USATF Annual Convention Youth Division St Louis, Missouri December 1st – 3rd, 2011

December 1, 2011

The meeting opened at 10:50am with a welcome address from the Youth Division Chair, Lionel Leach and an introduction of all new Youth Chairs. A moment of prayer was lead by Mathias Wicks.

Linda Phelps informed the body that we have a quorum.

Read and approved the 2010 Convention minutes.

Read over the agenda and request for new business.

- -Request made to correct section eight of the bylaws in youth guide regarding elections
- -Background check

Kenny Emerick made a motion to accept new items of business until opening session on Saturday, December 3rd. The motion was properly seconded and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Price gave a handout and a presentation to the body on several health related topics.

Deena Caster from the Board of Directors was introduced and spoke on behalf of the board.

Jon Drummond spoke to the body on behalf of the AAC. He requested youth division support regarding the AAC's current concern with logo size on uniforms. The elite athletes have a meeting scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at 3pm to meet with all concerned parties to attempt to resolve the problem. He also requested an increase in athlete representation from 20% to 25%. A motion made by Dorothy Dawson to support the AAC and increase athlete representation in the youth division from 20% to 25%. The motion was properly seconded and approved unanimously.

Becky Oates spoke on behalf of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS). She informed everyone that the NFHS is well over the million mark with athletes across the country. There is currently an online course available for coaches to use regarding athlete development. Currently the High School Federation, USATF, and the NCAA are working together on the pole vault to provide safety and minimize risks of injury. The target group is October 2012.

Lionel took a moment to thank everyone for their support and gave an update on how well things were going.

The World Youth Team did a great job in France; it was the best team with point scoring and a great team staff.

Our youth program currently has 2087 youth clubs and 65,000 youth athletes.

Gatorade has stepped up as a new sponsor for the youth program and a milk company.

There will be a schedule change to the Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships. Starting in 2012 an extra day will be added to the schedule. Instead of starting on Tuesday we will now start on Monday.

The Zonal Indoor track meet dates will be published and handed out before the end of the convention. The National Indoor Youth Championship will be held on March 11th and 12th in Bloomington, IL.

2013 Cross Country Site Visits: Ron Mascarenas Ron reported on the visits to Ames, IA and San Antonio TX.

2013 Youth Athletics: Norine Richardson Norine reported on the site visit to St Louis, MO.

Track and Field: Lefty Martin

Lefty Martin reported on the visits to Jacksonville, FL, Sacramento, CA, and Greensboro, NC.

Coaching Education: Patrick Pretty

The Coaches Advisory received funding from the USOC and is approved to host an IAAF level school for sprints and hurdles. The course is already closed. Currently looking in Ohio to host another one and you must be level 2 certified to attend.

The level 2 course will be certified by the accreditation council.

Coaches can be added to the Coaches Registry once they have passed the background screening, read and signed the code of conduct.

Lionel presented the Youth Chair Awards to the recipients who were present. The following people will receive the Youth Chair Award for 2011:

Henry McCallumKen FergusonLaTonya SheffieldInez FinchNorine RichardsonDonna ZirgibelCliff McKenzieMartha WatsonSusan Petrelli

Matt Lydum Derrick Calhoun

Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm

December 2, 2011

Meeting opened at 12:00pm. Lionel presented the remaining Youth Chair Awards. Linda Phelps stated we have a quorum.

The standards and performance guides for the Youth Athletics Championship Meet. The motion was made and properly to accept the guidelines as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Lionel Introduced Teddy McCook to the body.

Lefty Martin presented on the 2013 Youth Athletics Championship. He informed everyone that was the only bid for the Youth Athletics and the fact sheet regarding the findings is located in the delegates' packet.

Robin Beamon from AAU and a representative of the Youth Council gave their report. They held an election for new officers. The new Vice Chair is Lorraine Williams and the new Secretary is Cedric Walker. The council plans to become more active this year.

Robin stated that USATF and AAU are working much better together although it is still a work in progress. She introduced Mavis Chubb as the Executive Vice Chair of AAU and will represent AAU in the USATF arena moving forward.

Denise Smotherman and Brenda Martin handed out the records and included the sub-bantam athletes. They informed everyone if the record does not make it in this year it will go in next year. To be considered for a record, there must be at least three athletes in an event. Kenny Emerick made a motion to accept the indoor and outdoor records report. The motion was properly seconded and approved unanimously.

Bid Presentations for 2013 Cross Country JO Championships:

Ames, Iowa presentation San Antonio, Texas presentation *San Antonio, Texas won the bid

Stephanie Hightower, President of USATF came in and spoke briefly. She thanked everyone for their continued hard work with the youth program. She informed everyone that the 25% elite athlete representation will be only for select committees. That will keep the Board of Directors from having to expand. They are planning to add a nonvoting delegate. They are also looking at sending out a survey to what the definition of an athlete is as it pertains to the different committees.

A motion was made and properly seconded to destroy the Cross Country ballots. The motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned for lunch until 3pm.

Meeting convened at 3pm.

Ron Mascarenas gave a brief report on the Myrtle Beach upcoming JO Cross Country Championship Meet.

Brenda Martin updated everyone on the background screening program. She gave a verbal report on each Association and how many coaches were screened. TC Logiq screened a total of 3638 Youth Coaches, Officials and Parents working with our Youth.

Ken Ferguson provided an update from Law and Legislation. They are currently working on some items but there is nothing that affects the youth program at this time.

Glenn Fortune and Kenny Emerick have no report for rules at this time.

Carolyn Griggs reported on Officials and Ethics.

The certification chairs selection committee will post information regarding the US Olympic Trials on December 3rd.

Ron Williams reported on the Youth Coaches. CoachO became a sponsor for the zonal awards. Ron updated the body on the program. The coaches of the year for the four zones will be presented at the JO meet during the summer. The following people are the officers for the Youth Coaches Program:

President: Ron Williams
Vice President: Clif McKenzie
Secretary: Cassandra McKenzie
Treasurer: Larry Siefert
Youth Coaches of the Year
South Zone: Tony Vaughn
Northeast Zone: Larry Labow
Midwest Zone: Harry Weaver

West Zone: Steve Todd

Mary Elizabeth Aude reported on the cultural exchange program. Cindy Long and Mary Elizabeth designed a pamphlet that the athletes took with them to France. The coaching staff stated it was very helpful for the athletes.

Bill Hargrove and Frank Sevigne ballots were handed out by roll call.

Roll call by Linda Phelps just prior to the Youth Athletics Championship bid presentation.

St Louis gave their presentation for the Youth Athletics Championship. The ballots were handed out by roll call and the body was informed they could "yes" to allow St Louis to win the bid or "no" if they did not chose St Louis to win the bid. Lionel stated a "yes" vote means the compliance agreed to items must be completed by September 2012.

Initially there was a tie vote of 36 yes and 36 no for the St Louis Bid. Ballots were handed out for a second time and St Louis won the bid.

The Bill Hargrove Award winner is South Carolina The Frank Sevigne Award winner is Booker Woods

For new business a request was made to add "National JO events for disabled athletes".

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm

December 3, 2011

The meeting opened at 8:30 and a quorum was established.

Cindy Long briefed everyone on Associations. It is coming down that each Association will need to appoint a communications person. The National office is setting up a web template you just fill in the blank with your information. There will be a charge for the webpage but no charge for emails.

Sam Germany reported on Men's Track and Field. The Junior National program needs more high school athlete competition. The program is depending on the club coaches to start getting more high school athletes to the competition.

The Calendar was presented by Inez Finch and Linda Phelps. The calendar for 2012 is set with USATF and AAU not in conflict with any competition dates. The calendar will be handed out after the bids are completed and will be added to the schedule.

A new schedule was developed on the track side by the track referee, Lefty Martin. He was assisted by William Valerie, Booker Woods, Henry McCallum and Frank Davis. The field events side was headed up by field referee Bruce Long with assistance from Ron Mascarenas and Mark Cizek. The schedule required changes due to the increase in numbers. We have increased advancement to the JO National Championship from top three in each event to the top five in each event except the muti events.

The 2012 bid presentations were presented from the following:

- -Greensboro, NC
- -Jacksonville, FL
- -Sacramento, CA

The 2013 JO Track and Field bid was won by the North Carolina Association.

Bruce Long discussed the facilities and equipment and stated there were very few issues which were mostly with the hammer and the hammer handle.

A motion was made to destroy the ballots for the Bill Hargrove and Frank Sevigne Awards. The motion was properly seconded and passed unanimously.

A Motion made to adjourn at 10:45am and return at 3pm.

The meeting convened at 3pm.

Lionel asked if there were any new agenda items to be placed under new business. A motion was made and properly seconded to close the agenda for new items. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Dodd passed out handouts and gave a presentation on USADA Education.

Morgan State University introduced the staff that will be hosting the 2012 JO National Track and Field Championships. The team also provided an update on the status of the meet.

The Long Distance Running Chair came a spoke and updated everyone on the long distance running program.

Ian Stuart spoke with the body regarding increasing the international competition at the youth level.

Harry Weaver spoke about Men's development. They are working on a plan for nutrition, biomechanics and strength. The plan will assist the United States athletes in their weak areas.

The calendar was handed out and covered by Inez Finch and Linda Phelps. A motion to accept the calendar as written, the motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved.

Terry Crawford from Coaches Education provided an update on coach's education, all levels, background screening and the coach's registry. The level 2 Youth School will be held at Morgan State from Sunday, July 29th thru Thursday, August 2nd.

Cassandra McKenzie, the Team Manager for the World Youth Team, provided an update on the Trip to Lille, France.

There are two items for the disabled athletes. The first item is Steve Cuomo is requesting the title "exhibition" be removed from the disabled athletes' events. Lionel stated he had a conversation with Steve and we will not call it a championship as it relates to the disabled athletes.

Chris Dallager wants to add records for the disabled and Glen stated that must first go through the rules committee.

Chris Dallager also stated that everyone working with Youth at the Executive Level is not getting background screenings performed.

A motion was made for Youth Chairs, Youth Coaches and must have their background screening completed each calendar year. A friendly amendment was suggested to include a date of March 31st each calendar year. The friendly amendment was rejected. The motion was properly seconded and passed stating background checks for Youth Chairs and Youth Coaches will be competed each calendar year.

Inez Finch made a motion to increase the Regional Coordinator per diem from \$35 to \$40/per day when attending regional championships. The motion was properly seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made and properly seconded to correct the wording in the Youth Guide to reflect the current election cycle from two years to four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Carolyn Griggs gave an update on the Official's meeting. There are now four levels of certification. You can go to the Officials website to get more information regarding officials' certification.

A Motion has been made to adjourn at 4:28pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by, Linda E. Ellis Youth Division Secretary