



January 15, 2015

Dear USATF Board Members,

We in solidarity with our fellow associations in Long Island and Southern California write on behalf of our members and especially our 17 delegates who traveled to LA to cast their votes in good faith. We voted overwhelmingly with the other delegates and in total we all voted 392 to 70 in support of Bob Hersh.

Our Association offers programs and hosts national championships as well as championship series on roads, XC, MUT, and track. We subsidized a bus full of runners to go to the club national XC in Lehigh, PA, last month. Our representation exceeded 100 runners.

We support USATF national programs, but our delegates, whose expenses averaged over \$1000 and who voted unanimously for Bob Hersh, were shocked that our vote was subsequently callously disregarded by the board.

The later explanation that Stephanie Hightower is "a new era person" holds little water without elucidation. If she has new ideas, the membership would like to have heard them at the meeting. But she did not address the meeting. People like to be asked for their vote.

We want the Board to override that vote at the next meeting so we can continue to support USATF programs with confidence and zeal.

Sincerely,

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signed 1/15/2015

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