

**GATFXCCA Representatives Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 26, 2015**  
**Pope High School**

Welcome & Introductions – Matt Henson

Present:

Matt Henson (President), Parkivew  
Sheldon Pearce (Vice President), Appling County  
Travis Gower (Secretary), Walton  
Cathi Monk (Treasurer), Pope  
Will Wood (AA TF), Jeff Davis  
Tomy Sittton (AAA XC), East Jackson  
Wayne Broadhead (AAAA XC), Wayne County  
Claud Spinks (AAAA TF), Eagles Landing  
Eric Daughtery (AAAAA TF), Union Grove  
Andy Christie (AAAAAA XC), Mill Creek  
Robert Wilson (AAAAAA TF), Westlake  
Mike Beaudreau (At-Large XC), Hebron Christian

Call for ratification of the Georgia Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Constitution –  
Matt Henson

Highlight of Executive Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – Travis Gower

Financial highlights – Cathi Monk

- Bank account was set-up with Bank of America on
- July 1, 2015 by Cathi Monk and Travis Gower
- Currently less than \$500 balance, need to get over \$3000 to avoid month fees (\$15 per month)
- Financial backing needed through membership fees and the help of the Atlanta Track Club
- Cost of the membership: \$20 per coach/\$100 per school

Membership/Direction – Sheldon Pearce

- Discussion with USATF working together to create a post-season, all-state meet
- Discussion with USATF officials to help with sectional and/or state meets
- \$30 for USATF membership/\$10 for USATFXCCA membership
- Matt Henson – how could the GACA be incorporated with the GATFXCCA, including liability insurance
- Membership will be for the academic school year
- Discussion about should the membership be per sport, per year, or per staff. Cost set at \$20 per person and \$100 per staff for year one
  - USATFXCCA joint membership would be \$10 per coach more
- Mike Beaudreau – brought up other ideas about membership and incentives
  - Notes from the GATFXCCA developmental meeting
    - Discount for the coaches clinic
    - Combined membership with USATFXCCA
    - Periodical newsletter

- Membership area of the coaches association website
  - Annual awards for the coaches and athletes per season w/ a state team for each sport
  - Hall-of-Fame voting
  - Tax-deductible for professional membership
- Discussion among the Representatives of having a discount to meet entry fees for specifically sponsored meets for members. Discussion of Coaches Invitational, Westlake Relays, etc.
- Create a featured meet category in exchange for a fee to the GATFXCCA. Featured meets would give a discount entry fee to GATFXCCA memberships.
  - Fee for a school to be a GATFXCCA featured meet will be the same as their meet's entry fee.
  - Encourage ga.milesplit/Bruce Taylor to attend featured meets and/or have articles/pictures featured on ga.milesplit.com
  - Benefits for member schools at featured meets: exposure on ga.milesplit, hospitality, photos and articles from the meet, etc.
  - Discussion as to how much the discount should be, set fee or %. Vote for to \$20 discount for member schools to the GATFXCCA for the sponsored meet. Vote passes.
- Quarterly publications
  - Do we want an athlete of the week through GATFXCCA or through ga.milesplit.com?
  - Would the athlete of the week be from a featured meet of the GATFXCCA?
  - Decision for now to let ga.milesplit.com do their rankings/athlete of the week for now, focus of the GATFXCCA will be the quarterly newsletter

#### ATC Presence – Matt Henson and Cathi Monk

- What would the ATC presence be? Would there be a joint meet with the ATC?
- Test-run by the ATC with an invitational section of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Comers Meet
- Robert Wilson – issue with conflict with summer track and high school conflicts at the end of the GHSA season
- Mike Beaudreau – call for the early ATC All-Comers meet to be the basis for a post-GHSA season meet prior to the full kick-off of summer track
- ATC has offered to host the next couple of coaches association at their new facility at the end of the Atlanta Beltline.
  - The clinic would need to increase the cost of the entry fee. Matt Henson – feels a location away from the high school setting. Tomy Sitton – move to a hotel would cost \$100 per person or more. To gain sponsorship, will need to make sure vendors have high visibility throughout the coaches' clinic. If not for M-F Athletics, coaches' clinic would have lost money.
  - Tomy Sitton – has used the Ohio clinic to gain clinicians for the Georgia Coaches' Clinic
- Matt Henson & Cathi Monk – ATC wants to know how they can help (meets, clinic, etc.) without an agenda

#### Meetings – Matt Henson

- Call for quarterly meetings
- Attempt to put in multiple locations around the state, also use technology (Skype or conference call meetings)
- Next Quarterly meeting (electronically), Sunday, October 18, 2015
- Pre-Coaches Clinic meeting (electronically), Sunday, December 20, 2015

- Next face-to-face Representatives Meeting on Friday, January 15, 2016, the day before the Coaches Clinic
- Quarterly meeting (electronically), Sunday, April 17, 2016

#### GHSA Advisory Committee Recommendations – Matt Henson

- Jerry Arnold is encouraged by the formation of the GATFXCCA and wants to transfer influence from the Advisory Committee toward the GATFXCCA
- Tomy Sitton – explains how the Advisory Committee Recommendations work, GHSA goes to the committee with questions and the committee then gives their suggestions. This is separate from the GHSA Track & Field and Cross Country Executive Committee.
- Tuesday, July 28, 2015 is the GHSA Advisory Committee meeting
  - Sectional discussion, how many schools in each, geographic division
  - Jewelry rule (NFHSA) discussion
  - Discussion of the specific recommendations given by the GHSA Advisory Committee
- Matt Henson – Going over the GHSA Advisory Committee suggestions given by Jerry Arnold and Tomy Sitton
  - Coaches Handbook for XC and Track & Field
  - Schedule suggestions for the state meet
  - Verbiage of the relay team members for region/sectional/state
    - Clarification as to when changes can be made
  - Setting sectional sites?
  - Ask for recommendations:
    - Working water fountains in Albany
    - Use of the other side of Albany
    - Distance races later in Albany
    - Locations of the state meets/combining track and field meets (not on the agenda)
    - Will Wood – At the end of the rules clinic, can we have a survey for questions and proposals for the GHSA?
    - Can the GHSA Track & Field Committee get a pro-track & field member? Tomy Sitton – Executive Committee appoints those in the track & field committee

#### Committees – Matt Henson

- Small Committees must have no less than 2 and no more than 6 members
- Cross Country Committee (12 members)
  - The 9 XC Representatives + Sheldon Pearce, Travis Gower, Cathi Monk
  - Matt Henson recuses himself from the XC Committee
  - Andy Christie as chair
- Track & Field Committee (12 members) call to change max number of members at next meeting through the By-Laws (Matt Henson)
  - Robert Wilson as chair
  - All other members are a part of the committee
- Finance (Treasurer ex-officio member)
  - Cathi Monk chair, Mike Beaudreau
- Communications (Secretary ex-officio member)
  - Travis Gower chair, Andy Christie, Will Wood
- By-Laws – call for a strike of the by-laws committee by Matt Henson, passes

- Will be the responsibility of the Executive Board and Representatives, with changes occurring in official meetings
- Will members of the executive meeting be a 2 year term? Beginning and end dates? To be determined at a future meeting.
- Awards
  - XC All-state team is already set-up through the previous version with the ATC
  - TF All-state would be a pool of athletes, no guaranteed spot via state championship. Athletes do not need to be from member schools to earn awards. Coaches would need to be from member schools to earn awards.
  - Association with the Georgia Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame
  - Call for the Awards committee to be all-encompassing
- Outreach
  - Sheldon Pearce to chair
  - Matt Henson, Claud Spinks
- Clinic Committee
  - Cost for the Coaches' Clinic? \$50 for members/\$60 for non-members
  - Password protected page for members to gain information/notes/video for the clinic proposed for future clinics
  - Folders with notes ready when clinic begins for each coach in attendance
  - Pre-pay for admission and swipe card to avoid a line at check-in
  - Business meeting at the end of the clinic with suggestions and questions about rules and guidelines
  - All members are a part of the clinic committee