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Thursday, September 26, 2024
Potomac Valley Association FINAL Annual Meeting Minutes (CORRECTED)
Virtual Meeting
7:00 PM

Opening

The meeting was officially called to order at 7:07 PM by President Henry McCallum.

Welcome

Henry McCallum, President, welcomed everyone to the virtual annual meeting and expressed thanks for all the hard work they had done throughout the year. He also called for a moment of silence as we prayed for those who were here and prayed for the loss of Coach Clarence Franklin and others who had passed recently.

Roll Call

The roll call was made by Faye Howell with the following officers present: President Henry McCallum, 1st Vice President Adrian McDaniel, Vice President Elenora Battle, Vice President Jan Price, Vice President Warren House, Secretary Faye Howell, Men's LDR Chair Craig Chasse, Masters' LDR Chair George Banker, Men's Track & Field Chair David Barmer, Racewalk Chair Ron Clarke, Youth Chair Quentin Wilson, Officials' Chair Dr. William Price, Past President Phil Barrett, and Membership Chair Herb Nicholls. Not in attendance were Vice President Warren House, Treasurer Barbara Smith, Women's Track & Field Chair Victoria Adams, Women's LDR Chair John Ivey (excused).

Minutes

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting had been sent out earlier for review. George Banker moved, and Oretta Johnson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Henry explained that Elenora Battle had been keeping up with the expenses due to Barbara Smith's inability to carry out her duties as the Treasurer and Adrian McDaniel has been appointed as the Interim Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report was shared on screen with a staring balance of $244,288.13 and a closing balance of $278,387.11. The report showed the annual report up to the end of August. A question was raised about a non-labeled $1,500.00 entry. Elenora responded that it was an oversight to not label it, but the amount was for payment to the webmaster. George Banker moved, and Oretta Johnson seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion carried.

Adrian reported that he has been working with an accountant to reinstate our 501(c)3 status. PVA will be using Quick Books. He also reported that the P.O. box has been changed to a local Post Office instead of the Hanover location. The new address is P.O. Box 7371, Upper Marlboro, MD 20792.

Sports Committee Reports

Officials' Report

Dr. Bill Price reported that PVA has 132 officials who are USATF certified. He is having an Officials meeting/certification at the Complex 11/1/2024. Several officials will be honored including Doug Edwards, John Ivey, Selena Johnson, Gary Manning, Trinette Newman, William Stafford and Juanita Stokes. He also recommended several officials for other awards. Dr. Price serves as Chair, James Pierce serves as Communications Chair and Monica Caldwell serves as the Secretary, but they are looking for a secretary.

Youth Committee Report

Quentin Wilson, Youth Chair, reported that PVA put on four meets, both indoors and outdoors. Participation in the PVA Championship meets has been low, but participation at the other meets was high. Indoor Invitational meet hosted 2400 youth, outdoor invitational meet 1200, and the DMV had over 3,000. The Cross Country meet will be held November 3 in Hagerstown at South Hagerstown High School. Several youths competed in the Regionals, but there was a mix-up, so everyone qualified to go to the Nationals.

Michael Benoit announced that Barbara Thurston is a course certifier and he wants to work with her to host the next Cross Country meet at Aquatic Gardens in Wahington DC. Henry advised him to speak with the Youth and Open Chairs to work towards this effort.

Men's Track and Field Committee Report

David Barmer, Chair of Men's Track & Field, reported that they attended 3 indoor meets and 3 outdoor meets. on both the men and women. He said that the Open athletes assist a lot with the Youth Meets and Masters meets. They competed well in Kentucky and other places and had winners wherever they competed. Yvette White came in 5th place and 2 place in the 200 meters. At Penn Relays, women came in 2nd in the 4x1 and 3rd in the 4x4. We had 3 Olympic qualifiers in Orlando. Sierra Jones won the 100 and was 2nd in the 200.

Men's LDR Committee Report

Craig Chasse, Men's LDR Chair, stated that he held a meet on November 4 in Nottaway Park in Vienna VA. Twenty women and 10 men participated in the meet. Youth and Open helped with the sanctioning. He would like to hold a Cross Country meet at a more southern location.

Masters' LDR Committee Report

George Banker, Masters' LDR Chair, reported that he had some photos to share on the website. He reported that most LDR meets are being hosted by non-profits and their budgets are low.

Henry reported that Tom Jones, Master Chair, won the 3 gold medals and a silver in Sweden and set a world record in the 4x1. James Pierce also submitted Tom Jones as candidate for the Open Athlete of the Year.

Racewalk Committee Report

Ron Clarke, Committee Chair, reported that participation in youth racewalk is steady, but there is usually a drop off after age 12. He's inviting youth to participate in the 1 Hour Postal Walk on October 6 at Madison High School in Vienna, Va. Dr. Price added that Olivia Hunter in Severn, had 2 National Championship racewalkers.

Henry thanked everyone for their reports. He noted that our USATF membership had dropped from 8000 down to 2000, due to much negativity, but he did not elaborate. Michael Bennett said that USATF is looking for independent Board members, and he is interested in being the High-Performance Chair in the National Office.

Convention Delegation and Update

Anyone interested in attending the Annual Meeting should contact Henry. A motion was made by Mr. Tutt and seconded by Elenora Battle to adjourn the meeting so elections could be conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by,

Faye M. Howell

Faye M. Howell, Secretary

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