

NEUSATF YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING 9/13/09

Meeting was called to order by John Wissler @ 3:50pm, Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009 at Millard West High School.

Following were in attendance: John Wissler, Frosty Anderson, Bryan & Deirdre McKinley, Kevin Ballew, Dennis Hopgood, Sr., Marc & Bonnie Cizek, Bill Scarborough, Steve Morrison, Craig Christians, Mike Hajek-Jones, Ruth White, Cindy DeSantiago, Wayne Smith, Nancy Sempek.

2009 meet review:

Mid-America Winter Classic: Numbers were down, fewer out of state athletes.

Elwood Track Club Invite: Only meet that did not submit results.

LYTC: Numbers about the same, there was a facility issue with Wesleyan as lane 8 is closed for liability issues.

Cornhuskers Flyers Throws Festival: Numbers down, every person entered showed up to compete.

Boys & Girls Club: No report.

Pawnee City: Doubled numbers this year, more clubs participated.

USATF Nebraska Assoc. Youth Championships: Midwest Striders took over this year; numbers & turnout were very good, meet went quite well, just over 600 competitors.

USATF Nebraska Combined Event Championships: Very few athletes, no more than 20. The Association helped pay (\$250) for this meet because the numbers were so low.

USATF Nebraska JO Championships: Numbers were great in Bantam, Midget & Youth but Intermediate & Young are struggling.

Bellevue Breeze: Numbers about the same 375-400, good help from other clubs; is going back to hand timing.

USATF National Youth Outdoor championships: There were a lot of issues, basically two meets at once.

Nebraska Warriors Track Club: Not a lot of participants but a good start.

USATF Region VII JO Championships: Numbers were down, especially from Iowa, most of the comments were all positive.

USATF National JO Championships: Greensboro, good representation from our Nebraska clubs.

2010 Schedule will follow the same format- We have an open date of May 15-16. John will talk to the Nebraska Warriors as a returning meet they have the first option for that date. The Nebraska's JO hammer throw will be contested @ Doane College at the Combined Events meet.

Lisle, Illinois is the host of the Youth championships, Sacramento will host the JO Nationals. Region 8 will be held in Iowa. Sunday, February 21, 2010 will be the Mid-America Classic meet. The Midwest Zone indoor meet will be in Lawrence, Kan., (University of Kansas) on Feb. 14, 2010.

2009 Issues: We have a problem with clubs that do not give their kids the USATF card to enter the meets. **THE ATHLETES MUST HAVE THEIR CARD TO ENTER THE MEET - GATE PEOPLE CAN NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING DOWN USATF NUMBERS.** There will be more information regarding this issue in the club packets for 2010.

The regional meet schedule will be adjusted in 2010 due to down time, adding more events on Saturday and allowing families an earlier departure on Sunday.

The 2009 cross country schedule will be posted online.

The National Convention is being held in Indianapolis this year. John Wissler proposed \$7,500 being allotted for convention reimbursement. Move to approve by Frosty Anderson, 2nd Bill Scarborough.

Motion approved.

There was some discussion on the possibility of online entries for unattached athletes. This will be looked at further as there is the cost of the initial program.

A list of our registered athletes from Iowa is now on file at the National office.

Meeting adjourned by John Wissler @ 4:50 pm Respectfully submitted, Nancy Sempek.