

USATF New England association Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, September 19, 2006  
Newton Marriott, Newton MA

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Athlete of the Month and Officials Awards presentations for the past 12 months. John Oleski made the presentations, and six of the 13 honorees were present; Ashley DiClemente, Sherita Williams, Mary Harada, Uzoma Orji, Dave Callum (for Gr.Boston TC), and Bob Matteson.

Officials Co-chairs Laurie Boemker and Pat Lavelle presented service awards to four officials; Gerry Cantor NH) (present at meeting), Ray Dwyer (RI), Bob Gidari (NH), and Dave Wilbur (MA).

At 8:00 pm, president Gary Snyder opened the business meeting with his report, and thanked the board for their help in his four years as president. Treasurer David Cahill presented the Treasurer's Report. He was followed by several board members who gave brief presentations to supplement the printed reports available.

Elections were the next order of business, beginning with officers. No additional individuals were nominated, and thus the president, vice presidents, and secretary were elected by acclamation.

President:	Ken Robichaud (Leominster MA/NMC)
Vice president:	Harry Brooks (Amherst MA/Sugarloaf Mt AC)
	Jim Garcia (Westford MA/GLRR)
	John Oleski (Belmont MA/MassVelocity).
Secretary:	Steve Viegas (Reading MA/Mystic Runners)
Treasurer:	Vacant; to be filled by board

Ken addressed the room and expressed his appreciation and enthusiasm.

Elections for sports chairs and athlete rep followed. The following positions were uncontested and elected by acclamation:

Men's LDR:	Courtney Bird (Falmouth MA/FTC)
Women's LDR:	Sue Maslowski (Nashua NH/GLRR)
Open T&F	Dave Callum (Lawrence MA/GBTC)
Masters T&F	Carroll Blake (Boston/MassVelocity) (Lee Hess chose not to continue as a co-chair)
Youth Athletics	Patrick Sweeney (HFC Striders/Dedham MA) (co chair)
	Lance Turley (Nashua NH / NHWWTC) (co chair)
Mountain-Ultra-Trail	Paul Kirsch (Conway NH/White Mtn Milers Running)
Racewalking	Justin Kuo (Brookline MA/NEWalkers)
Masters LDR	Vacant. To be filled by board

In the only contested position, Bill Newsham (NH/GBTC) won over Dan Hart for Cross Country Chair.

Election for athlete representatives had the following result:

Elected:	Larry Libow (Springfield MA/Mass Velocity)
Elected:	Sarah Lawson (Waltham MA/GBTC)
Elected:	Josh Seeherman (Somerville MA/GBTC)
Not elected:	Paul Kelley (W.Roxbury MA/HFC Striders)

Election of delegates for the USATF Annual Meeting in Indianapolis was held next, with four new names added to the ballot prepared for the meeting.

Those elected: Laurie Boemker, Harry Brooks, Dave Callum, Carla Coffey, Jim Garcia, Paul Kirsch, Justin Kuo, Pat Lavelle, Kathy Nary, John Oleski, Ken Robichaud, Gary Snyder, Lance Turley, Steve Vaitones (approved as automatic selection by board), and Stephen Viegas.

Carroll Blake, Dave Kerin, and Larry Libow will be considered as alternates. ,

Pete Stasz moved to increase the board-voted allotment of \$400 per delegate to \$500 per delegate. Dave Callum and Jim Garcia, members of the board, both spoke against it, but it was approved despite this.

#### New Business

Discussion of the new membership fees that will be in place for the coming year were discussed. While most understood and accepted the need, the increase in the youth fee could decrease both youth membership and youth participation in JO meets.

The basics of the background checks/child protection program that begins in 2007 were presented and the questions that were raised indicated that there is a need for someone from the National office to come to the area and address these concerns.

The meeting then adjourned approximately 10:00 pm

Submitted by Steve Vaitones

#### Attendees of 2006 Annual Meeting

##### Board:

Courtney Bird FalmouthTC (LDR), Laurie Boemker Officials,  
H.Oldham Brooks WMTFOA (VP), David Cahill GBTC (Treas/VP),  
David Callum GBTC (Ath Rep), James Garcia GLRR,  
Dan Hart HFC (XC), Justin Kuo N.E.W. (RW)  
Pat Lavelle WMTFOA (Officials), Gordon Macfarland CSU (LDR),  
John Oleski Mass Velocity (VP), Ken Robichaud USATF (VP),  
Gary Snyder GBTC (President)  
Steve Vaitones SRR (Managing Director)

##### Members:

Carroll Blake MASS Velocity, Skip Cleaver Gate City Str  
Gerry Cantor MTFOA, Tom Derderian GBTC,  
Don Davis Mystic Runners, Ashley DiClemente NK (and family X)  
Kevin Eaton Mystic Runners, Mark Favermann Una,  
George Fitzhenry Una, Matthew Germain SISU PROJECT  
Warren Graff MASS Velocity, Mary Harada LAC  
Charles Kelly MASS Velocity, Paul Kirsch White Mt. Milers  
Jeff Kurbec Sentinel Striders, Sarah Lawson GBTC,  
Larry Libow MASS Velocity, Bob Matteson 65+  
Theirno Mbacke GBTC, Jim McGloin Una,  
Kathy Nary Una, Mike Nary Una,  
Bill Newsham GBTC, Caroline Ocean GBTC,  
Michael Olivo GBTC, Junyong Pak GBTC,  
Roger Pierce MASS Velocity, Jerry Powers BAA  
Emily Raymond GBTC, Paul Schell NMC  
Josh Seeherman GBTC, Bob Segal MASS Velocity,  
Ray Smith PC, Thomas Spann Providence Cobras,  
Peter Stasz GSH, Tucker Taft MASS Velocity,  
Joe Tranchita Waltham TC, Mike Travers MASS Velocity,  
Paul Turner Harvard, Stephen Viegas Mystic Runners,  
Sherita Williams GBTC

##### Non-members

Uzoma Orji MIT, Dave Camire CoolRunning