

Youth Workshop & USATF Annual Meeting Minutes

As presented by Lanesa L. Ballew-Holt
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11/30/2016 ~ Youth Training & Workshop

-Sharieffa Barksdale – Manager of Alumni Relations

- University of Tenn. – 400M Hurdles – 3x Olympian as Assistant Manager
- Alumni Association is really big; trying to bridge the gap.
- Contact: Sharieffa.Barksdale@USATF.org – ask her how you can help bridge the gap.
- Run Jump Throw / Youth Camps

-Sarah Austin – Manager of Legal Affairs

- Background Screening
- Contact: 317-713-4653
- The new company is NCSI – 2 year screen for \$16.
- Same screening criteria as with TCLogic.
 - One screen regardless of what you are associated with: coach, official etc.
- Automatic renewal at the 1 year mark.
- TCLogic expires 12/31 of the year of the screen. NCSI will expire 2 years from the date of the renewal.
- 866-833-7100 – NCIS or ClientServices@NCISAFE.com

-Talia Mark – Associate Director of Community Outreach and Elite Athlete Relations.

- YUSADA Program / Anti-Doping – test for all events. Ensures that athlete rights and protocols are being followed internationally.
- www.GLOBALDRO.com (DRO = Drug Reference Online)
- Run Jump Throw = skills camps. Encourages kids to get active. Showed a video.
- USATF.org/runjumpthrow or <http://runjumpthrow.usatf.org/>
- Started in 2014 – curriculum for kids ages 7-14.
 1. Run Jump Throw Experience – Olympic athletes and a DJ.
 2. Single day events; easy to do locally.
 3. 6 week curriculum. Physical Ed teachers use this.
- Way to reach kids in communities who may not be thinking competitively yet.
- Can submit names to USATF for free memberships...post event form after a Run Jump Throw event.
- John Padula – helps with Run Jump Throw...in New York. Afterwards they handed out a card with the local clubs listed so they could look into joining a team.

-Desiree Friedman – Associate Director of Constituent Services.

- A.R.C. – Association Resource Center & Safe Sport.
- Works with community leadership groups.
- ARC – on the USATF website.
- USATF.org – use the search bar to find Association Resource Center.
- Essentials for officers – youth; see forms relating to youth.
- Let her know what adds/changes you think are needed.
- Manual area = association manual.
- Tech support and training – for membership chairs, etc.
- SafeSport Program:

- Member; complete SafeSport; pass the background screen.
- SafeSport and Coaches registry list shows who has completed all steps.
- Through March 2020 – expiration will be 12/31/2020. After that, the next expiration will be 12/31/2024....4 years.

-Chelsey Chang – Youth Committee Planning and Promotion.

-Contact: Chelsey.Chang@USATF.org

-Logo's: Give them a month if possible when requesting a custom logo design. Can be any color you want -Someone within the association must be the person submitting the request.

-There is a brand portal built for each association. Rules and guidelines are there.

-USATFPortal.org

-Mike Janssen – Fine Designs

-20+ offices around the country. Found good people and planted them to help grow his business.

-Grass roots; invested in his people.

-Select templates early if using Fine Designs. Julie Keyser (Indianapolis) does the meets.

She needs time to create custom logos.

-Robin Brown-Beaman – Kim Haines Academic Excellence Award

-Established in 2014 – 10 scholarships.

-Started again in 2017. Information is on the national website.

-Total of \$20,000 for GPA of 3.0 and above.

-Dan Bowdoin – Athletic.net

-General body – use the 'contact us' button for problems or questions.

-The 'confirm' tab can verify the teams coming to the meet. You can 'accept' teams and approve them for the meet. You can 'add' teams from another association.

-Using 'co-host' you can give timers/coaches access to the management setting if there is a need.

-You can set up a stripe account.

12/01/2016 ~ Annual Meeting

A decision was made by Rubin Carter, USATF NE President, that due to the Nebraska Youth Chair having to vote as a Zonal Rep; her Nebraska Delegate paddle for voting was given to Lanesa Ballew-Holt so we could maintain the two separate votes. Since Lanesa attends all the same meetings as TammyRa' the vote went to her.

Tricia – Nomination process / Interim Chair.

Secretary – Temporary until after the election = LaTonya Salley-Sharif(Three Rivers) ~ motion/second/carries.

Cindy Long reported that we have a quorum.

Last year's minutes were accepted.

To be an alumni in the USA, be an Olympian World record holder or have competed on a national team.

Mr. Tim Wynn – Professional Parliamentarian – Explained the process of nomination under Roberts Rules

of Order. Vote by Acclamation – if only 1 nominee and the bylaws don't require a vote, then that person

gets the position unless the by-laws say otherwise. The assembly can't vote against a candidate except by nominating and voting for another.

President: Vin Lannana – University of Oregon – Associate Athletic Director and President of Tracktown USA. <-Won

Rubin Carter will take over the nomination process since Tricia is running and must step down.

Youth Division Chair: Methias Wicks and Tricia Floyd-Myers. Tricia won 46/10.

Executive Vice Chair: Kenny Emerick and Quentin Wilson. Quentin won 41/19.

Vice Chair of Operations: Jim Engle <Won

Vice Chair of Administration: Deon Keaton and Dave Skelton. Dave won 48/14.

Division Secretary: Carolyn Griggs <Won

Proposed new business: Nothing proposed. Motion that we can add items as we proceed. 2nd/carries.

Kenny Emerick and Pat Pretty – Rules

- Suggested changes had to be submitted by September 1. There was a total of 54 items brought up.
- Item 32 – change in rule...the youth track and field programs; change to The Youth Programs. Carries.
- Item 33 – 1 year age divisions – withdrawn by the submitter.
- Item 34 – weight throw added to the indoor meets; 25 lbs – boys 15-18 and 20 lbs – girls 15-15. Carries.
- Item 35 – Decathlon added to the girls 15/16 and 17/18 (Not contested at National Junior Olympics).
 - Amend to say it would not be contested at the Hershey Nat'l Meet.
 - After quite a bit of discussion; this failed.
- Item 36 –High Jump/Pole Vault – Youth athletics only 1 run through without the bar at the height they are competing at. Carries
- Item 37 – taken care of in the previous rule change.
- Item 38 – Field Events Rule 3025T – Viewing images of previous trials is forbidden. Youth only at National JO's. Athletes cannot cross over to the outside of the track to talk to others/view videos. They can yell across the track and talk to coaches but no video and they can't go over to them. IAAF Rule...can't show an athlete the video.
 - Moved and tabled while someone researches. Carries.
 - Moved and untabled. Carries. Motion FAILS.
- Item 39 – Rule 3026 – 15/16 and 17/18 girls decathlon SHALL be offered whenever the boys is offered except at National events. FAILS.
- Item 40 (see online) – Indoor championships – regulates how they are done / how kids qualify. Youth regions = 6 zones.
 - Amendment – There is a host zone.
 - Amendment – Legible to eligible.
 - Amendment – 15/16 and 17/18 age groups don't have to attend zonal qualifier because of their school meets. They automatically qualify.
 - Kenny E. asked to be able to address this next year if needed.
 - Motion Carries.
- Item 41 – in because of item 32 – withdrawn.
- Item 42 – Corrections in qualifying for National JO Cross Country. 15/16 and 17/18 individuals.
 - 2 ways to qualify for nationals: Regional meet – top 5 teams and 30 individuals by age.
 - Association championships – top 2 teams and top 15 kids by age.
 - Teams can be combined for scoring...this takes extra individuals.
 - Carries.

12/02/2016 ~ Annual Meeting

-Motion for non-voting members to be able to ask bidders questions. Amendment – only 1 question per person. Failed. Amendment – voting members ask questions first. Adopted.

*2018 National Junior Olympic Cross Country (XC) National Championships

- Reno Tahoe Bid – Pacific Association
 - Rancho San Rafael Regional Park...3 hotels under 1 roof.
 - Every athlete gets a participation medal...winners get another one.
- Pacific Northwest Association – Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood, WA
- WINNER = RENO
- Motion/2nd to recycle ballots. Carries.

*Reports

- 2016 XC Championships in Hoover...next week. (Birmingham area.)
- Dr. Wendy Travillion – running for Women’s Chair.
- 2017 Hershey Indoor Championships – New York 5 hotels/4 have free breakfast.
 - Top 8 from each zone go to nationals.
- 2017 XC Championships – Tallahassee ~ Dec 9, 2017. Apalache Course.
- Rules – Kenny Emerick – Updates.
 - Rules committee agreed to all that we passed.
 - 1 issue on the women’s decathlon. How many association hold a decathlon for boys? (22)
 - The rules committee = 25 members.
 - Kenny will ask if John Blackburn from the rules committee can come answer questions.
- Brenda Martin – Distributed the 2016 National Outdoor Records Report and American Youth Indoor Pending Records Report.
 - Motion and 2nd to accept with the corrections. Carries.
- Alma Jean Price – Health Report. Discussed: Sprains vs Strains; IT Ban syndrome (Runners knee), eating disorders etc.

-Awards:

- Bill Hargrove (association). Nominations: Maine/New Mexico/New York/Patomac Valley/Southern Cali. (New York won)
- Frank Savigne (individual). Nominations: Bill Mongovan/Carol Hardeman/Sam Smith/Leon Boyden/Sharon Good/Mary Birdwell/Sanoma Evans. (Bill Mongovan won).

-Robin Beaman – National Office Updates.

- IAAF World Youth Championships – now IAAF 18 and under youth championships. This will be Non-existent after 2017. In 2017 it will be held in Kenya.
- Marshan Adkins – XC rules/changes.
 - Combine 15-18 for team scoring but still recognize individual scoring.
 - (Since participation has dropped).

-John Blackburn – Head of the Rules Committee

- Decathlon for girls – the committee does not see this as a reasonable first step.
- IAAF passed a new order for the decathlon that can be used.
- Motion to reconsider item #39/2nd carries.
- Motion to table / 2nd carries. This will now be considered next year.

-Patrick Pretty ~ Sub-committee report

- Rule #2 – women’s track and field committee – NCZA will propose 2021 or 2025 to add women’s Decathlon. Women should have the opportunity if they want to do it.
- Age grade 200 and 400 in triathlon. Age grade table ranges from 9-100.
- Coaching education – new level 1 and level 2 curriculum.
 - coaching advisory / youth / parents.
 - What makes you a coach? Experience? Meet USATF requirements. NCIS background. SafeSport. Membership.
 - In the future, more will be required for someone to be labeled as a ‘coach’ in USATF.
- Coaching advisory committee recommends:
 - Pass the national federation of high school test...\$55.
 - USATF Level 1 course...not always local enough.
 - USTCAAA Website – Master Track and Field Course.
 - If not defined, what qualifications make you a coach?
 - USATF has a direct connection to the USOC.

- Sub-committee reports.

-Carolyn - Official positions

-David Greifinger – Athlete positions / advisory committee.

-New Business:

- Bill Mongovan - Connecticut Assoc: People complained about having to pay to watch the competitions which were previously free on USATF.TV. It will be discussed outside of this meeting.
In addition you can see other meets and have training access through that website.

12/03/2016 ~ Annual Meeting

Committee Reports:

-Rules = N/A

-Qualifying Standards = N/A

-Zones:

- Northeast Zone / Carolyn Griggs – Sunday, 2/19 – Ocean Breeze Sports Complex Stanton Island. 2/26 = another one.
- Midwest Zone / TammyRa’ Jackson – Still planning.
- Southwest Zone – 2/11 University of Houston at Yeoman Fieldhouse
- West Zone / Bob Flint – 2/19, Flagstaff, AZ

-National Coaches Association: N/A

www.tinyurl.com/walk2020 - Racewalk...4 minute video explaining youth race walk.

LaTonya SalisSherif – Discussion to include para athletes in developmental meets without classification...in JO’s as well. Have Representation on the coaches advisory council.

-Bid process – Junior Olympic Track and Field 2018

- Greensboro, NC at North Carolina A&T (Aggies)
- No opposing bid so they won.

-Standards were accepted as presented.

-2017 Bill Hargrove Award = New York

-2017 JO’s – Lawrence, Kansas – Planning and preparation is going well. Dorms are available for clubs/athletes/coaches.

-Rules – Kenney Emerick. Youth Delegate at Large. 5 at large positions and 11 candidates. (Bold with votes shows who won).

***Barbara Smith – 39 votes** ***Byron Turner – 33 votes** ***John Padula – 33 votes**
***Bonnie Cizek (Replacing Rubin Carter) – 36 votes** ***Denise Smotherman – 40 votes**

*Anthony White *Kisha Finch *Perry Jenkins
*William Valerie *Dale Beard *Greg Butts

-Instructions for the vote: Mark no more than 5 names or your ballot will be invalid. You can mark less than 5. The voting was re-started due to a delay with the coaches meeting causing some delegates to be late to the meeting.

-Motion to destroy the ballots/2nd..Carries.

-Ron Williams ~ Youth coaches advisory committee report.

-Election year: Ron Williams = President. Keith Combs = VP. NNCY Seifert = Secretary. Larry Seifert = Treasurer.

-Terry Crawford talked about the new process to get on the coaches registry; all coaches youth to elite. You must complete the background check and have a minimum number of coaches learning hours. There will be a competency standard. You can get grandfathered in with 12+ years' experience. You must turn in a resume. Some high schools offer courses which can be taken for credit. There will be a meeting in January, 2017 to further discuss this topic.

-Ron Williams is the youth representative on the Executive Committee.

-Coach of the year was not given this summer due to incorrect nominations or no nominations. 5 awards by zone were not given out. Nominees must be members of the coaches association.

-There were 3 level 1 grant opportunities – no applications.

-There was 1 level 3 grant given to Regina Bagby. She went through the course and completed it; then was reimbursed.

-Next year is the last year for the World Youth Experience. This will make it difficult for youth coaches to get on teams. Team manager will help. In 2017 you need to apply for teams for 2018. Let someone on the men's/women's track and field committee know you put in an application.

-National Youth Track Coaches Association has no online registration. Hopefully by January the process will be in place.
www.NYTCA.com; print the form and mail it in with payment.

-Larry Seiford = award for outstanding long service.

-Robin Beamon – IAAF cancelled the 18 and under championships. The intention was to create programs in NACAC (North America Central America Caribbean) to replace it. They are working on it; another avenue of international competition.

-Byron Turner – Men's Track and Field

-Trying to provide more support to elite athletes who are not under the tier system.

-Officials – only 2 meets to support. Ages 31-39 = no applications.

-USA Indoor championships – 300/600/1000 and 2 mile being added due to no World Championships in 2017.

-Rio = GREAT! (32 medals)

-Poland = World Juniors = 21 medals. New Name = U20

-Athletes must make age 16 by the 1st day of competition and can't be 21 during the competition year.

-NACAC – 63 medals. This team is typically fielded by a performance list. Invitations are sent out.

-2017 Indoors = Albuquerque, NM.

-2017 Outdoors = Sacramento, CA.

-Junior focus group deadline = 12/31.

-2 Developmental grants for clubs. Apply online – National Scholastic Organization.

-Pre-rookie camp – collegiate professional athletes.

-Talent Protection Program = top 30 athletes out of college; 2 years of support above the tier program.

-South Zone Meet = Sunday, Feb 12, 2017 at JBL Fast Track in Winston Salem, SC.

-Par-athletics sub-committee decided the championship = Madison, WI in July 2017. Various regional qualification opportunities. Info is on the website; will request para-athletes have their own tab on the USATF website.

- Gertrude Tomlinson / Founding USATF Member – passed away.
- John Murray; Delores Murray; Fred Newhouse – voted in as delegates at large.
- 11/12 age group will no longer use the turbo jav. They will use the aerojav.
 - The Finn Flyer = aerojav. John Padula
 - Get one at www.VSAthletic.com / MF Athletics will try to get them.
 - There is only 1 size/weight.
 - Scott Halley – www.coachhalley.com – can get the aerojav here for about \$79.99.

12/04/2016 ~ Closing

Steve Miller – USATF Chairman of the board – 8:44 am called the meeting to order.

- IAAF votes – check the website.
- Masters group resignations for retiring:
 - Gary Sneider – Chairman of Masters Track and Field.
 - Don Lein – Long Distance Running Representative.

Reports:

- Ed Cox – Organizational Services.
- Herb Nichols – Accreditation.
- Credentials Report: Alaska and Wyoming = suspended. Other 55 are ok; paperwork is in order. Report is approved.
- Site selection committee: 2017 and 2018 annual meetings will be in Columbus, OH.
- Annual meetings in 2019/2020 = Reno, Nevada. Not at the same hotel as in 2008.
- The hotel will be very close to the airport and smoke free.

-Vin Lananna – President Elect – Thank you everyone. Actions speak louder than words. Made ‘lots’ of promises to keep the correct focus for the organization.

-Men’s Track and Field – no report.

- Women’s Track and Field – Rose M. – New Chair
 - Indoor 3/2-5 – Albuquerque.
 - Outdoor 6/22-25 – Sacramento
 - Junior 6/22-24

-Youth Committee – Tricia Myers – New National Youth Chair. Listed the new executive committee.
 *Tricia Myers and Matthias Wicks = the nominees
 *Each candidate was given 3 minutes to speak.

- Masters Committee – Rex Harvey – Newly Elected Masters Chair
 - Elections = all new board except for treasurer who stayed the same.
 - World Indoor = Daegu Korea
 - Outdoors = Baton Rouge, LA
 - North AM / Central AM / Caribbean Regional Meet = Juarez, Mexico
 - 2018 – Landover, Maryland
 - World Outdoor Championships = Malaga, Spain
 - 2019 – Indoor = North Carolina
 - 2019 – Outdoor = Ames, IA

- Masters LDR – Judge Mary Vazago
 - New Chair, Vice Chair and new Secretary.
 - 2017 Masters LDR Grand Prix
 - 5 LDR races and 3 XC Races
 - 2/4 – Ben, OR
 - 3/18 – LDR Race, Virginia Beach
 - Thank ou Don Lein – outgoing chair.

-Officials Report – Major change in leadership and at large members.

-Associations Committee – Dave Shrock / Pacific = new incoming Chair.

-Bill Roe – outgoing LDR Chair – New people except for Women’s LDR Chair who is returning.

-Law and Legislation – Jim Murphy

_Thank you to the secretary of this committee – Tim Baker.

-This is a rules year; not Law and Legislation. Motion/2nd carries to accept the report.

-Race Walking:

-John Nun = new chair; 5 new at large members.

-Went over the list of upcoming races.

-Mountain Trails and XC – Nancy Hobbs = chair.

-Committed to a clean sport; working on anti-doping process.

-9 states of competition coming up.

- Tim Wynn – Parliamentarian / President of Perfect Rules, Inc.

-Smooth and orderly transaction of business and member rights = parliamentary law.

-Rights of: individual; majority; minority; absentees; all combined together.

-Rules of debate for USATF:

-Each delegate has the right to speak 2x for EACH motion.

-Delegates must be recognized by the chair to speak.

-Delegates must address the chair and not the other members.

-Debate will alternate between ‘in favor’ and ‘against’.

-New Business –

-David Griefinger – Read his resolution regarding the law suit surrounding the 13 USATF members who are currently suspended. After much debate it was motioned and 2nd to end the debate. Motion carries.

Closing remarks.

10:27 am - close