

**GATFXCCA
Conference Call
Sunday, April 10, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance:

Matt Henson - President
Sheldon Pearce – Vice President
Cathi Monk – Treasurer
Travis Gower - Secretary
Andy Christie – 6A Cross Country
Dan McCauley – 1A Private Track & Field
Scott Neal – 1A Private Cross Country
Rico Campbell – 3A Track & Field
Mike Beaudreau – Cross Country At Large
Alesia Gibson – Track & Field At Large
Jason Newton – 5A Cross Country
Eric Daugherty—5A Track & Field
Andrew Hudson – Hall of Fame Committee Chair

Agenda:

Call/Schedule for Board for 2016

- Call for a conference call once per month as available.
- May 22nd, conference call the 4th Sunday of each month if available.
- Sunday, July 24th Executive Board Meeting, location TBD (Cathi Monk will work on a location & time)

Website

Memberships

- Some coaches at the coaches clinic indicated that they were going to join the GATFXCCA but have not as of yet.
- Some combined their membership with the clinic fees and we need to get some fees from the ATC.

GATFXCCA team selections

- Online honor with a printable certificate and contact media outlets.
- Use ga.milesplit.com through sectionals and state to fill-in the top sprinters, jumpers, distance, etc.
- Question between picking a specific number of athletes or a specific performance criteria?
- What would this be called? Team Georgia (would that conflict with the ATC XC?)
- Proposal to take the top 3 state championship performances in all events recognized as All-State and as a 2nd criteria, then use a standard that is set-up by the GATFXCCA (using the Milesplit standards as a guide).
- Matt motions the proposal, 2nd and passed

Scholarship

- In the budget for two \$750 scholarships for the school year, need pre-requisite.

- Call for two scholarships per season (cross country & track & field) going forward, however, for 2015 – 2016 push for just the track & field scholarship
- Development of an application process.
- Matt proposed to set-up tomorrow (Monday, 4/11/2016) on ga.milesplit.com due on Monday, 4/24/2016 using a google doc with a 250 – 300 word essay about the impact of track & field (or cross country) on their lives
- Goal for the nomination to be based not only on performance, but strongly on how they present the lessons learned from track & field (or cross country)
- Four coaches will serve on the committee.
- Look over the applications the week of Sectionals and announce at the state meets.
- Cathi makes a motion to begin the Scholarship process, 2nd and passed

Hall of Fame (Andrew Hudson)

- Follow-up on Andrew Hudson's e-mail
- Criteria is based on the Gwinnett County Hall of Fame process
- List and criteria are blended from the list Tomy Sitton had used in the past.
- This year's list will include: Willie Gault, James Carr (coach – deceased), Dee Dee Trotter
- Going forward a new committee will be selected at the July meeting
- Matt gave a call for approving the criteria and formation of a new committee, 2nd and passed

Newsletter

- Instead of creating a template for the newsletter, a tab could be created on the GATFXCCA.org website.
- Logins and passwords will be created for everyone to allow access to create articles for the newsletter.
- Bullet list of topics to create a newsletter based on the discussions today and updates on the GATFXCCA. Goal to have ready for sectionals.

GHSX XC Proposal (Andy Christie, XC committee chair)

- Used the survey + post cards (only @ 10 returned). By far, 7A wanted an area meet while other classifications did not support the area model.
- Was decided at the clinic to go forward as a 7A proposal.
- One coach (unnamed) commented that the process was NOT transparent.
- In 7A, 33 of the 48 schools were in favor of the area proposal.
- Results of the survey are to be released after the GHSA meeting.
- Chris Carter will speak at the GHSA track & field committee about the proposal due to a death in Andy Christie's family.

Presence at the State Track Meet

- GATFXCCA has a tent and 4 banners, however, the state track meet is not a good location for tents or banners.
- Plan to see if the ATC will allow for the GATFXCCA to put a tent or banner with their materials.
- Idea to have a boy's coach go to the girl's state track & field meet and vice versa to have a presence.

- Plan to contact the meet directors of both meets about having a visual presence and bringing some snacks and possible t-shirts or lanyards.

Future meetings

- Plan to give gas cards or other compensation for the board members to have help in traveling to meetings.
- Plan to set a date for the coaches clinic 2017.