

USA TRACK & FIELD – NEW ENGLAND
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 16, 2002

Venue and Attendance

The New England Association Annual Meeting convened on September 16, 2002 at Gosman Athletic Center, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in attendance: Marja Bakker, Laurie Boemker, Harry Brooks, Phil Bryne, Ed Daniels, Betsy Harshbarger, Dan Hart, Justin Kuo, Kathy Nary, Mike Nary, James O'Brien, Tom Petronoff, Ken Robichaud, John Russell, Chris Simpson, Lance Turley

Staff in Attendance: Steve Vaitones, Managing Director

Other Members in attendance: Courtney Bird, Jim Garcia, Tom Licciardello, John Oleski, Terry O'Neill, Gary Snyder, Pete Stasz

Opening Remarks

President, Marja Bakker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Marja confirmed that a Quorum had been established for the annual meeting and reports from Officers, Sports Chairmen and Athlete Representatives were available. Marja gave an overview of New England's current financial situation. Since she has been President, along with new ideas and energy from other individuals, the financial situation has dramatically improved. Marja also thanked all who had served on the Board.

Managing Director's Report

Steve Vaitones presented some highlights of recent and upcoming Association related events. He indicated membership in New England had increased for 2002 including club membership. Steve also pointed out that the New England Association has been nationally ranked the top 5 in all association activities. Later on during the meeting while votes were being counted, Ken Robichaud presented 2 Bronze Plaques (2000,2001) for these association activities. Ken had received the plaques while he was attending the 2002 Association Workshop in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Steve also reported that New England had just finalized the agreement from the National Office to hold the 2003 USA Indoor Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center the weekend of February 28-March 2 and will be here in 2004. He mentioned this would be a good opportunity for New England officials to be selected for this meet. Availability of tickets to the 2003 USA Indoor Championships was also discussed.

Treasurer's Report

James O'Brien distributed two accounting statements (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Comparison by Year) through 9/16/02. The income report reflected a surplus due to the revenue made from the National Indoor Masters Championships, a staff vacancy of one person in the office and audit fees not applicable this year. Marja Bakker clarified a question (actual costs involved) from the floor regarding sanction fees. Steve Vaitone clarified a question (reduced fees, no fees) from the floor regarding utilizing all services at one bank. The reports were reviewed and upon motion made by Phil Byrne and seconded by Ken Robichaud it was voted to approve the report.

Board of Directors' Election

Marja Bakker reviewed the following:

Article 6. Voting in the Association.

A. Voting and voter criteria

1. All club members and all individual members of the Association are eligible to attend meetings and vote. Every voter, whether voting as an individual member or as the representative of a club member, must be a minimum of age eighteen (18) on the day of the meeting.
2. Every individual member and every club member shall have one (1) vote. One (1) person shall cast only one (1) ballot; there shall be no proxy voting.
3. Every officer and sports committee chairperson of USA Track & Field - New England shall have one vote.

4. Voting membership deadline: Except for renewals from the previous year, individuals must be members in the month which ends more than one full month preceding the meeting (e.g., if the meeting is held at any time in September, the membership must be processed by July 31)

The following officers will be elected for a two-year term:

- President
- Vice-Presidents (up to three)
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The following positions will be elected for a one-year term:

- Cross Country Running
- Men's, Women's and Master's Long Distance Running
- Mountain, Ultra and Trail Running (M.U.T.)
- Race Walking
- Track & Field and Masters' Track & Field
- Youth Athletics
- Three Athlete Representatives

At the meeting the following were elected:

President: Gary Snyder (Former President of Greater Boston Track Club)

Vice Presidents (all re-elected): Harry Brooks (Sugarloaf Mt. Ac./Amherst, Ma)
Tom Petranoff (Throwing Zone/Cranston, RI)
Kathy Nary (Reebok Boston/Newbury,MA)

Treasurer (re-elected): James O'Brien (Greater Boston Track Club)

Secretary: Lance Turley (Nashua Area TC)

Sports Chair:

Cross Country Running: Dan Hart (HFC Striders/Dedham, MA)

Men's Long Distance Running: Tom Licciardello (Merrimack Valley Striders/N Andover)

Women's Long Distance Running: Courtney Bird (Falmouth TC/Falmouth,MA)

Master's Long Distance Running: Ken Robichaud (N. Medford Club/brookline,NH)

Mountain, Ultra, Trail Running: Dave Dunham (Central Mass Striders)

Race Walking: Justin Kuo (NEWalkers/Brookline,MA)

Track & Field: Terry O'Neill (Greater Boston Track Club)

Masters Track & Field: Phil Byrne (Athletics East/Boston,MA)

Youth Athletics: Lance Turley (Nashua Area TC)

Athlete Representatives: Jim Garcia (Greater Lowell Roadrunners/Westford,MA)

John Oleski (Belmont,MA)

Chris Simpson (Greater Boston Track Club)

Gary Snyder succeeding Marja Bakker introduced himself and qualifications.

Lance Turley, a past president of the Granite State Officials Assoc. introduced himself.

Voting of Delegates

The following were elected as delegates to the USATF National Annual Meeting in Kansas City:

1. Gary Snyder
 2. Kathy Nary
 3. Harry Brooks
 4. Tom Petranoff
 5. Lance Turley
 6. Chris Simpson
 7. Marja Bakker
 8. Steve Vaitones
 9. Justin Kuo
 10. Phil Byrne
 11. Ken Robichaud
 12. Dave Dunham
 13. Terry O'Neill
 14. Jim Garcia
- Alternates: Laurie Boemker, John Oleski, Ron Boemker,
Trinity Gray, Pat Lavelle

Prior to selecting the delegates there was a discussion regarding financial assistance for the national annual meeting. The \$150 registration fee had previously been approved for reimbursement. The following motions took place:

Motion to allow a larger amount of reimbursement for the delegates at the annual meeting and that amount be stated tonight. (This motion was amended a couple times and technically not passed.)

Motion to review the reimbursement for delegates at the annual meeting. (This motion was passed)

Motion to recommend the BOD will consider some reimbursement in addition to the \$150.00. (This motion was passed)

Additional Business

Dave Post, Certification Chair during the past twelve years presented some history and responsibilities of the position. Dave officially resigned as Certification Chair (appointed position) and replacement(s) will be made at a later date.

There was a motion to destroy the ballots (seconded and passed).

There being no further business the annual meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Boemker