

USA Track & Field Alaska 2008 Annual Meeting

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USATF MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Annual Meeting

1. **PLACE:** Red Robin, Anchorage

2. **DATE/TIME:** 15 Nov/1:30 pm

3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Ben Larson

4. **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ben Larson
Jerry Perkins
Veronica Beagan
Lisa Jayne
Ole Jordan
Ric Wilson
Bruce Jayne

5. **OPENING COMMENTS:** Ben called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm. Main purpose was to lay-out our plan of attack for upcoming events and events for calendar year 2009.

6. **WINTER SEASON:** Possible events are:

A. UAA sponsored All Comers Meet – 20 Dec, 08 in the Dome

- i. Will take place over one day
- ii. Unsure of which events will take place at the meet.
- iii. Ole will get with Mike Friese @ UAA to confirm. Will consider sprints, hurdles, mid and long distance events and some field events. Possibly the 60m, 60mH, 200, 400, 800, 3K. Also consider a relay, medley, etc.
- iv. Setup will need coordinating. Do we setup on the bridge or the roof? There is also concern with the power, starter, cables, etc. A possibility is to have the starter stand inside the net or possibly pull the nets up.
- v. Keep track of Dome records

B. Fur Rondy All Comers Meet – 1st week of March '09 in the Dome

- i. Consider a 2-day event, possibly 4 and 5 March
- ii. Plan for same events as last year
- iii. There is some concern about using all of the lanes in the facility. The Dome would prefer we start later, i.e. 7:00 pm, however, this seems quite late, especially for a school night. We may be able to start earlier, but we would need to leave a couple of lanes open for Dome members to use. We could also start field events early.

C. Big C High School Track Meet is planned for April 3 and 4. This is being handled/planned by Anchorage Christian Schools.

D. There wasn't any discussion this year about other high school track meets.

7. SUMMER SEASON: Possible events/meets include:

- A. Junior Olympic Track Meet – schedule the weekend after the state championship meets, while kids are still in shape. For ages 6 – 16 y/o.
- B. All Comers Meets – 4 and 18 Jun, 2 and 16 Jul, with championships on 25 July. After discussion, it had been decided that it may be better to space the meets 2 weeks apart instead of every week. In addition, by having the championship meet on a Saturday, it may allow for more participation for people who have to travel farther distances.
- C. Skinny Raven Mile – will be accomplished during the Championship meet
- D. ASAP Mile – Jerry will check on a date
- E. Ways to improve the All Comers Meets:
 - i. Relocate to another school, specifically Wendler Middle School, it is centrally located in Anchorage and has a wide open area, big field and is easily accessed. Ric will speak with Nadine to check on using the Wendler track and field area. (We considered Begich MS but it didn't seem to have quite as much room.)
 - 1. Some concern with Wendler is that they have no power, thus, we would need to get a generator.
 - 2. Would we have access to the Wendler equipment (high-jump, hurdles)?
 - 3. We would need to purchase high-jump stands.
 - 4. Our equipment would need to be stored at another location. King Career Center is a possibility. It is just around the corner from Wendler.
 - 5. Once we get the okay from Wendler, we will still need to apply for a permit through ASD.
 - ii. Have start times for each event; arrange the heats better; do a first and second call to have people ready. (Ben will come up with a possible time table/schedule by going through the event times/running times from last years meets.)
 - iii. The Championship meet should start in the morning. Possibly do field events between 10:00 – 11:30 am. Running events would follow.
- F. Advertising – as always, we need to do better advertising. Ric will go to the Runner's Calendar meeting to get the All Comers meets posted. We can also advertise through coaches and possibly at the Dome.

8. OTHER:

- A. Ric stated a lot of course recertifications are needed this year.
- B. Ole will consider doing an "officials" certification course, probably in March.
- C. Need to consider a Level 1 Coaching Clinic. We need 21 people to hold a course. Another option is to get the materials and take the test online.

9. ADJOURNMENT TIME: 3:00 pm.

10. Next meeting: TBD.

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LISA JAYNE,
Secretary, USATF

Approved as written

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BEN LARSON,
President, USATF