

NEUSATF YOUTH COMMITTEE September 9, 2007 - Lincoln, NE

Attendance: Darwin Gushard, Mike Hayek-Jones, Bryan & Deirdre McKinley, Lanesa Ballew-Holt, TammyRa' Jackson, Clement Lee Ballew, Steve Beideck, George Anderson, Ola Anderson, Frosty Anderson, Ruth White, John Wissler, Nancy Sempek

Meeting was called to order by John Wissler at 4:10pm

Review of meets:

Indoor zonal meet: need help from all clubs. Overall went well, except for the weather. We received a \$2,500 grant due to the meet being a Zonal championship.

Elwood: Went really well.

Lincoln Jets: Lincoln High was a great improvement.

Midwest Striders: Weather was bad but overall had much better feedback this year.

LYTC: A Saturday meet again - seems to be going good. The javelin was in the throwing field which made it run much smoother.

Throws Fest: Numbers were down a little this year, zero complaints and went very smooth.

Jaguars: Went good- hurdles were an issue to look at next year.

Geneva: Numbers were down considerably – questioning the price of gas as an issue to that problem.

Pawnee City: Numbers were up thanks to Omaha Boys & Girls Club attendance.

State Junior Olympics: Held at Ralston this year. Did not have fully automatic timing, so there were some issues there. Field events went smooth.

Bellevue: Cancelled because track was still under construction.

Regionals: St. Paul There was discussion on the lack of visibility at the long jump pits, and the safety issues at the discus/javelin area. Nebraska had the largest entries with 406, Minnesota 286, Wisconsin 208, Iowa 200, and Dakota 19. There will be some changes in the regional schedule next year with the long jump/triple jump being held on the same day for each age group. The combined events will be combined so the Bantam, Midget, Youth just need to be there on Friday. Wisconsin is hosting the regionals next year as Nebraska is hosting the National J.O.

Youth Athletics Nationals: Close for competitors to travel to in Lisle, Ill. The throws area was a little complicated. There were some issues regarding the World Youth kids and their competing, depending on the various venues, there were conflicts in the numbers going to finals, etc.

National JO California: There were some complications regarding the hotel rooms & the accessibility to the track.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clarification on the advancement from prelims to finals. It was decided that top 8 times advance to finals with hand time or F.A.T.

Reporting in at events: It should be 45 minutes ahead of schedule. Typically, after the athletes report, they are seeded. This year at State the heats were already done. Meet management should make sure that it says NO LATER THAN 45 MINUTES IN ADVANCE so everyone is consistent.

Non-Nebraska athletes competing in 2008 state Junior Olympic meet. Joni Worden is requesting a moratorium on non Nebraska kids competing at the state Junior Olympic so as not to take a top 3 spot from a Nebraska kid. After much discussion on the current rules in place both at the state & national level Clement Ballew motioned that the rules cannot change for 1 year. Frosty Anderson 2nd. Motion passed.

Annual meeting: The following will be attending – Frosty Anderson, DeEtte Anderson, Ruben Carter, Ruth White, Nancy Sempek, John Wissler, Cindy DeSantiago, Marc Cizek, Bonnie Cizek and Bill Scarborough.

2008 schedule:

Sunday 2-24-07 Indoor meet April 26 Elwood May 3 Lincoln Jets May 10 LYTC May 18 Throws festival May 24 Jaguars May 31 Geneva (Youth Athletic State Championship) June 7 or 8 Midwest Striders June 6-7 combined Events Championship Plattsmouth June 14-15 State Junior Olympics June 21 Pawnee City, June 28 Bellevue Breeze, July 3-6 Regional Junior Olympics at Wisconsin (Nebraska athletes can go as exhibition only) July 19 Cornhusker State Games, July 22-27 National Junior Olympics at Omaha (Burke High School) Motion by Steve Beideck to approve schedule, Clement Ballew 2nd Motion passed. ** The combined events needs to be a sanctioned event.

AWARDS: Darwin Gushard. The 2008 All Nebraska forms are online. They are due to Darwin November 16. The banquet will be Sunday, January 27. Time & locations to be determined.

Records: Steve Beideck presented the new records from this season. Steve motioned that the records be approved as is. Frosty Anderson 2nd. Motion passed. The records will be updated on the Nebraska USATF website.

2007 Cross Country Schedule:

October 7 Racers @ Chalco October 14 LYTC @ Pioneer Park October 21 Cornhusker flyers @ Seymour Smith Park, October 28 Bellevue Breeze @ Haworth Park November 4 State JO @ Seymour Smith Park November 17 Kansas Region Exhibition @ Rim Rock Farm Lawrence, KS December 8 National JO @ Rim Rock Farm Lawrence, KS.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sempek, Nebraska USATF secretary