

**Nebraska USATF Youth**  
**Meeting Minutes as presented by Lanesa L. Ballew-Holt**  
**Sunday, October 6, 2013**  
**Seymour Elementary 1:00pm**

◆ Welcome - TammyRa'

◆ Introductions/Attendance –

*Shunta Paul	*Darrelle Bonam, Sr.	*Nicki Paul	*Wayne Smith
*Cindy DeSantiago	*Dale Filer	*Marc Grele?	*Ada McCarty
*John Wissler	*Bridgette Neemann	*Bill Scarborough	
*Keith Harris	*Tony Welchen	*Mike Hajek-Jones	
*Rochelle White	*DaRion Archie	*TammyRa' Jackson	
*Lanesa Ballew-Holt			

◆ Minutes from last Meeting – Wayne S. moved to accept; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill S. Unanimous vote; no discussion; motion carries.

◆ Membership Report – Report from Cindy D.

\*2013 Statistics:

~1,547 registered members. ~1,301 were youth or youth affiliated.  
~24 registered youth clubs. ~45 events sanctioned (45 in 2012)  
~10 youth meets. ~1 new youth track club.  
~5 registered clubs in 2012 did not renew in 2013; 1 will return in 2014.

\*Per the association workshop:

~We will go to permanent USATF #'s possibly starting this year.  
~Kids with 2 cards from 2013 can have their membership extended by 1 year to make up for the double payment. (Some had parents and also coaches register them, resulting in 2 memberships).  
~At some point there will be a link sent out showing members how to print a membership card.

\*We need to come up with a process to verify if kids with permanent USATF #'s have paid for a current membership.

\*The National office has promised a 2 week turnaround going forward for mailing out membership cards.

\*Sanctions are 100% online now.

\*Association grants – available through the USATF National website.

~Can be used for equipment needs, clinics, to boost membership in outlying areas.

~They are not easy to get and are usually awarded at the END of the track season.

\*Keith H. motions to accept the membership report; Bill S. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote; no discussion; motion carries.

◆ Treasurers report – TammyRa' reported for Logan. As of September 2013 the balance for Nebraska Youth is \$ 44,627.15.

◆ Youth Workshop - Indianapolis, IN (Inez Finch is over this)

December 4 & 5, 2013

\*TammyRa' is the only person on the youth committee with a vote.

\*Larry S. moves to pay the \$30 registration fee for delegates for the youth workshop. Bonnie 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.

\*11:30 am on Thursday is the opening general session for youth athletics.

◆ National Convention – Indianapolis, IN

December 5 – 8, 2013

\*People who said they want to go to the national convention:

Bonnie, TammyRa', Ada, Lanesa, Bill S., Wayne, Marc, Rubin, Ruth, Cindy and Keith H.

\*We need to know who from LDR is going.

\*To meet accreditation, we must have a representative from all levels.

\*John W. moves that the stipend to be paid for each delegate be \$550, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith H. Unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.

\*Interested delegates must inform the association by October 20<sup>th</sup> and turn in their form. The form is on the national website.

- \*Hotel = \$129/night at the J.W. Marriott – Parking = \$30/day.
- \*Delegates must be at the opening and the closing sessions.
- \*The association will pay the \$175 registration fee for delegates.

◆ Awards Banquet - Darwin G.

January, 2014 – Location / Time TBD (Will be the last Sunday in January 2014).

Nominations due by November 30, 2013

- \*Keith H. will check at the Double Tree to get a rate per person to have the banquet there.
- \*John W. proposes to add the George Anderson Jr. Olympic Sprinter of the year award. Same category as the race walk. It will not be awarded if no one places at the Nat'l Jr. Olympic meet.
- \*John W. moves that we add this award. Larry S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.
- \*Athlete of the year cannot be on the State Team.

◆ Background Checks (82 done in 2013)

Coaches/Volunteers

- \*If coaches don't do the background check, the USATF insurance will be invalid. All coaches need to do the check or the team will not be in total compliance. Reimbursement for the background check needs to be requested through Logan. Per USATF, the contact person for each youth club must have a background check, also, any person working with athletes. They say the contact person only must have the check just so the team can be registered.
- \*Cindy moves that at the end of the season, coaches can submit a list of names from their team for people who need to be reimbursed for the background check. Dale F. 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.
- \*Of the \$30 paid for a USATF membership, the association gets \$15 back; the \$8 for the background check can be reimbursed from this.

◆ 2013 Cross Country Schedule (Registration is onsite at each meet)

- Sunday, October 13 - 2:00pm  
Lincoln Youth Track Club Invite @ Pioneers Park
- Sunday, October 20 - 2:00pm  
Omaha Racers Invitational @ Walnut Grove Park: 150<sup>th</sup> & Q
- Sunday, November 3 - 2:00pm  
Cornhusker Flyers Invitational @ Seymour Smith Park
- Sunday, November 10 - 2:00pm  
Nebraska Association Youth Cross Country Championships @ Pioneers Park
- Sunday, November 17 - 2:00pm  
Nebraska Junior Olympic Championships @ Seymour Smith Park (Cornhusker Flyers)
- Saturday, December 14  
National Junior Olympic Championships @ San Antonio, TX

\*John W. moved and Wayne S. 2<sup>nd</sup> that the cross country schedule be approved. Unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.

\*December 4, 2013 is the deadline for the Cross Country National's pasta dinner at Sea World. More information is on the website. Athletes get a free weekend pass to Sea World, \$48 for adults.

◆ 2013 Meet Review

\*Coach O had lots of problems. Nationally they want all meets to go through Coach O. We need to get better at enforcing this in Nebraska. This will force teams to pay at the time they enter their athletes.

\*If a team owes your team money for entries, please contact TammyRa'.

\*John suggested that each team set up a three person jury who can work together to decide if a meet needs to be cancelled at the last minute due to weather or any other reason. Once the meet starts, if it is called, there are no refunds.

\*There were quite a few athletes who ran and did not have current USATF membership cards.

\*Gate fees are not at the discretion of each team. The fee is set by the association. The fees for the association and state meets are \$3 for kids and \$5 for adults. For other meets it is \$2 and \$4. Children 5 and under should be free.

\*Medals and the distribution of medals is a problem at all meets. John W. moves that teams only award medals at the meet

site. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bridgette, unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries. Suggestion is to add this to your meet information so people are aware they need to pick up medals the day of the meet.

◆ 2014 Meet Schedule

April 26 - OPEN  
May 3 – Wings of Omaha, Northwest (No throws)  
May 10 – LYTC, Nebraska Wesleyan  
May 16 – 17 – High School State Meet at Burke  
May 18 – Throws Meet at Burke  
May 24 – Apollo, Location TBD  
May 31 – Peak Performance, Bryan  
June 7 – Nebraska Association Meet, Benson  
June 14-15 – State J. O. meet at Burke  
June 21 – Bellevue Breeze, Bellevue East  
June 24 – 29 – Outdoor Championships, Bloomington, IN  
June 28 – OPEN  
July 3 – 6 – Regionals, Omaha, NE  
July 13 – OPEN (May be the date for the Cornhusker State Games)  
July 21-27 – National J. O. meet – Houston, TX

Boys and Girls Club and other teams have the option of the open dates.

Peak Performance may be interested in having a second meet.

◆ New Business

\*Tony W. moves that if a team is not present at the annual youth meeting, then they are not guaranteed the date of their choice for a track meet. This will be retro to 2013. Nikki P. 2<sup>nd</sup>, John called the question...1 vote / club. Voting YES = Flyers, Bellevue Breeze, Peak Performance, Apollo, LYTC, Wings of Omaha, Midwest Striders. No teams present opposed. Unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.

\*Nothing But Net is hosting a meet in Omaha...similar to the Cornhusker State Games. Ages 18 and under. June 28 at Burke. We may have a sanctioned meet on this date so we should support that meet to support the association.

\*Charles Drew would like to have a first aid tent at each meet, no charge to the association or the teams.

\*Officials training will be in January. More info to come. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If your team is hosting a meet, you are required to have at least one official present at the meet. The test is online.

\*All coaches are being asked to be CPR certified so more people are trained to handle medical emergencies.

\*Hy Tek program for teams...in the past the association purchased it and made copies for each team. TammyRa' would like for the teams to pay 'something' to get a copy. She would also like to have a training session so more teams know how to use the software. Per Tony W. right now it is \$39 to get the upgrade. With the newer version you get support through Hy Tek. Team manager is licensed per club, not per association.

\*Any team with more than 10 athletes must submit entries electronically to prevent the entries from having to be manually entered. Tony W. makes this motion, Dale F. second, unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.

\*We need someone to maintain the association website. Steve B. is no longer going to do it. Steve will stay on as the records chairman.

\*January 2014 we will have a meeting to plan Regionals.

\*We need to come up with an evaluation tool to use to evaluate meets.

Bridgette moved to adjourn at 3:56 pm, Tony W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote, unanimous vote, no discussion, motion carries.