

GATFXCCA Representatives Meeting
7/24/16
Pope High School

Attendance:

Matt Henson – President
Sheldon Pearce – Vice President
Travis Gower – Secretary
Cathi Monk – Treasurer
Dan McCauley – A Private Track & Field
Eric Daugherty – AAAAA Track & Field
Mike Beaudroau – At-Large Cross Country
Andrew Hudson – Hall of Fame Chair
Andy Christie – AAAAAA Cross Country/Committee Chair
Enrique Thomas – Representing the Atlanta Track Club

1. Coaches Annual Clinic
 - A. ATC Office
 - i. Enrique says the plan is to keep the
 - B. Date Options 1/13 – 1/14 of 1/20 – 1/21 . . . single day format?
 - i. ATC's preference is for the 13th/14th
 - ii. Majority was in favor of the MLK weekend of the 13th & 14th
 - C. Social Opportunities
 - i. Stave room rental OR Sweetwater facility
 1. Stave room is booked
 2. Sweetwater facility is reserved for Friday, January 13th
 3. \$3600 cost for the Sweetwater facility
 - a. Belief that GATFXCCA can cover ½ the cost and a sponsor cover the other ½
 - b. Cathi will find out the overall cost for food and what is included for the cost
 - i. 3 hours of time is allotted with 6 drink coupons and a souvenir cup
 - c. A survey will be sent out to see how many would be interested for the Friday night event
 - d. Add a by-line on the registration form for the clinic/GATFXCCA as to who would attend the Coaches Clinic and the Friday night events
 - D. Sponsors
 - E. Clinicians
 - i. HS Coaches and elite athletes/coaches
 1. Sheldon Pearce shared that speakers may be tough to come by due to the MLK, Jr. weekend due to college indoor track kicking off and based on the schedule
 - a. Sheldon's discussion with other coaches who did not attend and/or attended clinics outside of the state said that there were not enough high profile coaches
 2. The ATC has not begun picking speakers yet, but wants to work closely with the GATFXCCA in picking speakers
 3. Discussion over the type of and background of speakers.

- a. Desire to bring in a mixture of top level athletes, elite coaches, and local coaches
- b. Need every event group covered
- c. Have a list of local coaches that might be available if a “high” profile speaker can’t go
- d. Enrique Thomas shared that some of the high level speakers wanted some direction in the topic(s) that they would discuss at the clinic
- 4. Discussion of using staff development funds to help find clinicians (possibly by going to other clinics)
- 5. Speakers will be pursued by and creating a database of speakers:
 - a. Enrique Thomas & the ATC will look for the high profile speakers
 - b. Sheldon Pearce for sprints
 - c.
- F. Registration through the ATC ...do we need to raise fees?
 - i. ATC’s desire is to raise the price (to north of \$100)
 - ii. Point brought up that a higher price would drive many away and that would require a better lunch plan
 - iii. Matt would like to see the clinic grow to moving to hotel conference rooms and to various locations around the state
 - iv. Mike shared the idea of making separate events for other parts of the state for a social event
 - v. Brought up the idea of using wristbands to identify who has paid and registered for the clinic to prevent those who try to sneak in for the rules clinic
 - vi. Andy called for a clearer distinction about who has coached for 20 years? 30 years? ETC.?
 - vii. Enrique asked if the schedule was ok?
 - 1. Enrique shared that about ½ of the attendees left after the GHSA rules clinic
 - 2. Discussion of how to breakdown Friday and Saturday’s schedules
 - a. Goal for 2 session on Friday: registration @ 3:00 p.m. with sessions starting @ 4:00 p.m. followed by the social component
 - b. If GATFXCCA representatives can come down around lunch to help set-up

2. GATFXCCA Spring Recap

A. State Meets

- i. Donated \$100 to the boys and girls state meet + water
- ii. Matt would like to have a tent and snacks available for the state XC meet Friday & Saturday
 - 1. Will need coaches to man the tent

B. HOF Induction

- i. Attempt to get the people who were inducted at the All-Metro Banquet
- ii. Andrew said there is a list of inductees available, need to decide how many people are on the committee and who
 - 1. 3 – 5? Representatives or general members? Chosen by Andrew or by the Board?
 - 2. Andrew will send out an email asking for volunteers from around the state

- iii. Matt would like to see a growing list and recommendation process for possible future inductees
 - C. Paralympics
 - i. Cathi and Matt went up to Charlotte for the Paralympic Trials
 - ii. Possibility of hosting an event at the Coaches Invitational
- 3. Association Duties
 - A. People want to do something, but don't know what to do.
 - B. Need committee chair people at more meetings
- 4. Budget Report
 - A. Budget attached, currently @ \$10,000
 - i. Cathi is encouraging the board to look at where and how we spend this money
 - ii. Matt encouraged the creation of some GATFXCCA merchandise to sell at the clinic and meets as well as sending GATFXCCA representatives to out of state clinics to encourage professional development and to gain future speakers
 - iii. Travis brought up the idea of allowing a sponsorship of a team to offer a grant to teams to help them with XC and/or Track & Field, teams could be chosen through an application for the grant. A committee, similar to the scholarship committee, would choose which team(s) would receive the grant. Dan encouraged the idea of giving shoes and/or uniforms for the grant.
 - 1. Travis will begin putting together the grant's wording ASAP
 - B. Potential New Sponsors
 - i. USATF Georgia in place, need to clarify the specifics
 - ii. Recortan (track surface company)
 - iii. Continue to look for viable business sponsors
- 5. GHSA Initiatives
 - A. XC
 - i. Andy's proposal and John Roland's proposal both passed
 - B. Track & Field
 - i. Still look at track & field survey and possible initiatives
 - ii. Voting for track & field GHSA is next month
 - 1. Push to get something done about combining the boys and girls state meets
 - 2. Try to use the GHSA advisory committee and to share the data from the survey to Jay Russell of the GHSA
- 6. State Meet Coverage
- 7. Board Members
 - A. How long are the terms for officers (2 years)? Are we doing a re-election this year?
 - B. Need to put into by-laws about changes to the classification election cycle (even classifications on even years, odd on odd)
 - C. Need to put into by-laws an attendance requirement for GATFXCCA Representatives and Board Members

8. Meetings

- A. Matt – please fill in the details about the coaches clinic
- B. No August phone meeting

9. Travel Compensation

- A. Cathi has compensation for travel for the board members to attend the meeting today