

NEUSATF Youth Meeting October 1, 2008

ATTENDEES: Mark Lloyd, Clem Ballew, John Wissler, Rubin Carter, Craig Christians, Jan Ridout, Wayne Smith, Cindy DeSantiago, Frosty Anderson, Bryan McKinley, Deirdre McKinley, Tammy Ra' Jackson, Lionel McPhaull, Nancy Sempek

Meeting was called to order by John Wissler at 6pm

Minutes of suspended meeting were reviewed with one correction. It was LYTC that was forced into cancellation due to the weather.

Review of Meets:

Elwood: About the same in numbers as last year. Their results were never posted on the web.
Jets: Steve Morrison was disappointed in his numbers this year. Would like a later date if possible.

LYTC: Numbers were up slightly. Workers are always a struggle (same as most meet management) only had 2 computers for results. This year will have 3- I computer just for field events. Had access to an area for bad weather.

Jaguars: Numbers were up. Issue with timers & lack of help was addressed. Jan spoke with Rubin regarding training her workers on the timing system. USATF cards were not checked. This was a concern for John Wissler & others. Discuss continues to be a dangerous set up. Jan will look into ways to secure the area.

Striders: Numbers up this year. There were some issues with a couple of teams, but nothing major. They had to move to Burke at the last minute. Results were slow due to the distance & 1 person doing results. Planning on going back to Benson in 2009.

Throws Fest: Numbers about the same. College athletes are requesting a chance to throw. John will pass that information on to Steve Beideck. Mark Lloyd questioned the plans for Hammer competition.

Association JO: Numbers were up even though John expected higher due to Nationals JO's being held in Omaha. Bantam/Midget were the largest groups. There will be some schedule adjusting for 2009. The schedule will be tightened but need to continue and utilize athlete check in.

Geneva: A lot of membership cards were sold that day. The overall numbers were down a lot. There was some trouble with club registrations as one club was lost.

Multi: Steve Morrison & Doane College stepped up and ran a meet. The Youth association gave them a \$250 stipend to conduct this championship. Mike Hayek-Jones and Plattsmouth were originally scheduled to hold this meet. Steve & Doane are willing to do so in 2009.

Pawnee City: Numbers were down but everyone had a great time.

Bellevue: Numbers about the same. Weather cleared out ok this year. The Jaguars helped run some events. FAT was used this year. They will work out of few kinds for 2009. They will add

extra computers for the field events. A couple of questions were raised regarding the usage of FAT. It eliminates picking issues in the sprints. No wind gauge was used.

National JO: Numbers were about the same as 2000. John felt there were several reasons for this: gas prices, national committee changing regional to a later date to name a few. There was discussion regarding the cooperation of the national's officials and their treatment of our local officiating staff. The committee spent approximately \$30,000.00 housing officials. The hammer was run in Fremont by West O Throws. Feedback was good regarding the location.

2009 Schedule: Note: This is the final schedule- the possible changes discussed at this meeting did not affect the following:

4/25 Elwood

5/2 Open

5/9 LYTC

5/15 Midwest Striders

5/22-23 Nebraska High School Track Meet

5/24 Throws Fest

5/30 Jaguars

6/6 Geneva

6/13-14 Multi State Championships

6/13 Pawnee City

June 20-21 State Junior Olympics

6/27 Bellevue Breeze

6/30-7/5 National Youth

7/9-12 Regional Jr. Olympics (in Nebraska)

7/30-8/2 National Jr. Olympics

Returned check policy: There was discussion held regarding if meet directors contact other meet directors when clubs checks bounce. Currently, each meet manager has handled it internally. Mark Lloyd motion that when a meet manger receives a bad check that clubs kids are held out of the next meet until the original check is cleared up., 2nd Rubin Carter. Discussion followed regarding issues of clubs & individuals. Two issues were raised: meet managers need to work together on this. We can issue a bad check list that will only get sent out to meet management and the membership chair. Call for question. Proposal: Meet directors have the option to hold out athletes until bad checks from previous meets are cleared up. Motion passed.

Recruitment policy: There has been a policy in place for approximately 17-18 years to keep kids from living in one city & competing in another. There have been issues of a club from Lincoln recruiting kids from Omaha. The policy will be reissued to all Nebraska clubs.

Convention: December 3-7 in Reno this year. Delegates listed in previous minutes.

Bordering States: Lyn Lindemann from Iowa has spoken with Frosty regarding this issue. There have been some discrepancies regarding this policy that has been in place for a number of years. Ruben Carter motioned for John Wissler to write a letter to Iowa & South Dakota to clear up issues regarding athletes competing in Nebraska clubs . 2nd Cindy DeSantiago. Motion Passed.

Banquet: Darwin Gushard recently got married. (Congrats) He is asking for help for this year's banquet. Jan Ridout volunteered to talk with Darwin regarding the banquet. It will be Sunday, January 25 back in Plattsmouth.

Regional meet: In Nebraska this year. We can hold this as a youth committee meet with LYTC /Flyers working together to chair. Other clubs will have duties and Nebraska kid's registration fees are ½ price. Clubs will be paid for the hours they work. This is how we set up the last regional. Clem Ballew moved with accept this proposal, 2nd Mark Lloyd. Motion passed.

Officials Training: Nancy Sempek voiced her concern about the lack of consistency & follow up regarding officials training.

AAU: John voiced his concerns regarding clubs not participating in sanctioned AAU competition as USATF relay teams. The Jaguars had several teams competing in the AAU meet. An investigational letter will be sent to the head of Boys & Girls club to clarify this issue. Mark Lloyd motioned for this to take place. 2nd Clem Ballew., Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Mark Lloyd. 2nd Rubin Carter. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm