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To: Lester Mount
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From: Stephen B. Cohen
USATF-Masters' Midwest Region Coordinator

USATF MASTERS' COMMITTEE 2008 MIDWEST REGION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

This was an active year in the Midwest Region. Illinois held an Indoor Association meet at Proviso West High School in February. Wisconsin held its Indoor Association meet at Carthage College and its Outdoor Association meet in June at a High School in Waukesha, WI (the new track at Carroll University hadn't been completed). Kentucky held both an Indoor and Outdoor Association meet. The Michigan Association held its Outdoor meet at a new site (Hillsdale College) and the Ohio Association presented both Indoor and Outdoor Championship events. Although not labeled as an Association Championship, the Lake Erie Association was well represented by the Cleveland Truck Classic. Indiana held its Outdoor meet but the heavy rains forced the Association to reschedule the event with an obvious loss of participants, since it was re-scheduled on the same weekend as the Midwest meet. Finally, there were two Midwest Region Championship events. The Indoor Midwest Championships were held in March at Carthage College in Wisconsin and the Outdoor Championship meet was held at Carroll University in Waukesha, WI.

2009 appears to be on its way to another banner year for Midwest Masters. Wisconsin has already scheduled both Indoor and Outdoor competitions. Illinois is planning its Indoor Meet again in the Chicago area and its Outdoor Meet in Kankakee at Olivet College. The Indoor Region event will be scheduled in conjunction with the US Heptathlon Championships at Carthage College and the Outdoor Championships are on the USATF schedule for July 19, 2009 at Carroll University in Waukesha, WI.

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One of my primary concerns is trying to remove scheduling conflicts of major meets and to encourage each Association to hold both Indoor and Outdoor Association Championships. I believe we achieved some scheduling cooperation and I am optimistic that 2009 will result in an even better calendar for our Master participants. In addition, Shawn Thielitz, the head track and field/cross county coach at Carroll University has agreed to put on a Masters Clinic at or before the Midwest Region Outdoor Championships in July of 2009. If there is any specific problem which has been a concern for some of our Associations, it is the availability and response by officials! This is a problem that must be addressed at the Association level and I believe efforts are being made by several Midwest Associations to improve the situation.

With respect to the information requested by our President, at the Honolulu Meeting, please note the following responses I received.

ILLINOIS

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| 1) | Contact person - Chair | Stephen B. Cohen, lawsbc@aol.com |
| 2) | Number of Clubs with Masters | 29 (current clubs) 6 (non re-newed clubs) |
| 3) | Number attending Association Meets | 40 (Average) |
| 4) | Number of Registered IL Masters Competitors | 489 (2008) |
| 5) | Facilities to accommodate Masters Competitors: | |
| | Illinois State University, Normal, IL (Indoor) | |
| | Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL (Indoor) | |
| | North Central College, Naperville, IL (Outdoor) | |
| | Benedictine College, Lisle, IL | |
| | Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL | |
| | Olivet College, Kankakee, IL | |
| | Carthage College, Kenosha, WI | |
| | Eastern Illinois University, | |
| | Southern Illinois University | |
| | University of IL - Chicago | |
| | University of IL - Champaign | |

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WISCONSIN

- 1) Contact person(s) -
 - a) Stan Druckrey, sdruckrey@wi.rr.com
 - b) Pat Pretty, Wisconsin USATF president
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- 2) Number of Masters' Clubs:
- 3) Number of Attending Association Championships, including Corporate Athletes and Open: Approximately 60
- 4) Number of Registered Masters' Athletes:
- 5) Facilities available to host Masters' events:

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| University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee | (Indoor) |
| Carthage College | (Indoor and Outdoor) |
| University of Wisconsin | (Indoor and Outdoor) |
| University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh | (Indoor and Outdoor) |
| Carroll University | (Outdoor-only one circle & jump pit) - good and inexpensive university housing |

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INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM MIDWEST ASSOCIATIONS

(See attached Email sent to all Midwest Associations [except W. Virginia - no contact address] on February 6, 2008.)

Stephen B. Cohen

From: Stan Druckrey [sdruckrey@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:57 PM
To: Stephen B. Cohen
Subject: Re: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM ALL MASTERS MIDWEST REGION ASSOCIATIONS

Steve:

I am working on getting you the information your requested. It may take a week or two.

Stan

----- Original Message -----

From: Stephen B. Cohen
To: terry foody
Cc: Stan Druckrey; 'Brunek'; trackgirl32@juno.com; usaffi@sbcglobal.net; mitcajan@hotmail.com; usaff-ohio@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 11:21 AM
Subject: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM ALL MASTERS MIDWEST REGION ASSOCIATIONS

Hi Terry,

It sounds like your program in Kentucky is proceeding with get success this year. I am sorry we missed communicating at the Annual Meeting. I have been requested to obtain some factual information for the Master's Chair from each of the Association Chairs in the Midwest Region. The information requested by the Master's Chair and my responsibility to obtain from each Association Master's Chair is as follows:

1. Name and contact information of all Association Masters Committee Chairs.
2. Number of Masters Clubs by Association.
3. Table listing each Association Masters meet and approximate attendance.
4. Approximate Number of Masters T&F Athletes by Association.
5. List of facilities suitable for a masters meet by Association within the Midwest Region.

Please try to accumulate this information and forward it to me when it is available. I appreciate your efforts and know our Region is stronger due to the work of all of our Associations who are promoting Masters events. If your Association is interested in putting on a clinic that will attract good attendance, please let me know and I will seek funding from my Region budget to help with the expense.

Steve Cohen

PS. This request for information is being copied to all Associations in the Midwest region for whom I have an email address. If anyone has additional email addresses for other Association Chairs or offices who will not be receiving this email, I would appreciate you forwarding a copy to that person or office with a copy to me. Thanks for your help.

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