

GATFXCCA Representatives Meeting
12/18/16
Maggiano's at Perimeter Mall

Attendance:

Matt Henson – President
Sheldon Pearce – Vice President
Travis Gower – Secretary
Cathi Monk – Treasurer
Scott Neal – A Private Cross Country
Dan McCauley – A Private Track & Field
Will Wood – AA Track & Field
Andrew Hudson – Hall of Fame Chair
Mike Judge – USATF Georgia
Hazel Clark – Georgia Track Club

A. Budget – Cathi Monk

1. Review of last physical year and proposed budget for 2017
2. Budget will be presented for approval at the Coaches Clinic and General Meeting in January
3. By-laws will need to be amended to allow for the physical year budget to match the election year calendar.
4. Should the coaches association continue to bring food and drink to the State Meets
 - a. Continue water and snacks?
 - b. Add lanyards, info on the organization, etc.?
 - c. Continue with XC state meet?
 - d. New budget will have \$200 for each state track & field location and \$100 for XC
 - e. Should more be done with helping the ATC bring their food and drink
 - f. Consensus was to continue the presence and to have a point person for each state meet. That person would help Enrique Tomas at the Atlanta Track Club and coordinate with food and beverage for each meet
5. HOF Budget – Andrew Hudson
 - a. Increase budget to \$2000 from \$1000 per year for the HOF to cover the expense of 4 – 6 inductees per year (2 – 3 for XC season, 2 – 3 for track & field season)
 - b. 2016-2017 class will all be done @ the ATC Banquet for Track & Field in June (both XC & track & field)
6. Scholarships
 - a. Four (4) scholarships @ \$500 per year, one per gender per season (XC and Track & Field) for the current budget
 - b. Plan to increase scholarships gradually over the next few years if funds are available.
 - c. Scholarship requirements are to be introduced at the Coaches Clinic in January
7. 14 Programs have paid membership dues this year, many additional individuals, list can be found on www.gatfxcca.org
8. Plan to continue the coaches' awards for 20 and 30 years of service at the Coaches Clinic.
 - a. Desire to create a database and have an idea of who has already been recognized and who needs to be.

B. Rules

1. The GHSA is asking the Coaches Association for input on what rule(s) need to be created or amended
2. There will be an in-person rules clinic at the Coaches Clinic in January

C. Coaches Clinic – January 13th and 14th, 2017

1. Lack of local coaches in the clinic roster, need for more representation from within the state's coaching ranks
2. Speakers need to have an understanding of Georgia's unique track & field season (no indoor, short season from 1/16 to 5/13 this year)
3. Lack of transparency with the Atlanta Track Club over speakers and schedule, would like to have more of an input and to gain speakers much further in advance (6 to 12 months)
4. Conflict with sponsors of the Coaches Association and their presence at the Clinic, primarily between BSN and M-F Athletics
5. Atlanta Track Club would like to see GATFXCCA merchandise to be created by Mizuno, BSN has donated merchandise and the GATFXCCA is open to a counter proposal from Mizuno

D. Election Process

1. Vote at the Coaches Clinic is in the by-laws
2. Only current members of the GATFXCCA will be allowed to vote
3. Looking into an electronic/online voting set-up
4. Proposal of an amendment to the by-laws that would require participation for the executive board members
 - a. According to Mike Judge and Hazel Clark, the USATF allows for the possibility of removal after 2 missed meetings
 - b. Proposal would require 75% of meetings (phone and in person) be attended to remain on the executive board
 - c. Actual time invested would be about 4 hours per quarter
- 5.

E. Board Members Job Descriptions – Matt Henson

1. Proposal to change the titles/rank of Executive members
 - a. Vice President would be broken into three positions
 - i. Vice President of Membership – currently Sheldon Pearce (vice president)
 - ii. Vice President of Promotions and Marketing – currently Cathi Monk (treasurer)
 - iii. Vice President of Research – currently Travis Gower (secretary)
 - b. Proposal to add a 5th Executive member that would be a combination of treasurer and secretary
 - i. Discussion of how that person would be chosen, suggested by Cathi Monk and Travis Gower that any executive member should be elected
2. Proposal tabled until the Coaches Clinic

F. 2017 Goals

1. Refocus on the mission statement of the GATFXCCA (R.A.C.E.)
2. Better website updates/access to log-in for executive members
3. Password protected sections of the website for members, primarily educational resources
4. Expansion of scholarships and to encourage XC scholarships earlier in the year
5. Professional Development

- a. Providing funds to send members of the GATFXCCA to other clinics and to events such as the Paralympics to gain speakers and contacts for the state of Georgia
- 6. Paralympic expansion
 - a. Add coaches to the coaches clinic
 - b. Reach-out to schools/districts to gain access to more student-athletes
- 7. Join the National High School Senate
 - a. \$100 membership fee
 - b. Gain access to speakers for the clinic
- 8. Hall of Fame Liaison – Hazel Clark
 - a. Hope is to reach out to Hall of Fame inductees to encourage them to attend the induction, belief that the contact from a peer would encourage more high-profile inductees to attend the ceremony
- G. Newsletter
 - 1. Need to complete the next volume before the clinic
- H. Future Meetings
 - 1. Coaches Clinic – at the end of the Saturday session, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
 - 2. Summer @ the end of July, near Macon – location and time TBD
 - 3. Winter on the third weekend of December – location and time TBD
- I. USATF Georgia/GATFXCCA Partnership – Mike Judge
 - 1. Series of 1-day clinics for officiating, specifically for high school rules with an emphasis on field events
 - 2. Connection to more of the state and a greater scope of athletes (6 to 100 years old)
 - 3. Rules certification for the high school rule book, a dire need with 3 state meet locations for track & field the same weekend in May
 - 4. Make more USATF officials available for high school meets around the state
 - 5. Track & Field Meet of Champions – May 19th & 20th @ Marietta High School
 - a. All-star relays to replace team relays (7A vs. 6A vs 5A, etc.) with a relay “coach” from each classification
 - b. Continue to grow the meet and push for more participation
 - c. High participation rate for the XC Meet of Champions