

2018 USATF ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

By Mary Robinson

I want to thank the USATF Ohio Association for supporting my attending the meeting.

Thur. 3:00pm Masters T/F/LDR ANTI-DOPING SEMINAR

Masters testing is limited due to cost - \$550 per athlete. A TAP (put on arm and tap for blood) device is being evaluated which would reduce the cost. There was an explanation of drug testing procedures, athletes' rights and responsibilities, TUE, and supplements.

5:00pm OPENING SESSION

The awards given out and the action video stood out.

FRI, 8:00am MASTERS T/F GENERAL SESSION

Karen Krsak, Chris Pasko, Willy Banks, and Stephanie Hightower each talked for 5 min. with 10 min. questioning. I was one of 20 athletes elected to be an AA. Winston- Salem, NC (2019 Indoors) and Ames, IW (2019 Outdoors) reps. made presentations and answered questions. An introduction of the new Media Committee was made and their duties were given. Latasha Keys was elected AA Representative

1:00pm MASTERS T/F GENERAL SESSION

Elected Carroll DeWeese WMA delegate. Nine rule changes were presented – 7 passed, 2 tabled. There was a heated debate over 5 year age groups for all relays before it passed.

4:00pm MASTERS MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

IL, IN, Lake Erie, MI, WI, and WV Associations gave reports along with Midwest Reg. and throws chairwoman. KY and OH were absent.

SAT. 9:30am I voted

10:00am MASTERS T/F GENERAL SESSION

Passed rule changes on board placement for vertical jumps and tie breakers for combined events. Bids for the 2021 Championships were made by the Armory, NY City (Indoors) by Skype and by reps from Sacramento, CA (Outdoors). Questions were asked and both bids were accepted providing they passed the site inspection. Passed the budget and finance report with no significant changes from 2018. A Code of Conduct for Club Recruitment of Members was approved. There was a very heated and lengthy discussion over Team USATF Masters Relay Selection Procedures before approved. The Potomac Valley Track Club donated two NormaTec Recovery Systems to Masters T/F.

2:00pm JOINT MASTERS T/F/LDR SESSION

WMA reports on Malaga and Torun were passed along with the NCCWMA report. George Melichur explained the definition of each letter in LGBTQ along with stressing the importance of inclusion of transgenders.

SUN. 8:30am CLOSING SESSION

It was interesting to hear the reports from different committees.

I enjoyed all the sessions and learned a lot about the workings of USATF Masters in particular.