

GATFXCCA Representatives Meeting
Sunday, December 13, 2015
Atlanta Track Club Facility

Present:

Matt Henson (Parkview) – President
Sheldon Pearce (Appling County) – Vice President
Cathi Monk (Pope) – Treasurer
Travis Gower (Walton) – Secretary
Dan McCauley (Paideia) – A Private TF
Will Wood (Jeff Davis) – AA TF
Jason Newton (McIntosh) – AAAA XC
Mike Beaudreau (Hebron Christian) – At-Large XC
Kati Smallwood (Greenbrier) – At-Large XC

- Welcome
 - Rich Kenah, Executive Director of the Atlanta Track Club (ATC), took the representatives on a tour of the new Atlanta Track Club facilities, explained the connection of the ATC to the running community, and addressed the ATC's excitement on working with the GATFXCCA and hosting the Coaches Clinic in January
- Coaches Clinic (Matt Henson and Cathi Monk)
 - By mid-December a final speaker's list will be confirmed and posted (GATFXCCA website, ATC, ga.milesplit.com, etc.)
 - Clinic will be held at the ATC Facility and nearby warehouse space will be used as well including 4 rooms for breakouts, the use of the ATC "track" for demonstrations, facility for lunch and the coaches meeting.
 - On Friday night of the Coaches Clinic there will be 2 guest speakers: Rich Kenah of the ATC and Bill Sheskey (former coach at Walton and Pope, one of the founders of the coaches association and creator of the original cross country and track and field website – now ga.milesplit.com)
 - At the Coaches Clinic, the GATFXCCA would like to recognize longevity in the sport at the lunch: 20 & 30 year recognition with an award (possibly a clock?)
 - AT the Coaches Clinic lunch the GATFXCCA would also like to recognize Tomy Sitton for his leadership and influence on cross country and track & field in Georgia.
 - Would like to use technology (Socrative or other online templates) to present questions and receive votes on possible proposals to the GHSA, would use the coaches meeting on Friday night as a place to do these votes.
 - As the Coaches Clinic grows, the location may need to move to larger areas (i.e. Cobb Galleria) or outside the Atlanta Area (Macon, Savannah, etc.)
 - Coaches Clinic information will also be published through the milesplit network in neighboring states
 - With the help of the GATFXCCA, the Atlanta Track Club will run the Coaches Clinic. This includes collecting all registration both online and at the clinic, providing speakers, providing lunch on Saturday, and other duties associated with the Coaches Clinic.
 - Tomy Sitton will be passing the torch of the clinic to the ATC and will also be stepping down from his role on the GATFXCCA board. This year Matt Henson and Cathi Monk will co-chair the

clinic. The position of Coaches Clinic committee chair for 2016 will need to be filled after this year's clinic.

- Hall of Fame
 - Coach Hudson of Collins Hill called Matt in concern over the Hall of Fame in regards to the new deal with the ATC and Tomy Sitton's stepping down.
 - The GATFXCCA will fund the Hall of Fame (rings, plaque?) and help to choose inductees based on the work started by Tomy Sitton. The board will ask Andrew Hudson, if he joins the GATFXCCA, to chair the Hall of Fame. The board will look to get the list of possible nominees from Tomy Sitton and strive to see who else deserves recognition.
 - The next Hall of Fame inductees will be at the spring Atlanta Track Club Banquet.
 - Additional recognition of smaller awards (for more recent achievements) will be given through the Coaches Clinic.
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- Finance (Cathi Monk)
 - For the past 10 years the ATC has paid for a number of XC and Track & Field expenses included but not limited to: additional trophies and medals at state meets, Team GA at Footlocker South, and the Atlanta Track Club Banquets
 - Rich Kenah, Cathi Monk, and Matt Henson have worked out an agreement with the ATC to help provide funding the GATFXCCA and to clarify each bodies roles in the sports in Georgia.
 - The ATC will provide \$10,000 to the GATFXCCA each of the next two years and \$12,500 the third with the option to add additional years after that
 - The ATC will handle registration for the Coaches Clinic, will provide the speakers, and will handle all funds related to the event, including helping to collect dues for the GATFXCCA. All dues collected from the Coaches Clinic will be given to the GATFXCCA after the event.
 - The ATC will continue to fund Team Georgia and they have taken over naming and providing materials for the team.
 - Cathi Monk has led the negotiations of this deal and this helps to ensure funding for the GATFXCCA to allow the organization to focus on its primary goals.
 - The ATC will be listed as a founding sponsor on the website and publications, but each organization is to be independent of each other.
 - The GATFXCCA has received \$10,000 from the ATC and looks to have an addition \$1,200 in membership fees
 - The GATFXCCA registration will move away from PayPal due to issues with transfers of funds and will go to the Bank of America payable set-up after the Coaches Clinic.
- Membership (Mike Beaudreau)
 - 101 Individual members and 12 programs (though that number is most likely low due to issues with the registration documents)
 - GATFXCCA is looking for a push in memberships
 - Mass e-mail of principles, ADs, and coaches to advertise the Coaches Clinic (higher level of speakers) and the GATFXCCA
 - Encouragement of joining through action items and rule changes proposals to the GHSA, including the GHSA advisory meeting in February.
 - Membership will be listed on the GATFXCCA website
 - An email list will be available for the GATFXCCA use and distribution of material, but will not be made public for members
 - Sheldon Pearce presented that the USTFXCCA wants the GATFXCCA to become associated with them and that they will share clinicians info and contacts

- Committees
 - Cross Country
 - Andy Christie provided the following update to the GATFXCCA:
 - We continue to move forward with the options for a possible proposal that would reduce the amount of teams at the Cross Country State Meet. The reasoning is because of Georgia going to 7 classifications next year-reduced field s will increase the changes of keeping a 1 day State Meet and make the meet more manageable for officials (hopefully reducing the changes of an issue like we had this year).
 - XC Reps have researched how many teams actually participated at Region meets. They have also shared their thoughts on possible ideas for reducing teams.
 - The goal is to still have representation form all areas of the state in whatever option we use.
 - XC Coaches are meeting this Tuesday at Parkview at 6 p.m. to brainstorm ideas for possible options. Once 2 – 3 options are finalized, the next step is to poll coaches across the state to see what they want.
 - Need to have the polling done in time for the GHSA/Track and XC committee meeting in Feb/Mar
 - Track & Field
 - What questions arise with having 7 classifications?
 - Will we be going to look at new locations?
 - How will the GATFXCCA help at the state meets? The ATC?
 - Some action items to propose to the GHSA/state meet sites:
 - Provide potable water sources in Albany or allow teams to bring in coolers of water for the safety of the athletes.
 - Open the other side of Hugh Mills Stadium for only teams and coaches, would allow tents in that area.
 - Finance (Cathi Monk)
 - A budget will be available soon after the Coaches Clinic
 - Communications
 - Twitter under Coach Suttles is prominent, a corresponding Facebook account will also be created
 - The GATFXCCA website has been renewed for another year, access to the website will be given to every one of the representatives as soon as possible. Andy Christie continues to work on the websites functionality.
 - Matt has a Parkview coach creating a template for a newsletter and has asked each representative to create a small article or update for the newsletter. Goal is to put the newsletter on the website and on ga.milesplit.com before the Coaches Clinic.
 - By-Laws
 - Matt Henson made the motion to pass the By-Laws including the originally discussed changes to the number of members in each committee. Seconded by Mike Beaudreau and passed 9 – 0.
 - Outreach
 - Matt has reached out to BSN for some merchandise for the representatives.
 - Attempt to get BSN as a sponsor through financial support and/or merchandise (polo and backpack)
 - Dan offered if the ATC would provide clothing through their sponsorship
 - Cathi has reached out to Georgia Promotions for sponsorship

- The GATFXCCA can continue to bring in vendors for the Coaches Clinic
- Meetings
 - Next meeting is the general meeting Friday, January 22nd at the Coaches Clinic
- Other
 - Coaches Invitational will be held the 3rd weekend of March at Georgia Tech
 - USATF-GA Elite Meet (early June)
 - Golden South style meet @ Marietta High School
 - Broadcast on one of the ESPN networks
 - Would like to have a presence at that meet
 - Lockheed is trying to sell a warehouse that would fit an indoor track
- GHSA Advisory Committee
 - Discussion of how to propose changes or rules to the GHSA.
 - According to Jerry Arnold, something must be “wrong” to gain any traction
 - Reclassification questions
 - Members are encouraged to send a list of ideas of changes they would like to see the GATFXCCA work on