

**USA Track & Field New England
Double Tree Hotel, Waltham, MA
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009**

Present:

Board

Court Bird FTC/MLDR
Laurie Boemker Officials
David Callum GBTC/TF
Skip Cleaver GCS/MastLDR
Lisa Doucett CSU/WLDR
Jim Garcia GLRR/VP
Paul Kirsch WMM/MUT
Justin Kuo NEW
Pat Lavelle WMTFOA
John Oleski MV/VP
Stephen Peckiconis CSU
Ken Robichaud NMC/President
Gary Snyder MV/Past President
Mike Travers MV/MTF
Stephen Viegas MV/Secretary
Steve Vaitones SRR / Mg Dir

Others

John Barbour GLRR
Carolyn Bird FTC
H.Oldham Brooks SMAC
Dave Camire GCS *
Roy Charette MV*
Rich Clark GSH

Kate Collopy GSF*
Jack Collopy GSF
Rick Collopy GSF
Kevin Curtin New Balance Boston
Tom Derderian GBTC
Dave Dunham CMS
Dave DeInnocentis
Carl Forbes WTC *
Carla Forbes
Marcia Forbes WTC *
Chris Forti HFC
Daniel Grant GSF
Larry Libow MV/Y-Speed
Annajean McMahon NSS
Mike Merra GSF
Richard Mulroy
Ted Norton BAA
Marcella Norton BAA
Alex Peck GSF
Kevin Peck GSF *
Annemarie Peck GSF *
Mike Pelletier NSS
Roger Pierce MV

The meeting was opened by President Ken Robichaud at 6:46 PM

Vice President John Oleski made a presentation of the 2008-2009 Athletes of the Month

Eric Blake*	September 2008
Matt Pelletier*	October 2008
Jack Collopy	November 2008
Rebecca Donaghue*	December 2008
Ruben Sanca*	January 2009
Jenn Donovan*	February 2009

Andrew Springer*	March 2009
Ricardo Jacquite*	April 2009
Heidi Westerly*	May 2009
Craig Fram*	June 2009
No selection	July 2009
Carla Forbes	August 2009

*(*Unable to be present)*

John introduced Gary Snyder, the Chair of USATF Masters Track & Field who presented Roger Pierce with a plaque signifying his election to USATF Masters Track & Field Hall of Fame.

Ken Robichaud introduced the members of the Board of Governors sports chairs and athletes representatives who were present.

Ken then introduced Steve Vaitones, the Managing Director, for comments:

New England has the most events, sanctioned and unsanctioned. We have the highest membership since the last year the BAA required membership for the marathon. Our Grand Prix series and Mountain series were successful. The Junior Olympics regional meet went well. We hosted a successful and fully enrolled Level One coaching school. We have hosted the USATF indoor meet for the last year. It will go to Albuquerque next year. The high school nationals will be at Reggie Lewis the next several years. Steve is collaborating on an inaugural middle school cross-country meet at Devens.

Stephen Peckiconis presented a treasurer's report. He reported that we are in good financial health. Our fees are up. Our expenses are static. We did not have the National Masters meet this year or the income which comes with it. Both investment funds are deposited with cash equivalent as most non-profits do. We have a grant program with a \$2,000 budget. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded. The meeting voted unanimously to accept it.

Mike Travers addressed the meeting on the 2010 National Indoor Masters Championships. We will be hosting it again March 26-28, 2010 at Reggie Lewis. The meet earned \$22,025 in 2008. 2010 will be the last year for at least three years, since other venues will seek it in future years.

Paul Kirsch reported on the successful 2009 MUT season which included the NACAC championships.

Ken presented the President's Awards:

The Youth Award was given to John Hrones of Needham Track Club which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary for his many years of service to youth.

The Jerry Cantor Award was given to Dave DeInnocentis, a versatile and dedicated USATF official.

The Volunteer of the Year Award (renamed the Marja Bakker Award) was given to Dave Dunham of CMS for his many contributions to the sport.

Vice President, Jim Garcia gave a presentation on the grant program. It is in final form and rules and forms can be found on the website. The budget is \$2,000 per year.

Elections were held for the sports chairs and athletes representatives.

Men's LDR - Courtney Bird, Falmouth TC was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Women's LDR - Lisa Doucett CSU was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Masters LDR - Skip Cleaver GCST was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Open Track and Field - Dave Callum GBTC was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Masters Track and Field - Mike Travers MVTC was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Cross-Country - Bill Newsham GBTC was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Youth Athletics - Larry Libow MVTC was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Racewalking - Justin Kuo NEW was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

MUT - Paul Kirsch WMM was the only nominee. A motion was made to close nominations and it was seconded. A motion was made to cast one ballot. It was voted unanimously.

Athlete's Representatives Joan Bohlke New Balance
Caitlyn Clark SISU Project
Laura Golitko Airtime Athletics

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Delegates to the Annual Meeting

A \$800 maximum reimbursement will be offered to delegates, broken down as follows: \$400 for airfare, \$240 for room and \$160 for registration.

Nominees:

- *Laurie Boemker – USATF Official
- *Ken Robichaud – Current President
- *Jim Garcia – 10 year athlete
- *Paul Kirsch – MUT Chair
- *Justin Kuo – National Records Chair
- *Larry Libow – Coach, Mass Velocity member, Level 1 Coach
- **Pat Lavelle - Official
- **John Oleski – Masters Athlete, Vice President, Marketing Chair
- *Stephen Peckiconis – Treasurer
- *Mike Travers – Masters T&F Chair, National Site Selection chair
- *Steve Vaitones – Managing Director
- *Steve Viegas – Secretary, Coach of Mystic Runners (Level 1)
- *Carla Coffey – Coach Smith College
- *Dave Dunham – 10 year
Mary Harada- Masters Athlete
- *Dave Kerin – Coach Middlebury College, Coaches Education Committee'
instructor at Level 1 Coaching School
- Kathy Nary – Women's National LDR Committee
- Lance Turley – Official, former Youth Chair, NH resident
- *Gary Snyder – Past President lots and National Masters Track & Field chair
- *Harry Brooks – National Law and Legislation Committee


Ballots were distributed and business was suspended for the counting of ballots. The results are shown above with * signifying elected delegate and ** signifying alternate delegates. (Nominees without asterisks were not elected.)

Ken introduced Dave Camire to discuss the D-Tag. He gave samples and literature to the audience and showed how it works. After his races, Dave collects chips and recycles the chips. The chip has to be an open loop to properly transmit radio frequency.

Skip Cleaver outlined the Grand Prix selection process. Voting will be online. There will be a screening meeting with Board members and LDR people. Slates will be prepared. Perhaps three will be voted on. There will be a comment period online. The next LDR meeting will be October 8, 2009. A spirited debate ensued about the new plan and its difference from prior years.

The meeting closed at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen G. Viegas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'S'.

Stephen G. Viegas, Secretary