



*President- John Smith, V. P.-Joe Gentry, Secretary- Elaine Keel, Treasurer-Terry Femmer, Mem./Sanc. (Interim-) Sherry Markham*

*Colorado Association General Meeting  
January 11, 2009*

*Agenda*

(Please review agenda prior to meeting starting)

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| I.   | Welcome/ Opening Comments  | John Smith                  |
| II.  | Financial Report   | Terry Femmer                |
| III. | Committee Reports<br>-Reports  | Chairpersons<br>Elaine Keel |
| IV.  | New Business<br>-Sanction Fees<br>-Committees (Board, Sports, and Association)<br>-Championships | John Smith                  |
| V.   | Closing Remarks  | John Smith                  |

Minutes from January 11, 2009 Meeting  
 Facilitator: John Smith  
 Secretary: Elaine Keel  
 Location: Denver, Colorado; LaQuinta Inn Denver Tech Ctr.

Meeting called to order: 3:17 p.m.

Opening Statement- John Smith

John would like to thank everyone for accepting him in the position of president in this great association. Having noted that the association has had some troubles in the past, it is his desire that the association has open communication as a whole. If there are any problems, please seek him first before going higher.

As compared to other associations, Colorado is well off. He believes the association will flourish by having involved planning. "The association is made up of many committees and we must develop them all."

The executive committee's goals for the association are:

1. Make sure every committee is viable
2. Ensure that budget requests that are submitted include an action plan for funds and projected results. At the end of the year, it will be determined if goals were met
3. Bring in an advisory group to help generate a business plan

In closing, John briefly discussed his visit at the official's certification class @ CU Boulder. He stated that Rich Schornstein did a very good job. He again thanks everyone.

Financial Report- Terry Femmer

Terry submitted the following financial report

	<b>Beginning Bank Bal 9/29/08</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Ending Bank Bal 1/3/2009</b>
Association	31,696.77	19,902.86	32,424.64	19,174.99
LDR	602.39	2,619.33	1,773.92	1,447.80
Race Walk	749.92	2,859.33		3,609.25
Officials	340.89	1,868.00	1,072.78	1,136.11
Men's T&F	4,253.45	2,619.33		6,872.78
Women's T&F	4,693.99	2,619.33		7,313.32
Masters	3,422.43	2,619.33	160.00	5,881.76
Savings	7,544.13	7,503.84		15,047.97
Youth #2		2,699.33	1,577.97	1,121.36
Youth #1	30,946.06	3,019.95	8,150.95	25,815.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,250.03</b>	<b>48,330.63</b>	<b>45,160.26</b>	<b>87,420.40</b>

	<b>Race Entry Fees</b>	<b>Memberships Certifications Sanctions</b>	<b>Bank Interest</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Total Deposits</b>
Association		19,902.86			19,902.86
LDR				2,619.33	2,619.33
Race Walk	240.00			2,619.33	2,859.33
Officials				1,868.00	1,868.00
Men's T&F				2,619.33	2,619.33
Women's T&F				2,619.33	2,619.33
Masters				2,619.33	2,619.33
Savings			3.84	7,500.00	7,503.84
Youth #2				2,699.33	2,699.33
Youth #1		3,019.95			3,019.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>22,922.81</b>	<b>3.84</b>		<b>48,330.63</b>

Terry would like to set up a budget committee and would like each committee to bring forth a budget proposal.

Question asked: Where did the LDR deposits come from? Answer: Memberships

Question asked: What are the current membership #'s Answer: 2,308 was the number given to Elaine Keel by the national office a/o 10/20/08

Question asked: How are memberships broken down? Answer: By adults (7 categories) and youth

Terry has access to a data base to see if memberships (specifically adults) can be broken down any further i.e. Youth coach, Race walking coach, or LDR coach

#### Committee Reports

Women Track & Field- Chris Turner

See attached: [..\Men's & Women's Track\Women's Track and Field 2009 Goals.doc](#)

Question asked: Are Women's track & Field meets open to all age groups? Answer: Yes, 14+. The committee is really trying to target emerging elite groups

Men's Track & Field- John Green

Some athletes past high school (22/23-30 dead zone) have no where to go, there aren't a lot around. Most field events leave the area. Hence, the reasoning for following goals:

1. Create email list of all open male athletes residing in Colorado
2. Delineate events represented by each open athlete registered in Colorado
3. Advertise and host a meet in conjunction with USATF Youth or Masters competitions
4. Determine the worthiness of an independent, open competition based on number of events and competitors
5. Continue to secure locations for events and help with management of outdoor track meets.
6. Provide clinics and coaching advice as needed as requested by athletes

John believes that we need to be aggressive in getting support for our athletes. Colorado is 3<sup>rd</sup> in track populace in the nation.

Racewalking- Elaine Keel for Jan Hallez (present but had to leave early)

2009 Racewalk Committee Goals:

1. Conduct all championship races required by USATF and then some
  2. Train additional racewalk judges
  3. Conduct quarterly racewalk judges meetings
  4. Recruit more athletes to the discipline of racewalking, including youth
- Coach White would like to make sure that the youth receive correct training techniques to racewalk.

LDR- Elaine Keel for John Tope

LDR 2009 GOALS:

1. Establish positive working relationships with all committees of USATF CO to increase membership and benefits
2. Strengthen the LDR Committee within our association. Committee structure will be in place by the end of February with the final positions -- one MUT, and Masters -- filled by that time.
3. Support a fair increase of the sanction fees for CO Association LDR events
4. Work within the CO Association where needed. Assist with the development of a new and workable financial plan for the Association according to the directive of the grievance resolution.
5. Hold LDR committee meetings every two months to coordinate efforts to grow LDR and the CO Association membership.
6. Participate in the National AADP program to send deserving LDR members to national events/championships.
7. Re-establish the LDR CO Association State Championships/Race Circuit for our LDR members in all disciplines and develop a club championship series.
8. Help promote LDR membership that in turn increases CO Association membership.
9. Development of LDR programs especially with MUT, Cross Country, and Master's
10. Educate membership about National Team opportunities
11. Re-establish partnership with Colorado Runner Magazine as the official CO LDR Association publication that is sent to all LDR households as a benefit of joining USATF CO
12. Develop a funding mechanism for LDR members who qualify for national events/championships
13. Develop brochure about USATF CO and LDR that promotes being a member - for stores and hand out at races around state.
14. Recruitment of LDR clubs into USATF CO

Comment made: Some LDR athletes have not seen where LDR meetings are advertised

Question asked: Who is on the LDR committee?

A motion was made for the president to check into when and where LDR meetings are held, how meetings are advertised, and where are the meeting minutes posted. John Green seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Suggestion made: Make sure that all committees have measurable goals.

Officials- Elaine Keel for Rich Schornstein

Officials 2009 Goals:

1. Increase the number of certified officials in Colorado, vs. the number in 2008.
2. Accomplish this through publicity and recruiting programs targeting potential officials.
3. Provide comprehensive initial training for new officials.
4. Provide comprehensive training for current officials, covering all aspects of track & field officiating.
5. Provide ongoing training for current officials. Also provide information on the application of rules, as well as information on preparations for, and the conduct of specific events.
6. Initiate programs to provide mentoring for new officials.
7. Provide information to all officials regarding potential officiating opportunities across the state for 2009. Accomplish this through handouts at clinics and through postings on the officials' pages of the association website.
8. Develop contact with coaches across the state for high schools, colleges, college conferences, and clubs – to inform them about the value of having certified officials, and to obtain their meets schedules and assist with providing qualified officials for those meets.
9. Encourage officials' advancement in certification levels, and their participation in major competitions outside the state of Colorado.
10. Encourage officials' support of competitions beyond "traditional" track & field events – LDR, X-C, MUT, and disabled athletics.
11. Appoint officials as members of the Officials Committee, and appoint master level officials as members of the Officials Certification subcommittee.

Question asked: Will Rich have an official's clinic at the High School Coaches Associations clinic at CSU Fort Collins which takes place the first weekend in February? Answer: No one knows for sure. But it would be a great way to certify high school coaches.

A discussion was brought up about having certified officials at youth meets. It was suggested that each meet should have 1 head official and at least 2 certified officials. For meets in Boulder, it would be best to get officials from there versus having officials from Colorado Springs drive up. "Spook" has been working to have certified officials at events. If you have an event and need officials, contact "Spook" at [spooker@aol.com](mailto:spooker@aol.com).

Masters- Christel Donley for Jerry Donley  
Will submit report

Youth- John Smith for Don Sinclair

## REVIEW

The Committee had another successful year providing training and competitive opportunities for youth, open and masters athletes throughout Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region. The indoor season featured five meets at Colorado's Balch Field House and the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr Mile High Classic at USAFA. The average number of participants at the venues 400+ remains consistent with previous years. The University of Colorado, its facility personnel and Coach Wetmore continue to be the foundation of the indoor season and our largest source of operating income.

The outdoor season included four invitationals hosted by the Cheetahs, Flyers, Fort Collins TC the Steppers and the Colorado Junior Olympic Championship. Our thanks to John Green and his staff for their support of the JO Championship at Cherokee Trails H.S. Over three hundred qualifiers represented Colorado at the Region X Championship in Glendale, Arizona with approximately 100 advancing to the National in Omaha. The Colorado JO XC Championship held in DeKoevend Park, had 250 registered competitors with 120 moving on to the regional in Albuquerque.

## OUTLOOK

The program continues to sustain itself and the number individuals progressing through the system is encouraging. One continuing area of concern is the total lack of support from association officials. Jim Schornstein and Ed Halik our newly elected official representatives are well aware of the problem and will be making every effort to bring certified people on board and we will be looking into incentives to encourage their involvement. The pole vault community has been hit hard by the loss of CU for vaulting, Ed Halik along with the Youth Committee's support have come up with 4 alternative venues in Pueblo and CSU for the indoor season. A very ambitious 7 meet indoor schedule is on tap for 2009 starting on January 3, with the first CU All Comer and finishing with the Stepper's meet at CU on February 14.

Looking forward to the outdoor season we are planning on five or six invitationals in addition to the Colorado Junior Olympic Championship on June 18 - 21 at Cherokee trails H.S. The committee will continue to pursue and support other venues and options like week night all comer competitions and Regional Junior Olympic Preliminary Meets throughout the State to further our sport . In closing my thanks to all the clubs, coaches, parents, volunteers and athletes who contribute their time and effort to make this program one of the strongest and most successful in USATF.

Reports- Elaine Keel

**All committee chairs** are asked to provide a hard copy of all reports to the association secretary no later than 2 weeks after a meeting. Also, per the Colorado Association bylaws, each committee is to keep the association president informed on all committee actions and recommendations and provide a copy of their committee's

meeting minutes. It is also asked that each committee post their meeting minutes on the website for access for all.

Also, please note that missing more than 2 consecutive meetings could result in a chair's removal from their position.

New Business- John Smith

Sometime in the future, the association will need to discuss possibly raising sanction fees. It will also need to form and/or revive certain sports and association committees per the association bylaws. The executive committee would also like to look into possibly hosting an association workshop, and hosting a national championship such as the Junior Olympics.

A brochure should be developed that would attract people to join USATF. It should have highlights of each sport and list the benefits of being a member of USATF. It could be placed in running stores and given out at various events. Advertisements could also possibly be placed in free publications such as Rocky Mountain Sports and Fitness.

Closing- John Smith

John Smith thanked everyone for their time and assured them that matters would be looked into that needed addressing. He would also like to see the association look into securing its own indoor facility.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned: 5:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Elaine Keel