



**USA TRACK & FIELD  
YOUTH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA  
November 27, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Lionel Leach – Division Chair  
Dorothy Dawson – Chair of Administration  
Sam Germany – Chair of Operations  
Linda Phelps – Immediate Past President  
Linda Ellis – Division Secretary  
Inez Finch – South Zone Representative  
Bruce Long – Northeast Zone Representative  
Ron Mascarenas – West Zone Representative  
Marc Jones – Midwest Zone Representative  
Henry McCallum – Region Coordinator Representative  
Karen Krsak – Association Representative  
Arionne Allen – Associate Director, Grass Roots Program  
Dana Leenheer – Youth Program Coordinator  
Norine Richardson – Legal Advisor  
Kenneth Ferguson – Law and Legislation

**Member Excused:** Robert Flint – Executive Vice Chair

**The Board Meeting convened at 6:20pm and a quorum was established.**

**Chair Report: Lionel Leach**

Lionel welcomed everyone to Daytona Beach and introduced Arionne Allen, the new Associate Director of Grass Roots for USA Track & Field (USATF). Arionne spoke briefly informing everyone of her educational and professional background prior to joining the USATF staff.

**Region 4 Update: Lionel Leach**

Angela Harris is no longer the Region 4 Coordinator. A meeting will be held sometime during the convention with the Youth Chairs and the Presidents of the three Associations to recommend someone to replace Angela Harris.

Region 4 will now include Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Our program has grown to over 70,000 athletes and in some regions great athletes are knocking each other out of the JO Championships and other regions are not as competitive. Adding the two Associations to region 4 will give a better balance between region 3 and region 4.

Inez submitted a region change amendment to put rule 300.4 page 176 in the rule book. The amendment will move Utah to region 11, move Hawaii to region 15, and move South Carolina and Georgia to region 4.

During the Youth Workshop, Lionel will talk about the region changes but will not take questions until a later date.

Lionel and Lefty Martin put together some suggestions for an additional zone. Lionel forwarded the suggestions to Inez and Henry and together they drafted up a proposal for a fifth zone.

Henry and Inez presented handouts and explained the changes with the current zones and the

Lionel stated he will allow time for the Zone Representatives to comment regarding their opinion on the zone change proposal.

The zone changes cannot pass at this convention but there will be time for dialog and discussion from the Associations during and after the convention. The changes will not go into effect until 2014.

#### **Site Visit Updates:**

Ron spoke regarding the Cross Country site visits and thanked the Myrtle Beach, specifically John Pederson for setting up the travel arrangements for the three sites. The team was able to get the visits done over a four day period.

Bruce stated on the field side of the Youth Meets, each site has some requirements that need to be fulfilled. He requested that everyone look closely at the documents that will be handed out prior to the presentation. Bruce stated that all sites are capable of hosting a youth meet.

Norine gave an overall summary of the visits for the Youth Athletics and the JO National Championships.

Lefty Martin stated everything went fine, he has a time line calendar to present for moving forward.

#### **Youth Athlete of the Year:**

The 2013 Youth Athlete of the year is Sidney Holden she competes for the LA Jets and is very excited to be receiving the award.

Lionel stated we have another athlete by the name of Denzel Harper who competes for the Quicksiver team out of Georgia. We need to recognize him for competing and earning five gold medals at the 2012 JO Championships.

Lionel stated he would like the Board to recognize both athletes at the 2013 JO Championships in North Carolina.

Karen asked why the division does not recognize a male and a female Athlete of the Year. Lionel stated the past CEO was not in agreement. Our current CEO is willing to listen. The subject will be revisited in the near future.

Denise Smotherman asked if there are funds available to provide certificates for the athletes who break a National record. Lionel stated he will look into funding for that program.

**Brittany Aquino Waiver:**

Glen Fortune read the applicable rule for clarification. Norine made a point of order stating although a motion was previously made during a conference call, the board has new information that was not made available during the conference call.

Inez made a motion that Brittney Aquino be allowed to compete in the 2012 JO Cross County National Championship. The motion was seconded by Dorothy. All opposed the motion unanimously. The athlete will not be allowed to compete. Ron will notify the athlete and her family.

**Youth Workshop Update:**

Inez stated everything for the workshop is ready to go. The committee received everything we needed and all of the materials that were requested have arrived. The packets are put together and the committee is ready for the workshop.

**Zonal Meet Names and Dates:**

Midwest Zone: Dorothy Dawson  
Northwest Zone: Lionel Leach  
South Zone: Mary Birdwell  
West Zone: Kim Haines

The 2013 USATF National Indoor Championship will be dedicated to Bob Flint for his many years of service and commitment to our Youth.

Lionel requested that the Zone meet information be put in the delegates packets.

**New Business:**

**Calendar:**

Inez noted an error on the calendar in the Youth Guide. The calendar needs to read week nine instead of week 7.

**High Jump change at JO Meet:**

Bruce stated at the JO National Championship this year they are planning to do a high pit and a low pit for the high jump. He wants to make sure coaches are aware so their athletes do not pass on their higher jumps and end up jumping from the low pit based on seeding. Lionel is planning a town hall after the first of the year and he will mention it then.

**Elections:**

Lionel stated back in May of 2012 there was an email exchange at the National level regarding procedures for elections. Division Chairs must all go to a common poll location. It was understood that the Youth Division could continue to hold their election in their division. Three days later everything changed and the division was informed it would hold elections like everyone else. There was a waiver for Women's Track and Field, Men's Track and Field, Officials, and Athletes.

After some discussion a compromise was reached that Saturday morning set up for the Youth Division, where they must show their voting paddle as proof of authorization to vote. There will be a satellite for second and third rounds if needed.

All candidates must sign a waiver for the satellite location for the next rounds. Voting will take place on Saturday, from 7am to 11am. All nominations from the floor must close on Thursday division is too large to vote this way.

**Kim Haines Medical Update:**

Kim is in the hospital, he is stable and the nurses will be getting him out of bed today. Please let us keep him in our prayers.

The meeting will adjourn tomorrow and we will meet at 8:45 am to close business.

The meeting adjourned for the evening at 7:51pm.