

**Missouri Valley USATF Annual Meeting
Oct. 8, 2006**

Officer and Board Meeting

Emporia State University

Minutes

Attendance: Mark Stanbrough, President; Wayne Armbrust, Racewalk Chair; Susan Melgares, Membership Chair; Cliff Wiley, member; Rhonda Birdsong, member, Gilbert Castillo, member; Kenneth Ferguson, Law and Legislation Chair, Ryan Turner, Coaches Education Chair.

2005 Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

President's Opening Remarks and Report: Mark reported on the highlights of the year, including the Region 9 Jr. Olympic meet, hosted in Lawrence, and a bid for Kansas City to host the 2011 USATF National Meeting.

He also mentioned the need to find ways to get more volunteers involved with the Missouri Valley USATF Association.

Gilbert and Jack suggested that there should be a focus on involving master's competitors through better marketing. This could include the listing MV meets in National Master's News, linking to Senior USATF Games from the MV website, and using current masters runners as ambassadors to get additional runners involved.

Mark listed the positions to be filled: Secretary, Youth Chair, Sanctions, Masters, Women's track and field, Men's track and field, Elite and Cross Country. He asked that we identify and contact other possible volunteers.

It was also suggested that the association email list be sorted by age to target masters competitors, and that a note be made on the association website for members to update contact information with current email addresses.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer, Sherry Heim, was absent, but Mark reported that we have \$5,631 in the account, up from last year.

Membership: Susan reported that there are 909 members of the MV USATF Association during 2006, up from 753 members in 2005 and 673 members in 2004.

There are 26 current clubs in the association.

Mark mentioned that the USATF membership fees for 2007 will increase to 19.95 for youth and 29.95 for adults.

There was discussion by Ken Ferguson that there may not have been a quorum involved when the decision was made to increase membership fees and Cliff suggested we need to speak up as an association if we disagree. Jack suggested we pass a resolution if we do not agree with the fee increase. Mark mentioned a possible comparison of costs for other sports.

Youth: Mark gave out a schedule of the 2006 summer meets, and the possibility of hosting a North Region meet in the future was discussed.

Mark reported that the 2007 Jr. Olympic National Cross Country meet will be held at Rimrock Farm in Lawrence on November 18th.

Possible hosts for the 2007 Missouri Valley Association Jr. Olympic Track and Field Championship meet were listed: Hays, Johnson County Community College and UMKC. Mark gave out copies of a checklist for possible hosts and said he'd like to have the site decided by January of 2007.

Law and Legislation: Ken reported on the Criminal Background Screening program for club coaches and volunteers, and provided a flow chart describing the procedure.

Advantages and several disadvantages were discussed. Mark appointed Rhonda, Ken and Jack as a screening committee to look into the situation.

National Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2006: Mark asked for possible delegates from the MV Association.