

**Nebraska USATF Youth Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2:00 pm**  
**Ralston High School**  
**As presented by Lanesa L. Ballew-Holt**

\*Welcome – TammyRa’

\*Attendance:

DaRion Archie	Lavone Walker	Suzie Pierce	Tony Welchen	John Wissler
Nicki Paul	Shunta Paul	Denise Hoskins	Etty Stingley	Jamel Branford
Joyce Grigsby	Erica Buescher	Mike Hajek-Jones	Darwin Gushard	Leigh Officer
Cindy DeSantiago	Wayne Smith	Lanesa Ballew-Holt	TammyRa’ Jackson	Deirdre Mckinley
Reshal Marks	Jeff Cauble	Keith Harris	Meshan Marks	Bryan Mckinley

\*2014 Fall Youth Meeting Minutes (e-mailed/posted on the association website) – Lanesa moves to accept; Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.

\*Membership Report – Cindy

- Before club membership can be approved, all background checks must be done. You must request the insurance certificate when renewing your club online.
- Memberships can be requested at track meets; \$23 each.
- There is now a youth track club in Council Bluffs. Cindy is trying to reach them to confirm. Check with Cindy first if you have an Iowa athlete trying to join your team. They may need to join this team in Council Bluffs.
- No late entries at any meet which uses Coach O. The invitational meets are not required to use Coach O.
- Don’t wait until the last minute to ask Cindy to process memberships. Send them to her as you get them.
  - At the 1<sup>st</sup> track meet, send Tony Welchen a list of memberships and their # so he can use it to verify athletes.
- If a meet is sanctioned by USATF the athletes must have a USATF membership to compete.

-All entries after 11:59 pm on Wednesday are late entries, \$12 each. Saturday morning entries will be placed in the last heat or in a heat by themselves. Reseeding will not take place at that time.

\*Treasurers Report – Keith

- Refer to reported distributed at the meeting.
- Keith is working to create a tighter system for disbursing checks; approval at a meeting and/or by 2 officers with clear documentation. We will know more as the process is finalized.
- Lanesa moves to accept with two date corrections in the report; Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.

\*Recap of USATF Youth Workshop – sent out in previous minutes.

\*Each meet will provide someone to help kids with blocks. Coaches will not be allowed to help. There is NO help at Nationals.

\*At the local meets, we will accept the big and little USATF cards as well as e-mail confirmations. We will not accept pictures on cell phones.

\*Awards Banquet – Darwin / Keith

- Good feedback was received; it went over very well.
- Kids who registered received a wood plaque; others will receive a paper certificate.
- If you come to the banquet, you must pay. They charge by the # of people who attend.
- Looking into a different method for paying; something online which will be more convenient and lower the chances for returned checks that we have to pay fees for.

\*Viewing the Safe Sport video and taking the test afterwards will be required starting in 2016. The current test questions and answers were distributed, one per team, at this meeting.

\*Team information – TammyRa’

- Insurance: Please be sure to list all possible practice locations and every day of the week when you submit your insurance form. The insurance will only cover locations and days which are listed.
- coaches must have a background check, be members of USATF and be listed with your team. If not and someone gets injured in their care then there will be NO insurance coverage.
- If 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance is required, make sure to get it. OPS requires it.
- Membership #'s must be entered in Team Manager.
- Everyone should be using Team Manager 4.0 and Meet Manager 5.0. Every team should use Team Manager.
- There is a 90 day waiting period to switch from one team to another during the current season. The indoor season does count. Both teams must sign, giving their approval of the change. If the current team refuses to release the athlete then the athlete can run unattached. They can run unattached during the 90 day waiting period.
- Coaches / Volunteers need to be positive and goods sportsmen/women. We are still working on a code of conduct and penalties for coaches/volunteers who get out of line.

\*Tony Welchen:

- Is willing to train people to use Hi-Tek / Team Manager. Team Manager Light should be similar and is ok to use.
- Our association needs to look into getting an automatic timing system. We can assign someone from the association to keep it and transport it from meet to meet.
- Suggests that the state/national rules apply to all of our meets.

-Multi's will move to June 13-14. The Racers will be the hosting team. Leigh Officer said any help will be welcomed.

- Kids must commit to competing both days in order to have a chance to qualify and advance to regionals.
- Check with John Wissler if you would like to make arrangements for your athlete to practice pole vault and/or high jump where his team practices.

-June 27 – open meet date, 2 teams interested in having a meet.

- West Omaha – no location. Interest withdrawn. May consider one of the open July dates.
- Bengals – Northwest High School, relay meet. Youth only, includes field relays.
  - Keith moves to approve the Bengals to have a relay meet on June 27. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1 vote / team. 1 team opposed; 8 in favor. Motion carries.

\*2015 summer track meet schedule:

- May 2 – Wings
- May 9 – LYTC
- May 16 – Apollo
- May 22-23 – State H.S. Meet
- May 24 – Jaquars
- May 30 – Peak Performance
- June 6 – Nebraska Youth Championships
- June 13-14 – Multi's
- June 20-21 – Nebraska State JO
- June 27 – Bengals Relay Meet
- June 30 – July 5 – Youth Outdoor Championships, Lisle, IL
- July 9-12 – Region 8 Championships, Ames, IA
- July 18 –
- July 25 –
- July 27 – Aug 2 – National JO, Jacksonville, FL / Also Cornhusker State Games weekend

\*New Business:

- Day of meet entries: Keith moves to not have day of meet entries. This dies for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will still have day of meet entries with the exception of anything going through Coach O (State/Regionals/Nationals).
  
- Meet directors can chose not to have late entries; just put that in the meet information which will be posted on the association website.
  
- Late entries = \$12.
  
- Unsanctioned meets: USATF meets must be sanctioned. If a meet is not sanctioned the liability is on the team hosting the meet. It has nothing to do with USATF if not sanctioned, look into getting 3<sup>rd</sup> party facility insurance.
  
- NE USATF did bid for the regional cross country meet at the national convention. We did not get it.
  
- Procedure for meet scheduling:
  - Representatives from the club must be in attendance at the fall youth committee meeting in order to hold the meet date from the prior season.
  - If the meet date becomes open, clubs may make proposals to acquire the open date.
  - If 2 or more teams express interest in the same date, they each must make a proposal and then a vote will take place. There will be one vote per team allowed.
  - If there is no upcoming meeting then an e-mail can be sent out with the proposals. The vote can take place via e-mail, 1 vote per team.
  - Lanesa made the motion; Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mike Hajek-Jones opposed. Motion carries.
  
- Darwin purchased Hi-Tek Meet Manager 5.0 - \$483.19. Sue motions that the association reimburses Darwin. Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.

\*Keith moves that we adjourn. Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carries. 4:26 pm