

**USATF National Convention
Youth Division
Virginia Beach, Virginia
December 2nd – 5th 2010**

December 2, 2010

The meeting opened at 11:05 with a welcome from Lionel Leach. He asked all new delegates and visitors who have been away for a while to stand and introduce themselves to the body. Lionel gave a brief update on the state of USATF track and field youth athletics. Currently the youth program has over 63,000 registered athletes, 2000 registered clubs and a youth budget close to \$700,000. He thanked everyone for the hard work that has gone into making the youth division a success.

Minutes for the 2009 Convention were reviewed by the delegates. Motion made by Kenny Emerick and second by Inez Finch to accept the minutes as written. Motion approved.

New agenda items are the bid process and USADA drug testing. Motion made by Kenny Emerick to allow more agenda items be added on Friday December 3rd. The motion passed.

Lionel introduced the subcommittees and stated they will be giving delegates updates throughout the convention.

Lionel Presented the United States Olympic Committee Coach of the Year Award to: Frank Davis

Becky Oates from the High School Federation gave a state of the High School League address on Track and Field and Cross Country. In grades 9th through 12th there are over 1 million track and field athletes. There are over 16,000 boys and girls teams. Track and Field is the number one sport for girls and the number two sport for boys.

Concussion management is a big topic in the sports arena right now. A good website to get information is www.nfhslearn.com the course is on free concussion management. It takes approximately 20 minutes to complete the course. There is also a mini course for parents on the same sight.

Linda Phelps verified we have a quorum.

Lionel introduced the persons appointed to represent Youth Athletics on other committees. The subcommittee members will give their reports after they have attended their prospective meetings.

Committee Reports:

Associations: Cindy Long

Athletics for the disabled: Steve Cuomo

Coaches Screening: Brenda Martin, Robin Beamon

Coaching Education: Patrick Pretty

Cultural Exchange: Mary Elizabeth Aude

Equipment and Facilities: Shirley Crowe, Bruce Long

Law and Legislation: Kenneth Ferguson

Organizational Services: Linda Phelps

Men's Development: Harry Weaver

Officials: Carolyn Griggs

Women's Development: Toni Nichols, TammyRa Jackson

Awards: Dorothy Dawson

Calendar: Inez Finch, Linda Phelps

Communications: Bob Flint, Frank Davis

Standards: John Martin

Combined Events: Patrick Pretty, Bonnie Cizek,
Liza Mascarenas

Computer Information: Inez Finch, Cindy Long, Henry McCallum,

Frosty Anderson, Dave Reinhardt, Byron Turner, Jacqui Collins

Cross Country: Ron Mascarenas

Field Events: Shirley Crowe, Ron Mascarenas, Bruce Long

Track Events: Harold Martin, Sam Germany

International Competition: Dorothy Dawson, Harold Martin

Booker Wood, John Wissler

Men's Track and Field: Sam Germany, Byron Turner

Women's Track and Field: Harold Martin, Lori-Smith Thompson

Parliamentary: Norine Richardson

Race Walking: Darlene Hickman

Records: Denise Smotherman, Brenda Martin

Referee Protest: Glenn Fortune, Kenny Emerick

Site Evaluation: Lionel Leach, Mary Birdwell

Ethics: Asha Dean, Carolyn Griggs

Medical Services Committee: To be announced

TC Logic gave an update on the expansion of their program. They stated they have also broadened their data base to include a more global search. TC Logic felt their philosophy mirrored that of the USATF Youth Division and they would continue providing top notch service to prevent young athletes from being robbed of their childhood. The fee for background checks will remain at \$8.00. It has expanded to officials and anyone who works with young athletes it is highly recommended they have

their background screening for liability purposes. Coaches will not be receive their credentials at National Championships if they do not have their screening renewed annually.

Dorothy Dawson, Chair of Administration made a motion and it was properly seconded to continue with the services of TC Logic for the youth division background screening. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Youth Executive Committee has made some tough decisions regarding background screening, drug testing and cheating. The board will not tolerate cheating of any kind. A coach caught cheating will be recommended for a two year suspension. Radir Anoor from the Tennessee Association has recently been suspended for 2 years for cheating during the 2009 Youth Athletics Meet.

Alma Price spoke on the dangers of excessive caffeine use and vitamin overdose. She spoke in great detail of taking too much of certain vitamins can do more harm than good. She also spoke on magic power coffee which is used in the same context as Viagra and is in the process of being banned by the FDA. She provided everyone with a handout of her presentation.

Robin Beamon spoke on behalf of the committee of USATF and AAU representatives that came together in Chicago, IL during the month of November to work on a calendar that would eliminate conflicts with track meets between the two organizations.

Toni Nichols and Mavis Chubb presented the calendar to the body and explained how it will work out so there will no longer be conflicts with track meets and the athletes can compete in both meets if they desire.

Mavis Chubb also informed everyone that if an athlete competes in the USATF Junior Nationals they will have a representative at the meet to provide a waiver of advancement to the AAU Nationals just like USATF provides for their athletes who compete in this meet.

Rules: Kenny Emerick

The executive committee made some recommendations on the following items: Y= passed, N= failed.

Item 86 = N, amendment to rule 300.1(b)
Item 88 = No decision, tabled for now
Item 90 = N, amendment to rule 300.1(i)
Item 92 = N, amendment to rule 301
Item 94 = Y, amendment to rule 302.4 (a)
Item 96 = Y, amendment to rule 302.5 (o)
*Item 98 = Y, amendment to rule 304.4
Item 100 = Y, amendment to rule 305.2
Item 102 = N, amendment to rule 302.5(q)

Item 87 = N, amendment to rule 300.1(b)
Item 89 = Y, amendment to rule 300.1 (i)
Item 91 = N, amendment to rule 301
Item 93 = Y, amendment to rule 301
Item 95 = Y, amendment to rule 302.5 (n)
Item 97 = N, amendment to rule 304.2
Item 99 = Y, amendment to rule 305.2(d)
Item 101 = Y, amendment to rule 305.2(f)

*Item 98 has been amended to add chip timing to either feet or a bib with a chip.

The items to be pulled for discussion: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 61, 87, 88, 92, 98, and 103

A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the items by the executive committee except items to be pulled. The motion passed 65 to 0.

Item #24 will disappear from the rules book it was submitted and withdrawn by Glen Fortune.

Item # 61 amend rule 187.1 motion made and properly second to approve. Everyone opposed, item failed.

Item # 52 amend rule 180.13(c), the motion was made and properly seconded to approve. In favor = 2, opposed = 51, the item failed.

Item # 53 amend rule 181.6, the motion was made and properly seconded to approve. Everyone opposed, item failed.

Item # 54 amend rule 181.6, motion was made and properly seconded to approve. Everyone opposed, item failed.

Item # 55 amend rule 181.8, motion made and properly seconded to delete rule 181.8. Everyone opposed, item failed.

Item # 87 amend rule 300.1(b), motion made and properly seconded to approve. In favor = 11, opposed = 36, the item failed.

Item # 88 amend rule 300.1(c), motion made and properly seconded to table item. In favor = 42, opposed = 6, item tabled.

Item # 92 amend rule 301, motion made and properly seconded to approve. In favor = 8, opposed = 42, item failed.

Item # 98 amend rule 304.4, motion made and properly seconded to amend the amended rule. In favor = 39, opposed = 0
The amendment passed. The motion was made and properly seconded to approve item # 98. In favor = 40, opposed = 0, the item passed.

Item # 103, the request for this item was withdrawn by Glen Fortune.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 1:38pm.

December 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by Bob Flint.

Dave Shrock from Coaching Education gave a brief summary on the first Coaching Education Course for youth held in Sacramento, California. He announced there will be another course offered after the Junior Olympic Championships in Wichita, Kansas. More information will come when the course is finalized.

Shirley Crowe introduced Margie Allen who is the spouse of the late Herbert Allen aka Diboll. He is being inducted into the USATF Officials hall of fame.

Lefty Martin introduced the site visit teams for each discipline.

The Junior Olympic Track and Field team: Lefty Martin, Shirley Crowe, Norine Richardson, and Linda Ellis

The Youth Athletics Team: Lefty Martin, Bruce Long, Inez Finch, and Norine Richardson

The Junior Olympic Cross Country Team: Bob Flint, Kim Haines, Sam Germany and Inez Finch

Lefty gave a detailed report of how the site evaluations are performed so everyone can understand the process and have a better understanding of the responses on the evaluation forms. He informed everyone that each team traveled to their areas so the same team looked at all bid sites in the assigned discipline.

Kenny Emerick informed everyone that all of the rules that were submitted were approved except the hammer throw which has been tabled.

A motion was made and properly seconded to reconsider item # 91, rule 301, turbo mini javelin for sub-bantam age group. In favor = 46, opposed = 4. Item passed.

A motion made and properly seconded to approve item # 91, rule 301, 300g turbo mini javelin for the sub-bantam age group. In favor = 53, opposed = 8. The rule passed and will be submitted to the rules committee.

A motion was made by Henry McCallum to bring item # 88, rule 300.1(c) back to the floor. The motion was seconded by Lionel Leach. In favor = 53, opposed = 1

A motion made and properly seconded to item # 88 rule 300.1 (c), "to change the sub-bantam date of birth for competition from the first day of the youth athletics meet to December 31st." The rationale for the change would allow the date to fall in line with all other age groups. In favor = 55, opposed = 1. The rule passed.

Jack Rickins from the Board of Directors: Gave a quick update on some of the goals the board is working on. They are currently working to reduce fragmentation of the different committees. The Board is working to get the top organizations to focus together.

Wichita gave an update on the upcoming 2011 Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships.

Hoover gave everyone an update on the upcoming 2010 Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships.

Daniel Brooks, USATF South Carolina President and a member of the Myrtle Beach LOC updated everyone on the 2011 Youth Athletics Championship Meet. He also handed out DVDs with hotel and meet information.

Albuquerque, New Mexico gave their bid presentation, answered questions and the ballot voting took place. Albuquerque won the bid based on the ballot count in their favor. Delegates had an opportunity to vote not to allow them to host the championship.

Pat Pretty covered in detail the upcoming Level 2 Youth Coaching Education School will take place from July 31st - August 4th. There will be 100 seats available for the school. The fees are still being negotiated with the new location of the school

The level 2 event specific school will be held July 10th through July 16th at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA.

The National Federation and Coaching Education will be offering a 2 ½ hour online course for \$75.00. The course is a entry level then you can go on and take level one, level two and so on.

The Coaches Advisory and the USOC are requiring coaches to be a member, background checks are not enough. To renew you must first go to the USOC site and go through to the registry.

The US Olympic Committee and the IAAF are planning on another World Youth Olympics in 2014.

Lionel gave a briefing on the background screening programs being used by the organizations within USATF.

Rubin Carter spoke briefly on the Coaches Code of Conduct. The program is currently being revamped and more specific information will be presented at a later date.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 2:00pm and everyone should be back by 3:15pm.

The Youth Meeting convened at 3:25pm

USATF has partnered with Sunrise Sports Group uses the slogan "outrun the sun." David Morton from the organization provided everyone with information regarding skin cancer, the risk factors and prevention measures.

Lionel introduced the elite athletes who were voting delegates:

Loree Smith – Hammer throw

Darvis Patton – 100m Sprinter

Hyleas Fountain – Heptathlon

Tiombe' Hurd – Triple jump

Carolyn Griggs reported on the results of the official's election she also briefed everyone on the training and risk management.

Toni Nichols briefed everyone on Women's Development. They have re-named themselves High Performance and are in the process of re-organizing their program.

Henry McCallum provided an update from the Computer Information Committee. Henry updated everyone on the Coach O system and stated the goal for the youth division is to go completely paperless.

Kenny Emerick informed everyone that the rules voted on earlier were approved by the rules committee.

Asha Dean gave an update on the Diversity from the committee.

New Business:

Florence Erickson wanted to revisit the \$10,000 needed to bid on a championship. She stated it is difficult to get someone to tie up that amount of money for two years. Lionel stated the fee is not going to change. It is reasonable based on the potential income that will come to the area businesses where the championships are held.

Booker Woods attended the International Team Committee where the Coaches and Managers were selected for the 2011World

Derrick Calhoun – Head Coach sprints and hurdles
Joe Felder – Distance
Lee Webb - Jumps
Edward Wilson – Throws

Cassandra McKenzie – Head Manager
Patricia Hanna – Assistant Manager
Asha Dean – Assistant Manager
Lisa Morgan – Assistant Manager

Mary Elizabeth Aude attended the cultural exchange meeting and she suggested that the youth division provide pamphlets to the athletes who are traveling as team USA. The pamphlet would give athletes some insight on the country they will be visiting.

Norine Richardson, legal counsel for the Youth Division provided an explanation of the site evaluation process just before the bid process for the Junior Olympic Track and Field bid process for the 2012 championships.

The bid process began with Greensboro, NC, followed by Baltimore, MD and ended with Miramar, FL.

The voting took place by roll call and ballot voting. The votes were counted by Kenny Emerick, Norine Richardson and Bob Flint. The winner of the 2012 Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships is Baltimore, MD.

The motion made and properly seconded to destroy the ballots. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

December 4, 2010

The session opened at 10:00 am.

The NACAC representative spoke about starting an international competition for high school athletes to compete against Jamaican high school athletes in the 4X100m, 4X400m, and 4X800m relays. He stated the three strongest areas in the world are the United States, Jamaica, and Cuba.

Lionel presented the Youth Chair Awards to the following individuals:

Mary Birdwell
Linda Phelps
Valerie Beesley
Harry Weaver

Arlene Dickerson
Char Engelhardt
Willie Richardson

Eleanor Jones
Barbara Smith
Denise Smotherman

Stephanie Hightower, USATF President attended the session to thank everyone for their hard work. She gave a special thank you to Lionel for his continued efforts in moving the Youth Division forward.

Max Siegel from the USATF Board of Directors talked about his role on the board as Director of Operations. He spoke of ways the Youth Division can try and generate funding for some of our programs.

The bid presentations for the Youth Athletics Championships began at 10:35 with Arlington, Texas. Charlotte, North Carolina began their bid presentation at 11:15. The roll was taken and paper ballots handed out. The ballots were counted by Norine Richardson, Kenny Emerick, and Bob Flint. The winner of the USATF 2012 Youth Athletics Championship meet is Arlington, Texas.

Glenn Lattimore from Men's LDR gave an update on their long distance running program.

Henry McCallum gave his regional coordinators report. He stated that information that is sent to the youth chairs needs to get passed down to the clubs so everyone is informed. Clubs need to get their membership and date of birth verification done in a timely manner. Coach O will not allow athletes to register if their date of birth is not verified in the system by the membership chair.

Harry Weaver and Jon Drummond spoke to everyone regarding the status of project 30 which is an ongoing project at this time.

Denise Smotherman stated the youth division has ten records that were broken this year. Motion made and properly seconded to accept the records. The motion to accept records passed unanimously.

Ron Williams updated everyone on the Youth Coaches Association. The attendance this year was low because it conflicted with the youth session. Ron and Lionel will look at the schedule and adjust so more coaches are available to attend. The dues will be \$10.00 annually. When you pay your dues you will get a youth coaches patch. The subcommittee is looking into getting shirts or jackets for the members they are currently looking into the cost. The following members were selected as coach of the year for the following zones:

South zone: Latoya Alexander
West Zone: Dave Skelton

Midwest zone: Edward Wilson
Northeast zone: Gene Bell

Lefty Martin stated there has been some discussion regarding the World Youth Championships. They are proposing to move to the decathlon because more athletes compete in this event.

Inez Finch and Linda Phelps spoke about the calendar that was presented earlier by the USATF and AAU team that put the calendar together this year to prevent conflicts. A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the calendar that was presented earlier. The motion passed unanimously.

Kenny Emerick explained the new rule that will advance the top five athletes from each region to the J.O. National Track and Field Championships. There will no longer be move ups. The J.O. standards will only apply in the multi events. Anyone who meets the J.O. standard for the multi events will be allowed to advance to nationals.

Linda Phelps reported on Organizational Services. The site selection for the 2015 Convention is Houston, TX, and 2016 is Anaheim, CA. The meeting also covered Association accreditation. She also reminded everyone to have their credentials for closing session.

Byron Turner attended Men's Track and Field. He stated the upcoming non big three meets are:
2011 NACAC Under 23
2011 Pan Am Juniors
2012 World Junior Championships

The Men's Track and Field Program is looking to involve more youth coaches. The Olympic trials are set to extend over an eight day period.

The National Indoor Meet will be held in Albuquerque, NM and it will feature the fastest kid in Albuquerque.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm and will convene at 3:00pm

The afternoon session convened at 3:00pm

Darlene Hickman, from the Board of Directors attended the racewalk meeting and there is a concern about athletes not properly trained for the event. The committee is going to look at reaching out to the associations to find experience to hopefully eliminate so many disqualifications at the national championship meets.

Brenda Martin briefed everyone on the status of the background screening. She presented a handout that gave the number of screenings in each association. She informed everyone that background screening is mandatory. Representatives from TC Logiq were on hand to answer questions regarding their background screening services. To be a member of the Coaches Registry it requires all coaches to have a background screening.

Lionel informed everyone that we will have the contract with TC Logiq for another year then USATF will re-evaluate.

Lionel announced the winners of the Bill Hargrove and Frank Sevigne award:
Frank Sevigne: Mary Birdwell
Bill Hargrove: Potomac Valley

Diane Martin presented the Junior Olympic and the Youth Athletic Standards. The Junior Olympic Standards are no longer useful except for the multi event standard.

A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the Youth Athletics Standards as written. Amend to change the wording from "standards" to "guidelines". Amend the Bantam age group year to 2001 – 2002. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Dodd gave a presentation on United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). Her role is to providing education to elite and emerging elite athletes. The program is an advocate for competing clean. The parent agency is World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

USADA has been around since the year 2000. It is important that everyone knows the rules. The prohibited list is very extensive. WADA is adding a new category called "s zero".

The drug reference website is GlobalDro.com and it is very informative for athletes and coaches. The drug reference line has a pharmacist on duty M-F from 8a – 4p to answer any questions.

There is a form called a therapeutic exemption form (TUE) used by athletes when exemptions are needed for certain meds.

Cindy Long attended the Associations meeting and stated the zones have gone from four to seven. The zone representative is the first line of contact for questions or problems.

Bank accounts need to be centralized so only two to three people can access all accounts. The committee wants to get away from committee chairs having access to the accounts.

The Association committee will begin scanning your membership card instead of signing in.

Ken Ferguson attended Law and Legislation. They are currently cleaning up some of the language in the bylaws. One of the amendment changes will be new affiliate members will not have delegate status.

The National Scholastic Sports Foundation (NSSF) applied for membership but it was tabled. Currently law and legislation is appointing a committee to establish some guidelines for membership. They want to ensure that new members are in line with what USATF stands for.

The Vice President of the IAAF, Bob Hersh spoke to everyone about the program. There were 20 athletes that represented America on the USOC team.

The 2014 World Youth Olympics will happen again. Everything will come down the line as it is developed.

The 2013 World Youth Championships will be held in the Eastern Ukraine.

Bidding for the 2015 Championships is open. There is an opportunity for the United States to bid if they can afford it. Other countries get support from their government which helps a great deal with the financial commitment. The World Championships in Daegu, South Korea will cost 190 million dollars.

Bruce Long reported on the equipment and facilities. Hammer handles are being rejected due to specifications, even the brand new ones. The handle must be 110mm and if it stretches to 111mm or 112mm then it is not legal and therefore unacceptable.

The Steeple chase barrier will be translucent so athletes can see if someone falls in the water. It is a safety issue.

Kenny Emerick requested the minutes be posted to the website in a timely manner.

The zonal representatives were asked to meet for a few minutes to discuss the Zonal Indoor Championships.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by,
Linda E. Ellis
Youth Division Secretary