



A Letter from the President of Southeastern US Masters Track & Field, Inc.:

Dear Athletes,

The Southeastern Masters Track and Field Board of Director's has decided to dissolve the corporation and go out of business. Unfortunately, the facilities necessary to stage an event as comprehensive as this are largely restricted to major universities and because of their evolving priorities, we no longer can rely upon their availability.

This was a very difficult step for us to take considering the Southeastern Masters was the first outdoor meet to be held in 1971 after the AAU had unanimously voted to adopt a Masters program in its annual meeting in December 1970. We have had 45 years of success hosting many thousands of athletes, both foreign and domestic, Olympians and novices, male and female, although the first meet was all male. It has been our pleasure to serve you and provide the most professional meet we could stage.

It is interesting to note that the first meet's program featured Dr. Paul Dudley White, Dr. Kenneth Cooper and Arthur Lydiard and was dedicated to "maintaining a high level of physical fitness throughout life". Although this meet will no longer be available, we do encourage you to continue to be physically active and enjoy the benefits of good health that ensues.

Thank you again for supporting us and it was our pleasure to provide you this opportunity to compete. If you have any questions or wish to comment, please let me know at dmlein@earthlink.net.

Best Regards,

Don Lein, President

Southeastern Masters

On a personal note, I would like to say that it has been an honor and privilege to have met and befriended so many of you over the last 10 or so years, especially you throwers. I started out as a rank and file official doing implement inspections, then got pulled onto the Board of directors as official's coordinator, then bumped to Vice-president. It was a great learning experience in organization, preparation and execution and provided more than a few "new tools" in my professional kit. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you, and best of luck as you continue in your competitive endeavors.

Eric Gilchrist, Vice-President

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