

USATF Illinois Annual Meeting  
Benedictine University  
General Body Minutes  
4/29/2018

Attendees:

Harold Leonard, Officials	George Giddings, Kankakee TC
Shakedia Jones, Midwest Storm TC	Art Pahl, Vice President
Bev Leonard, Officials	Kerry Dean, Officials
Tim Cederblad, Masters Chair	Tricia Myers, Board Member
Jess Gathing, Board Member	Sue Hallen , Chicagoland Masters AC
Ruth Welding, Chicagoland Masters AC	Mary & Bob Pletica, Elgin Sharks
Derrick Calhoun, Firestarters	Kirk Robinson, Illinois Shockers TC
Damani Shakoor, Illinois Stealth Bombers	Joshua Bostick, Flippen Flyers TC
Nicholas Colbert, LV's Cheetahs	Stefanie Dobrin, Windy City Hammers
Rae Hunter, Illinois Shockers	Andrew Lanum
Lori Jordan	Sybil Caruther
Deeanna Slenk, Official	Bernie Lewis, Official
Mike Powers, Co-Chair Officials	Keith Jacobi, Official
Karen Sersen, Chair MUT	Arlicia Mayes, Aurora Flyers
Lorette Cherry, Zephyrs TC	DeVaughn Benion, Zephyrs TC

Brenda Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 1:18 pm and called for committee reports:

Race Walk – Diane Graham-Henry absent (Penn Relays). Art Pahl read written report.

Upcoming Events:

- 5k, 10k, and 1 hour Race Walk competition at Proviso East High School in October for state championships.
- Five race walk athletes from Illinois are competing at Penn Relays
- October is Association Championships

Officials – Jamero Rainey, Chair

- Stressed that there are about 80 clubs. There should be one person as a registered official.
- Several Illinois officials have been solicited to be officials at national meets.
- pushing for younger officials via a grant program.

Masters & Open – Tim Cederblad & DeVaughn Benion, Chairs

- Indoor Throws meet will include field events
- Indoor State meet participation was low due to location and it was the weekend of

Superbowl.

- Indoor State meet of 2019 will probably be held at Lewis University in Romeoville.
- Outdoor State meet of 2018 will be held June 3, at Lewis University in Romeoville.
- Indoor nationals had three participants from Illinois and all three placed (medaled).
- Midwest region may be rotated and may make a bid.
- Next year (2019) the National Throwers meet will be held at Benedictine University.

Youth – Marc Jones, Chair absent (Penn Relays). Report given by Jess Gathing

- Association JO Championship is June 21-23, 2018 at Benedictine University.
- June 9<sup>th</sup>, Kankakee meet will be a qualifier for an international meet . Top eight qualify. This meet will be held in Baltimore, Md, at Morgan State University, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at Coach O.

Old & New Business – Brenda Kimbrough, President

- Tricia Myers covered Volunteers, background checks and SafeSport.
- Coaches bands are required for free meet entry. Additionally, level 1 coaching education will be an added requirement.
- There is a price increase for youth Association, Region 7 and National entry fees.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorette Cherry,  
Secretary

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