Jim O'Brien
<b><u>Sport Committee Chairs:</u></b>		
	Cross Country	John Finn
	Men's LDR	Ken Robichaud
	Women's LDR	<b>Mimi Corcoran</b>
	Masters LDR	<b>Rob O'Hara</b>
	Masters Track & Field	Roger Pierce
	Mountain & Trail Running	<b>Dave Dunham</b>
	Race Walking	<b>Justin Kuo</b>
	Youth	<b>Ron Boemker</b>

Contested elections followed, with each nominee giving a presentation: (incumbents are highlighted)

**Officers:**

President:	Dan Hart/Peter Stasz
Vice President:	Marja Bakker/ <b>Courtney Bird</b> / <b>Bill Clark</b> / Dermot FitzPatrick/Kathy Nary
Secretary:	Tom Derderian/ <b>Betsy Harshbarger</b>

**Sport Committee Chairs:**

Track & Field:	<b>Rich Hart</b> /John Walker
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**Athlete Representatives:** Tom Petranoff  
Joanna Veltri  
John Walker

Following all presentations and follow-up questions and answers, ballots were distributed and the vote was taken. Vote counting was assigned to Justin Kuo, Ed Daniels, and Gloria Ratti.

During counting, Steve Vaitones read a statement from Dave Kazanjian which Dave had requested to be presented for consideration at the November 2nd Grand Prix meeting:

"Distances for the USATF-NE Road Racing Grand Prix shall include the four required championship race distances of 5K-8K-10K-Marathon, two championship races from the distances of 12K-15K-10Mile-20K-1/2 Marathon-25K-30K, and one "wild card" Grand Prix race which may be an additional race at any of the required distances or a race at a non-traditional distance. Additionally, discussion and voting on the motion will be the first item of business for the November 2nd Grand Prix meeting."

This represents a change from three races in the optional range and no "wild card". The statement was moved as a Motion by Jean Olds and seconded by Rob O'Hara.

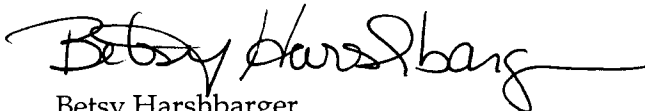
Ken Robichaud suggested in an effort to increase the number of races bidding for Grand Prix status that we all reach out to Association clubs to encourage races in their areas to submit bids.

**National Convention:** The 1998 USATF National Convention is scheduled for December 1-5, in Orlando, Florida, at the Clarion Hotel. The USATF National Cross Country Championships will be held in Orlando on Sunday, September 6th. Ron announced that the New England Association has 16 delegate slots and suggested that we accept the entire Board as delegates if they wish to attend. In addition, he asked if others in the room were interested in attending to sign up after the meeting. There will be some level of reimbursement, but delegates should expect to spend out-of-pocket money at the Convention.

**Election Results:** President -- Dan Hart  
Vice President (3) -- Marja Bakker  
Courtney Bird  
Kathy Nary  
Secretary -- Betsy Harshbarger  
Track & Field Chair -- Rich Hart  
Athlete Representatives -- Tom Petranoff  
Joanna Veltri

Ron thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Betsy Harshbarger  
Secretary