

USATF Illinois Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 1, 2011
Proviso East High School
Maywood, IL

Attendees:

Brenda Kimbrough	Billy Poole-Harris	Dorothy Dawson
Patrice Wilson	Darlene Simmons	James Conyers
Rachelle Richmond	Art Pahl	Mike Powers
George Giddings	Jess Gathing	Duane Stubblefield
Jamero Rainey	F. Lee Slick	Sue Hallen
Ruth Welding	Derrick Calhoun	Melissa Delaney
Steven P. Kessler	Fred Fedewa	Angelo Brown
Marc Jones	Pat Palmer	Diane Graham-Henry
Edward DeGeeter	Donald Robinson	Cheryl Buckner Grubbs
Jay Ivory	Tom Kaberna	Bob Nihells
Kerry Dean	Judy Milroy	Bob Pleticha
Mary Pleticha	Robert Nihells	Idris Shakoor
Dwayne Pierre-Antoine	LaVon Burks	Nicole Moore
Damani Shakoor	Marchan Adkins	Deeanna Slenk
Brian Quick	Kimberly George	Vernon George
Homer Thomas	DeVaughn Benion	

Dorothy Dawson opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Old Business:

Dorothy reviewed new changes to national competitions:

- 7 & 8 year olds can compete all the way to nationals.
- 5000m for young men was changed to 3000m.
- the division "midget" could possibly get a name change.
- national youth committee wants coaches classes on hammer, shot, discus & javelin.
- Derrick Calhoun is the head coach for IAAF World Youth Team.

New Business:

- Coaches, if you're not going to compete at the next level, please have your athlete participate as "exhibition".
- Dorothy received an award at the national convention. She was chosen by the Hall of Fame Committee.

Committee Reports:

Race Walk – Diane Graham-Henry

- held the USATF Illinois 5000m Race Walk competition at Proviso East HS on April 23, 2011.

There were 17 participants (2 youths and 15 adults).

- planning a two day clinic (June 4 & 5).

- web www.racewalk.com see Clinic of Excellence.

Officials – Win Eggers Absent

Coaching Education – Marchan Adkins – No report

Masters – Stephen Cohen – Absent

Open – DeVaughn Benion – No report

LDR – Greg Evans - Absent

Youth – Marc Jones

- Master, Open & Youth state championships will be a combined event. Masters and Open will be contested on Friday morning. Youth will start Friday afternoon and run through Sunday. All will be contested at Plainfield Central High School in Plainfield, IL., June 24-26.

- Region 7 Championship will be contested at Plainfield Central High School, July 7-10.

- Committed volunteers are needed.

Elections were conducted by Ruth Richardson-Watson, Atty. Results:

Dorothy Dawson, President

Brenda Kimbrough, Vice President, Administration

Art Pahl, Vice President, Operations

Youth Committee:

Marc Jones, Chair

Billy Poole-Harris

Melissa Delaney, Secretary

Derrick Calhoun

Patrice Wilson

Jess Gathing, Vice Chair

Darlene Simmons, Asst Secretary

Mary Pleticha

Art Pahl

Respectfully submitted,

Lorette Cherry,

Secretary