

USATF Nebraska Association
Youth Committee Meeting
Sacred Heart Center, St. Columbkille Church
543 North Jefferson Street, Papillion NE
January 24th 2021

A sign in sheet was passed around. In attendance today were Lisa Charles, Jen Carda, Amy Myers, Marquis Thomas, Tony Welchen, Reshial Marks, Andante Lloyd, Nicki and Shunta Paul, Lenesa Ballew-Holt (Nesi), Brian Kujath, Scot Rainbolt, Wayne Smith, Leigh Officer, Jamie Miller, Bonnie Cizek and Suzie Pierce.

Scot Rainbolt and Bonnie Cizek, newly appointed Youth Chair, opened the meeting promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Wayne Smith Sanctions and Membership - Wayne stated that fees have gone up, along with the price of background checks. He stated that it had been awhile since fees had gone up, so this move by the National Office was a logical step. He also stated that all age verifications must go through the website. It was recommended that clubs allow for at least 5 days for a verification to go through and be approved. He also mentioned that there is a website on 'how to' clips for membership and club registrations. The website link is <https://usaf.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/360003049231-Videos-Documents>. In order to complete a club registration, coaches must have their own membership, Safesport and background checks complete prior registering a club.

A question was raised that because the 2020 season was cancelled but clubs had already spent the money for club registration, was it all possible for the association reimburse a portion of membership fees be returned to the club. Wayne addressed the question to the President who is present at the meeting. Scot Rainbolt stated he would bring the concern to the Board of Trustees.

The Association Meet Schedule for 2021 is being set up at this time. Currently, Omaha meets have been established in the following rotation pending Omaha Public Schools allowing clubs on their facilities. A decision is to be made regarding Omaha facilities after February 17th.

Omaha Schedule:

Saturday, April 24 - Cornhusker Flyers Track Club Invitational
Saturday, May 1 - Peak Performance Track Club Invitational
Saturday, May 8 - Wings of Omaha Track Club Invitational
Saturday, May 15 - West Omaha Track Club Invitational
Sunday, May 23 - Boys & Girls Club Jaguars Track Club Invitational
Saturday, May 29 - Apollo Track Club Invitational
Saturday, June 5 USATF Nebraska Youth Athletic Championships hosted by Midwest Striders
Saturday, June 12 North Omaha Bengals Track Club Invitational

Association Junior Olympic meet dates are as follows – no location has been assigned at this time:

June 16 & June 17 USATF Nebraska Combined Event Championships
June 18 & June 19 USATF Nebraska Junior Olympic Championships
July 8 - July 11 USATF Region 8 Junior Olympic Championships in Nebraska
July 26 to August 1 - USATF National Junior Olympic Championships -Jacksonville, Florida

Discussion was held about certified officials working the State JO and Regional JO meet. It was mentioned that officials from the Husker Officials group along with officials from other associations have been contacted about working both the State Jo and the Region 8 track meets.

A brief Treasury report was prepared by Jim Clark and presented by Scot Rainbolt. It was stated that a better breakdown is requested by the youth committee as to the budget so the membership has a better understanding of the income and expenditures of the Association business.

Safesport Report was given by Nesi Ballew-Holt. She noted that renewals of Safesport are most likely due. There is no fee for the renewal process. There will be information regarding whether the full course is needed or simply a renewal will come in an email notification. The Safesport team will be performing safesport compliance audits credentialing at national level track meets.

Topics tabled for future conversations include: Year-end awards and addendums to the Bylaws

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Suzie Pierce
Nebraska Association Secretary