

DELEGATE REPORT FOR MASTERS LDR

Date: November 29 & 30; December 1, 2012

From: Scott Rose, Ohio Association Delegate (Masters LDR) to the 2012 USATF Annual Meeting

During this year's Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach Florida, I was able to attend three of four meetings of the Masters LDR. This report will be a compilation of all three meeting since there was overlapping information. I attended the

- Masters LDR Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 29
- Masters LDR General Session No. 1 on Friday, November 30
- Masters LDR General Session No. 2 on Saturday, December 1

Don Lein is the Chair of the Masters LDR. During the Executive Meeting, Don inquired of the board members who may be keeping the committee's championship banner. Bill Quinlisk advised that Andy Martin had the banner. Don also stated that Karl Eagleman, The USATF Webmaster was leaving. Don said that Karl had been a great asset to Masters LDR and their web site.

Don in addition gave a report on the state of Masters LDR. He stated that the sport continues to grow and is very healthy. Championship and sanctioned road and cross country races are showing increased numbers of participants over past years. The result of the increased numbers has brought over a million dollars to local and national charities, unfortunately, none of that money has made its way to USATF, the primary organization that promotes long distance running and cross country thru out the United States.

Masters LDR board elections have been deferred until the 2013 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis because the USATF staff did not think they could handle all the elections schedule for this year's meeting.

This year's "Age Grade Group Award Runner of the Year" awards were determined via online elections with the help of Karl Eagleman. Eligible voters were based on the LDR Directory and were notified by email information regarding the candidates and when their vote was due. This was the first time to use the online voting method and it resulted in the largest vote total. The results of the election are to be posted on line in the very near future but two Ohio residents but Lake Erie Association members received the award:

- Terry McCluskey of Vienna, Ohio in the M60-64 age division
- Ron Legg of Tipp City, Ohio in the M65-69 age division.

Bill Quinlisk received the Otto Essig Award for meritorious service to Masters LDR. Bill is Vice Chair of Masters LDR and the committee's representative to the Cross Country Committee.

Rule changes were discussed by Lloyd Stephenson. Of those submitted rules, the following were approved as submitted or as amended. The proposed change to Rule 261.5 regarding Masters Records was tabled. The following rules changes related to LDR were approved:

- Rule 4.2 was approved as submitted. See Item 4 on scorecard.
- Rule 265.10 was approved as submitted See Item 70 on the scorecard.
- Rule 341.8, 341.8, 341.9 and 341.10 regarding teams and team scoring was approved as submitted. See Items 112 thru 115 on the scorecard.

The Masters LDR National Championships series for 2013 were given. They are:

- Half Marathon: Feb., 2013
- USA Cross Country: Feb. 2, 2013 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Masters women will be running a 6K (down from 8K) and the Masters Men will be running an 8K.
- Williamsburg 8K: June 1, 2013 in Williamsburg, Virginia. The race is affiliated with Colonial Williamsburg.
- Ann Arbor 10K in June, 2013 will not be a National Championships. There is no 10K championship at this time.
- The 2013 Club Cross Country Championships will be in Seattle Washington
- 15K Masters Championships will be in Tulsa Oklahoma with a \$17,800 prize package. This will be the first of a five year commitment.
- 5K Masters Championships will be in Syracuse New York with \$10,000 prize package.
- 1 Mile Road Masters Championship in Pittsburg PA in August depending on the Pittsburgh Pirates. There will be an \$8,300 Prize Package. This will be a team event on a loop course.

Andy Carr presented his report on merging all the record keeping data bases that exist throughout the country. Andy stated that the data base is growing as he locates new sources of records that will share with him. Some of the sources are no longer maintained and some are area (local) or race specific. Andy said that if there is knowledge of a LDR records data base he would like to have access.