

**Nebraska USATF Youth Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, October 16, 2016, 1-3 pm**  
**Burke High School Cafeteria**  
**As presented by Lanesa (Nesi) Ballew-Holt, Youth Secretary**

\*1:00 pm – Meeting called to order.

\*Welcome – TammyRa’

- We had a great season; the track meets went well.
- There were timing issues we need to figure out by the February, 2017 Meeting.
- The timing system plungers are still missing. There is a steel measuring tape missing; will check at Burke High to see if they have it from the last meet hosted there. We need to come up with a new system for transferring equipment between teams so things are easily tracked.
- There were 690 JO Qualifiers; 277 Regional Qualifiers and 184 National Qualifiers.
- Our region does not hold a regional cross country meet. The qualifying information can be found online. For cross country, age groups which will be combined at nationals are: 15/16 and 17/18 ←This is only for the team award.
- Athletic.net is set up for cross country.
- Developmental meets: USATF will provide ribbons for 1 - 6 places. USATF also provides medals and ribbons for state JO’s but not for any other meets.

\*Attendance:

TammyRa’ Jackson	Ada McCarty	Nesi Ballew	Lisa Charles	Jeff Cauble
Jim Clark	Jeff Marcuzzo	Erica Sousek	Reshial Marks	Meshah Marks
Andante’ Lloyd	Chequetta Jackson	Shunta Paul	Kathy Germany	Keith Harris
Patty Mata	Bianca Mata	Rubin Carter	Tony Welchen	Darwin Gushard
Tasha Osten	Suzie Pierce	Tim Fry	DaRion Archie	Joyce Grigsby
Terry Grigsby	Cindy DeSantiago	Wayne Smith	Dorothea Dunkin (Guest)	

\*2016 Youth Meeting Minutes from 02/21/2016 (e-mailed/posted on the association website) – Tony W. moves to accept; Wayne. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries.

\*Membership Report –

**From Cindy:**

- 1,607 members in the Nebraska Association, an increase of 50 from about a month ago at the association meeting. From the increase, 44 of the 50 are youth athletes.
- There are currently 30 clubs that list themselves as youth or youth/open/masters. Of these, 6 have no youth members.
- There have been 6 events sanctioned since the association meeting; 3 of which are youth events. There is currently 1 sanctioned cross country meet; the association championship in Lincoln.

**From Wayne:**

- Sanctions: 3 in the last month = youth cross country meets. There are 3 cross country meets which are still not sanctioned.
- Starting Nov. 1, nationals will start billing late fees for sanction requests submitted with less than 30 days left before the meet.
- The Racers and the Association JO meets for cross country are not sanctioned right now.
- The Nebraska Association still allows teams to submit a paper form for sanctions if necessary. You can submit now for meets next year. Don’t wait until the last minute; avoid extra fees.

\*Treasurers Report – Jim

- Keith has transferred all bank information over to Jim.
- Pinnacle Bank balance on Oct 1 = \$72,341.95.
- Jim opened a checking account at Gothenburg State Bank; \$64,000 was transferred from Pinnacle Bank. The difference was left in the Pinnacle Bank account until all outstanding debits have cleared. Once all have cleared the remaining balance will be moved over to the new account.

-The Union Bank account is still open; Cindy has a card for this account.

\*The youth workshop / national convention:

- November 29 – Dec 4, 2016 (Nov. 30 = youth; Dec. 1 – 4 = national convention); Orlando, FL.
- This is a voting year. If you attend the convention and the association pays towards your expenses, you must attend the opening and closing sessions or you may be asked to refund money.
- You are required to submit a workshop report to the association if you are assigned to attend one.

\*Equipment:

- The timing system plungers are still missing. There is a steel measuring tape missing; will check at Burke High to see if they have it from the last meet hosted there. The tape measure was labeled as 'NE USATF Youth'. We need to come up with a new system for transferring equipment between teams so things are easily tracked.
- We need to purchase starting pistols.

\*USATF Memberships/Background Checks/Safesport:

- There is a new company doing background checks: NCSI. Don't do the background check until after the convention as things may change. The new company may do checks which are good for 2 years/\$16. It will expire 2 years from the date the background check was passed.
- Single day volunteers can download, read and sign volunteer paperwork which will cover them for the day they are volunteering.
- You must also do the Safe Sport training and take the test.
- If you get your new USATF membership after Nov. 1, it will be valid through Dec. 2017.

\*Awards Banquet – Darwin / Keith

- The banquet will be Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the DC Center.
- Some records were at meets without fully automated times (FAT); they don't count.
- Nominations for the All Nebraska Track and Field Team do not have to be from meets with FATs.
- We will again have an automated online system for registrations.
- Will try to have more of a variety for food: vegan/vegetarian/gluten free.
- Treasurer will write a deposit check for the DC Center for \$652.64.
- The nomination form is online.
- The association does not keep cross country records. Records from individual events at the Multi's do not count.
- We can look into recognizing athletes who compete in the Multi's in the future. They can be nominated for the All Nebraska awards.

\*Website:

- Keep sending in things to be posted.
- Track meet registration information, meet changes and meet results are posted when sent in.

\*Rubin's report:

- The past board did a good job; introduced the new Nebraska USATF Board:
  - Rubin = President
  - Keith = 1<sup>st</sup> VP
  - Erica = 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
  - Jim = Treasurer
  - Susan = Secretary
  - TammyRa = Youth Chair
- Rubin is working on getting an officials training together for us to attend.
- We are going to focus on process and procedures; more documentation and paper flow...transparency.
- Refer to the website or advise us if you don't have a computer so we can keep you informed.
- More activity in 2017; LDR and Masters.
- We need to figure out a system to grade track meets to determine if they were successful and can continue or if they need to be taken away pending a strategy for improvement.

\*2016 Nebraska USATF Cross Country meet schedule.

- 10/2 – LYTC Pioneer Park, Lincoln.
- 10/22 – Plattsmouth – need sanction turned in; may be cancelled.
- 10/30 – Omaha Racers; Walnut Grove, Omaha.
- 11/6 – USATF Nebraska Youth Athletics Championships; Pioneer Park, Lincoln
- 11/13 – USATF JO Cross Country Championships; Walnut Grove, Omaha – need sanction turned in.
- 12/10 – USATF National JO Cross Country Championships, Hoover, AL.
- Keith moves to accept the cross country meet schedule. Jeff M. second. 1 abstention. Motion carries.

\*2017 Nebraska USATF summer track meet schedule.

- May 6 – Wings
- May 13 – LYTC - Lincoln High School
- May 19-20 – State H.S. Meet
- May 21 – Jaguars
- May 27 – Apollo
- June 3 – Nebraska Youth Championships
- June 10 – Peak
- June 15-18 – Nebraska State JO (Multi's\_
- July 6-9 – Region 8 Championships – Wisconsin
- July 15 – OPEN
- July 22 – OPEN
- July 24 –30 – National JO – Lawrence, KS

\*Cornhusker State Games = July

- June 24 – North Omaha Bengals Relay Meet
- Youth Outdoor Championships (Date and location TBD; still in the bidding process. This meet will be voted on at the national convention.)

-Lanesa moves to accept the 2017 track meet schedule. Keith second. Carries.

\*Track Meet Concerns:

- Jeff C. wants us to look into a way for track meet dates to rotate between the teams willing to host meets. This will allow other teams to get meet dates earlier in the season.
- Jeff M. asked if the state meet could be held a week earlier to avoid conflicting with the College World Series. Since there is another meet a week earlier and the state meet is held on a specific weekend; the date cannot be changed. The Cornhusker Flyers expressed that they would still like to host the state track meet.
- The 2017 state meet may be hosted by the Nebraska Association; teams can provide volunteers who will be paid an hourly amount to help. Options for the location: Kearney High and Hastings College; both have great facilities.
- Erica made a motion: JO State meet should rotate every year, with a bidding process, site selection committee and profit sharing starting in 2018. Keith second. 1 vote per team; 7 = yes / 4 = no. There will be a committee meeting prior to the February 2017 meeting to create the details.

\*Next meeting – TBA (February, 2017). You will receive at least a 30 day notification.

\*New Business:

- Rule 302.5 Letters P & Q – deals with how it is handled when a person is in a running event which is taking place at the same time as a field event the are also competing in.
- Implements – New 450 g javelin called a Fin flyer for the 11/12 age group starting in 2017; the core grip is best.
  - Can get it at the Duncan Atwood website.
  - It replaces the mini-jav for this age group.
  - Prices around \$79 each; \$100 for the core grip. They may have a sale, buy 2 get 1 free.
- The association has no discuses and needs to purchase some. The Cornhusker Flyers do not want to continue to provide them and risk losing theirs.
- Timing System:
  - Does the association purchase a system? If so, who will run it?
  - Does the association pay someone to do all the meets?
  - Do the teams pay someone and use the system the association purchased?
  - Dorothea Duncan runs the system for AAU Regional Track Meets. She will bring a proposal to the February 2017 meeting so she can be considered to run the timing system for our meets. She is applying for a grant which will cover the cost of purchasing a good system.

-Tony said he will be the timing system committee chair. Anyone who wants to be on the committee please contact him. This committee will contact different companies and bring timing system price quotes to the February meeting.

-Susan will not work the timing system at all in 2017.

-Scholarship – Keith

-Association will make available \$500 for each team if they have a graduating senior. Right now there are 24 clubs with youth members. Teams can only award 1 athlete who must have been on the team for at least 3 years.

-This is a way to cycle some of the money coming in back out to the people we are focused on.

-Nebraska Elite Team: Can only happen if the team exists at the beginning of the season. People are not allowed to be on two different USATF teams during the same season while members of USATF. If you leave 1 team, you must wait 90 days before becoming eligible to join another team.

\* 3:07 pm meeting adjourned.