

Nebraska USATF Youth Meeting Minutes

As presented by Lanesa L. Ballew-Holt

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Ralston High School 2:00pm

- ◆ Welcome - TammyRa' - 2:02 pm, meeting started.
  - \*Let's work together as a **TEAM**. **T**ogether **E**ach **A**ccomplishes **M**ore
  - \*Going forward we will consider having 2 youth meetings a year.
- ◆ Introductions/Attendance – please sign in and update your contact information, print clearly.

Wayne Smith	Cindy DeSantiago	Tony Welchen
Ola Anderson	Joyce Grigsby	Darwin Gushard
Keith Harris	John Wissler	Rochelle White
Larry Snyder	Bryan McKinley	Dierdre McKinley
Susan Pierce	Michael Hajek-Jones	Adante Lloyd
Lanesa Ballew-Holt	TammyRa' Jackson	Monica Wynn
Taylor White-Welchen	GUEST: Kristian Harris	
- ◆ 2013 Minutes – Tony moved to accept; Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.
  - \*Minutes are posted on the association website.
- ◆ Membership Report –Cindy
  - \*Overall attendance increased. The number of athletes decreased. We lost a few youth clubs and gained some new clubs.
  - \*We need to do something to encourage membership requests and age verifications to be sent to Cindy sooner. Last minute requests happen too often.
- ◆ Treasurers report – Keith Harris
  - \*Keith Harris is the new association treasurer taking over from Logan. Keith and Logan will get together soon to get the account signed over.
  - \*Keith handed out a treasurer's report and told us the youth account balance is \$56,662.68.
  - \*Cindy moves to accept the treasurer's report. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.
- ◆ Youth Workshop – Anaheim, CA
  - Monday, December 1, 2014 - \$30 Registration
- ◆ National Convention – Anaheim, CA
  - December 2 – 5, 2014 (Tuesday – Friday)
  - \*\$175 registration if done by Cindy.
  - \*People interested in going: Cindy/Wayne cannot go. Ruth and Rubin are being paid for by the association. Scar is being paid for out of the official's budget. 1 person from LDR will be paid for out of the LDR budget. TammyRa', Ada, Lanesa, Keith, Sue, Bonnie and Marc will be paid for out of the youth budget. Youth can pay for 8 people, so far there are 7 people who want to go.
  - \*Someone needs to cover the race walk meetings and other meetings that are not already covered. We will decide who will cover each meeting closer to time to go.
  - \*This is a By-Laws year. Check the national website for some of the things that are up for change.
  - \*Lanesa moves that the youth budget pay \$1,000 each for up to 7 people to attend. Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.
  - \*November 1 is the deadline to register. Cindy will submit the registrations. \$175 each if she does

it. If done after November 1st it will go up to \$250.

\*Marc did his registration already.

\*If you are registered and you don't go, then you will owe the money back. You are required to go to the opening, assigned meetings and the closing. Everyone needs to take notes and prepare a report to share with the association when you return.

\*TammyRa' has all of the information. Check with her if you need anything.

#### ◆ Awards Banquet - Darwin G.

January 25, 2015 – Location: DC Center, Omaha, NE

\*Doors open at 1 pm, start at 2 pm. Set up will be prior to 1 pm.

\*Nominations due by November 29, 2014

\*Increased cost from last time. Adding dessert to the menu.

\*Darwin said that last year did actually lose money...on awards. He handed out the paperwork outlining the requirements for each award and the nomination form.

#### ◆ USATF Memberships / Background Checks

Coaches/Officials/Volunteers

\*If you do anything with the kids, you are required to do the background check. The \$8 is refundable; please submit team refunds all together to Keith and he will take care of it.

\*Per Cindy, everyone will be required to take a course through Safe Sport; it is governed through the USOC.

#### ◆ 2014 Cross Country Schedule

- Sunday, October 05 - 2:00pm  
Lincoln Youth Track Club Invite @ Pioneers Park
- Sunday, October 26 - 2:00pm  
Omaha Racers Invitational @ Walnut Grove Park: 150<sup>th</sup> & Q
- Sunday, November 2 - 2:00pm  
NE Youth Cross Country Association Championships @ Seymour Smith Park
- Sunday, November 16 -2:00pm  
Nebraska Junior Olympic Championships @ Seymour Smith Park
- Saturday, December 13  
National Junior Olympic Championships @ Myrtle Beach, SC  
\*Region 8 has no regional meet. Athletes will advance from state to nationals. High school athletes cannot compete in Cross Country until November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### ◆ 2014 Meet Review - Meet behavior/conduct

\*Behaviors:

\*Bellevue Breeze – Deirdre / They don't want a meet for 2015. She said there is too much disrespect to their volunteers by parents, coaches and by some of the other volunteers. They do not want to volunteer at other invitational meets in 2015. They are willing to assist with the larger meets such as state, the youth championship meet and regionals if their help is needed.

\*County workers will not volunteer at meets unless they will be well fed and hydrated. They want lunch, drinks and a community service letter or certificate which will document their hours of service.

\*Conduct – need to start documenting bad behaviors and then decide what to do from there.

There are provisions in the association and national by-laws that deal with behavior.

\*Meet types:

\*Invites: You can invite any team you want. You can run any events you want.

\*Championships (Association and JO): These have every event that state has.

◆ 2015 Meet Schedule

May 2 – Wings

June 6 – Striders

May 9 – LYTC

June 13 – AAU Qualifier (Open Nebraska USATF date)

May 16 – Apollo

June 20-22 – State JO

May 22-23 – High School State

June 27 – Open Nebraska USATF date

May 24 – Jags

June 30 – July 5 – Outdoor Championships - Lisle, IL

May 30 – Peak

July 9-12 – Regionals – Ames, IA

May 30-31 – Multi's

July 28-Aug 2 – Nationals – Jacksonville, FL

\*Cornhusker State Games is this weekend; 2 days – Lincoln, NE

\*It was requested that communication be made asap if a team picks up one of the open meet dates.

\*Tony moves to accept the 2015 meet schedule. Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.

\*The national body is getting persistent about the use of Coach O for state. There will be no day of meet entries.

\*Get your team sanctions done early; everything is online. You have to pay \$\$ more the closer you get to your meet date.

\*Wait until after Jan 1 to submit for your team memberships.

◆ New Business

\*We will have a By-Laws meeting to make updates that are necessary.

\*We will put together a sub-committee to discuss conduct and penalties.

\*Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau may bid for the National Cross Country meet.

\*Legacy e-mail program – A national internet information system. Per nationals, it is currently broken so we care not using it. It is a way for nationals to contact the association without using personal e-mail addresses. It is easier for them to keep the 1 e-mail address than to have to keep up with changing personal e-mail addresses.

\*Leigh Officer and Ringo do not want to host the multi's meet. TammyRa' will check to see who would like to host/help with it. The Omaha Racers do not want to host it anymore.

\*Keith moves to allow dual membership for teams between USATF and AAU. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote = 1/team.

In Favor: Wings/Bellevue Breeze/Peak Performance/B&G Club/LYTC/Greater Omaha.

Opposed: Midwest Striders/Cornhusker Flyers

Motion Carries.

John moves to adjourn. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries. 4:17 pm.