

***Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm on Sunday, October 7, 2018***

**Attendees**

Carma Robinson-Kendall, President  
Pam Olawaiye, Membership Chair  
Cliff Wiley, Acting Youth Chair  
Gilda Muci, Shockers Track Club  
Darren Muci, Shockers Track Club  
Karen Homan  
Ken Ferguson  
Dion Lewis  
Wayne Armburst – on phone  
Larry Stanton – on phone  
Jamar Parrish – on phone  
Missy Gore-Tate – on phone

**Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The group voted to accept the 2017 minutes as written. The motion was made by Carma Robinson-Kendall (President) and seconded by Dion Lewis (Youth Chair).

**Old Business**

The President gave an account of the Missouri Valley bank account standings.

The USATF annual meeting will be held on Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 in Columbus, Ohio. Missouri Valley will be sending 13 Board Members as delegates. As usual, Missouri Valley will pay for flights and hotel rooms. Larry Stanton recommended that Darrin Muci also attend the meeting as a Member-at-Large. Darrin will let Carma know if he is able to go by Monday, Oct. 8.

Summary stats from summer 2018 USATF MoValley track meets are as follows:

- **Grandview Invitational** had 334 athletes. The meet was on several rain delays and did not actually begin until 10:00am. However the meet was completed by 2:00pm.
- **Olathe Invitational** had over 200 athletes and was mostly completed by 12:00pm.
- **Association Championship** at William Jewell College had 603 athletes, and was a success and was completed by 3:00pm.
- **Regional Championship** was held at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and was a great success.
- **National Junior Olympic Championships** at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, NC, MoValley had 16 athletes medal.

**Membership Report**

Pam Olawaiye, Membership Chair reported that, to date, there are 30 clubs and 1065 total members as opposed to 2524 athletes registered in 2017 (increase was due to the National Junior Olympic Championships being held in Lawrence, KS). This is a decrease of 1459 athletes from 2017.

**Financial Report**

The President discussed the current financial status of the Missouri Valley Association. Any questions can be forwarded to the President.

### **Certified Officials Report**

In the absence of the Officials Chair, the President informed the group that we are currently working on getting new officials certified and improving the systems for getting more certified officials. She stated that Mike Armstrong, from the Arkansas Association, forwarded an overview of the new officials system. It was suggested that we make sure that the URL explaining the step by step instructions and requirements for certified officials are on the website.

The concern was raised that people are continuing to have problems receiving their badges. The organizations are still working with the National Office. However, the group was reminded to let others know that when registering as a Certified Official, one must first choose their shirt size on the registration screen before a badge will be issued. If officials continue to have problems receiving their badges, please contact directly: Carma Robinson-Kendall, President; Herb Mart – Officials Chair; or Racquel Adams – Certification Chair. Contact information is on the website.

### **New Business**

#### **Youth Chair Report**

Dion Lewis presented his Youth Chair report to the group. He explained that the group is finalizing this year's schedule for meets from November – July 2019. The following meets are confirmed:

- Nov. 3 – Cross Country Championship will be held at Johnson County Community College.
- Nov. 17 – Association Cross Country Championship in Independence, Mo. MoValley will be bypassing the Regional meet. Therefore all athletes who compete in the Association Championship will automatically qualify for the Championship meet on Dec. 8 in Reno, NV.
- We are currently working on finalizing a youth and high school meet at Highland Community College. The youth will compete in the morning and the High School will compete in the afternoon. More details to come.
- Jamar Parrish, Pirates TC is looking to do a developmental meet sometime in April. More details to come.
- Grandview Invitational – June 1
- Olathe Invitation al – June 8
- Missouri Valley Association Championship – June 15, Location TBD

The Board is currently looking at getting some Racewalks scheduled.

Dion will host additional meetings to give more detail and updates on the outdoor meet dates and locations.

It was suggested that the Board look into using the newly built track at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Mo.

If anyone knows of a school that would be interested in hosting a Run, Jump, Throw event, let Dion know.

Dion reminded the group that he is putting out a quarterly newsletter to all members. The next newsletter will be in December. If you or you know someone else who is not getting the newletter, please let Dion know.

Dion will be sending out the responses to questions that were collected prior to the meeting, by email.

It was suggested that along with the various meets held at the Colleges and Universities, MoValley should add informal college visits for the USATF athletes.

It was stated that 6<sup>th</sup> grade students can start taking the ACT. There are various businesses that host practice ACT training classes. Some examples include, UMKC Saturday School and Urban League, but there are others around the city.

The following are open Board Member Chair positions for Missouri Valley. If you are anyone you know is interested in chairing any of these events, please let a Board Member know:

- Men T&F
- Women T&F
- Masters
- Long Distance
- Mountain Ultra Trail

There will be a **Border Challenge indoor meet** between Missouri Valley & OKC on January 12 at Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, KS. The meet will be open to ages 8-18 years, Open and Masters Athletes. No USATF Membership is required. More information to come.

The **2019 Regional Championship** will be held by the Oklahoma Association in Catoosa, OK on July 4-7.

The **2019 USATF National Championship** will be held at Sacramento State University in Sacramento, CA during the week of July 22-28, 2019.

The **2019 International Youth Championship** will be held on July 12-14 at the PG County Learning & Fitness Center in Landover, MD. The Grandview Meet which will be held on Saturday, June 1 will be one of several qualifiers (others held in various other states) for the International Youth Championships.

Missouri Valley will be hosting the Indoor Regional Championship which will be a Master's and youth meet. On Friday, Feb. 1 & Sat. Feb.2. On Friday, all field events will be contested, and on Saturday, running events will take place. More info to come. Dion Lewis will contact the Visitors bureau for more hotel and rooming details.

Big River Running will again be hosting their series of 3 high school track meets in 2019. More info to come.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Shocker Track Club will be hosting their Halloween Throws pentathlon at Wichita State University. It will be Halloween themed and there will be prizes. The meeting will start at 8:30am.

The question was asked as to when the upgrade to the USATF website will be complete. It was explained that the website is managed by the National Office only.

A suggestion was made that MV lobby to upgrade the website to allow for online submittals of accident/incident reports that occur during practices etc. The board will take that under advisement.

Wayne Armburst expressed concern that he is not receiving Sanction requests and applications in a timely manner. Carma and Wayne will work on a solution.

It was noted that the Masters Championship that was held on Saturday, Sept. 29 had 75-80 athletes.

#### **Bylaws – Atty. Ken Ferguson & Atty. Cliff Wiley**

Mr. Ferguson explained the current Bylaws are currently on the website. There are a couple of amendments:

- Article 6.3.1 – Nominating Process – Change to read ***“A candidate must be a valid member of USATF and the Association who is at least 18 years of age 9at the start of the term of office); and Board members must be minimum age of twenty five (25) years of age”.***
- Article 8.1 – Change to read ***“No individual may be an officer of this Association who is also an officer of any other sport governing body at the local or national level”.***
- Article 10 – It was suggested that there be 1 Chairperson for both Men & Women T& F combined.
- Article 11.3.12 – Appeals: The decision of the arbitrators may be appealed pursuant to USATF Regulation 11-P.
- Article 9.1.1.5 – Officials Advisory Chair – It was suggested that this position be used to help build the officiating body with Missouri Valley.

***Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm***