

AEC Conference Call

May 19, 2013

Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Val Foss	Jim McKee	Pat Pretty
Willie Banks	Desiree Friedman	Richard Messenger	Steve Vaitones
Linda Bommicino	Mike Hinz	Herb Nichols	Ruth White
Katherine Branch	Ed Koch	Patty Petesch	

Conference call began at 8:06 pm ET.

Bulk Birth Date Verifications – notice was sent to all Membership and Sanction chairs, as well as the officers in the Associations. This new process represents approximately 50-75% time savings for the membership chairs, as well as saving system resources at the National level.

Background Screening – concern was expressed over youth coaches inadvertently doing the incorrect background screening, NCIS. Desiree stated that only about 2% of the people are doing this. Karen asked Desiree to find out what companies other sports organizations use. Desiree was able to tell us that all others will only accept screenings from the companies that they mandate. Our problem is that we have the two companies, one for youth and one for coaches. Most other sports organizations use NCIS. Question was raised as to what is the hang up with the youth program using NCIS and Pat Pretty contributed that they started the background screening program before we went with NCIS for the coaches. Steve stated that we need to know what the reason is that the youth will not accept the NCIS screening since that is a higher level screening. One reason is that youth requires a new check every year. Karen explained that each of these companies was contracted independently, by the committees. It is felt that this is bigger than the individual committees and the National office should pick one and only one company for background screenings.

On-line Sanctions – Steve reported some of his event directors are having trouble completing their sanctions on-line, so he still has to send in paperwork for those cases. Unfortunately, he can't give the reasons why they are having problems as he has not been able to pinpoint anything. Desiree said she is developing a list of proposed enhancements to send to the Sanction chairs by the first week of June.

Vice Chair Update - Marlene could not be on the call, but sent the following update:

- From the regional open T&F championships, all but two are live and accepting registrations. Veronica is still working to make Southeast and Mid America live. She is also sending out regional email blasts advertising the meets.
- I plan to contact each region rep individually as I'm not getting a lot of feedback on their communications with their associations or their engagement with their regional championships.
- I have contacted one candidate from Adirondack Association for the East Region position. He responded immediately that he was interested. I asked him for a resume of his activities with USATF and the sport. Told him I would call him when I received. Still waiting. I had to send him a reminder. I may pursue other individuals just in case.

Accreditation – they are just beginning to focus on rewriting the documentation to reflect the changes that were made at the Annual Meeting.

Club Membership – why was the late fee removed without any notification to this committee? Desiree said it was done when the club registration process went online, but they will look at reinstating it for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. The next meeting is Sunday, June 30, 2013.

Submitted by
Linda Bommicino, Secretary