

**USATF Youth Executive Board Meeting  
Landover, MD  
March 13, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Lionel Leach – Youth Chair  
Ron Mascarenas – Vice Chair  
Linda Phelps – Immediate Past Chair  
Dorothy Dawson – Chair Administration  
Norine Richardson – Legal Advisor  
Inez Finch – South Zone Representative  
David Reinhardt – Northeast Representative  
Jacqueline White – Southwest Zone Representative  
Mary Elizabeth Aude – West Zone Representative  
Marc Jones – Midwest Zone Representative (via conference call)  
Henry McCallum – Regional Coordinators Representative  
Arionne Allen – USATF, Associate Director, Youth Programs  
Ashley Caldwell – USATF, Youth Programs Coordinator  
Robin Beamon – USATF Liaison (Guest)

The Board Meeting opened at 9:08 am with prayer by Norine Richardson  
Roll call taken and a quorum established.

**National Office Update: Arionne Allen**

It was asked that the Zonal Reps turn in all of their receipts from their Zonal Meets so the National Office can get some idea what it costs to host a Zonal Meet.

Kim Haines Academic Excellence Scholarship: The Kim Haines Scholarship has been established with a \$20,000/year total that will be awarded to a maximum of ten athletes that qualify based on established criteria. Lionel asked the Zone Representatives to submit a name to be on the committee from each Zone.

**Motion made by Inez Finch and properly seconded by Linda Ellis to accept the Kim Haines Scholarship. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Future Stars:** Arionne gave an update to the Board on the future stars program. Lionel appointed David Reinhardt and Thom Confer to look over the applications for the program. David will plan a conference call for the Executive Board once things are ironed out. The plan is to notify the Association President prior to putting the information out to the public.

Adkins Timing will be the official timer for USATF Youth for the next two years. The meets Atkins Timing will be responsible for are the Youth Outdoor National Championship, Youth Indoor Championship, Junior Olympic Cross Country National Championship and the Junior Olympic National Track and Field Championship.

The Local Organizing Committee will work directly with Adkins Timing. Adkins Timing will have the first right of refusal. This will be part of the bid document moving forward.

David Reinhardt stated that a representative from Adkins Timing Company needs to be on the site visit.

It was also noted that the mileage reimbursement went up effective January 1, 2015.

Lionel also stated he would like to look at hiring an announcer specifically for the USATF Youth Meets.

**USATF/Hershey 2015 Youth Outdoor Championship Update: Marc Jones**

The Youth will be implementing the wristband check-in system for the 2015 Youth Outdoor National Championship. Marc Jones stated they will have a trial run by using the system at the Illinois Association Championship. The National Office will purchase the Bibs and Chips for the meet.

Marc stated things are coming along well for the Meet and when the Conference Calls begin, the Illinois Association requested an evening time because it is better suited for the LOC.

**USATF 2015 Junior Olympic Championship Update: Robin Beamon**

The LOC asked for clarification on the number of events the para athletes will compete in at the JO National Championship. Lionel stated he informed Debra McFadden the newly appointed USATF representative for disabled athletes that there will be one running event (800m) and the shot put.

**USATF 2015 Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship Update: Ron Mascarenas**

Albuquerque is coming along well. They have a new Association President and the communication within the LOC and Association has been great. The LOC has requested to change the Awards Ceremony from an evening presentation to directly after the race when the official results are posted. USATF legal is working out the details with the LOC and it is looking favorable.

**Packet Pickup: Inez Finch**

Packet pickup will be implementing a new system for having Coaches and parent complete the information data card. It will be changing from paper to electronic. The program was written by Jim Engel and will be tested at the Youth Indoor National Championships.

**USATF/Hershey Indoor Championship Update/Regional Coordinators: Henry McCallum**

Henry informed the board members that the meet is ready, plenty of volunteers and all areas are set up and ready to go. The schedule has been tweaked to alleviate some of the overcrowding problems from last year.

The Region Coordinators report Henry stated there have been some ongoing problems with some of the Regional Coordinators. Lionel stated over the next couple of months he will be looking at making some changes.

**Items Approved for use with Hershey Funding: Lionel Leach**

- \$20,000/annually, Kim Haines Academic Excellence Scholarship
- \$20,000/annually, Level 2 Youth Coaching Education Grant Program
- \$7,500/annually, Youth Division Legends Program
- \$7,500/one time, World Youth Team Allotment
- \$3,500/bi-annually, World Youth Coaching and Management Staff Allotment

**CoachO: Lionel Leach**

There was an issue involving rule 300 and a request made to CoachO by the National Office requesting a change to the current system that was in conflict with rule 300. Lionel stated he spoke with Renee Washington, COO regarding the request. She clarified what was needed and it has been referred back to the Computer Committee to work out and report back with a recommendation.

CoachO's contract expired and currently USATF Youth Program does not have a longstanding contract with any vendor. CoachO and USATF Youth Program have agreed to continue his services for the following three Championship Meets in 2015:

- Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship
- Junior Olympic Track and Field Championship
- USATF/Hershey Indoor National Championship

The USATF/Hershey Youth Outdoor Championship and the World Youth Trials will be handled by another Vendor.

Currently USATF will not be extending contracts beyond 2015. The Computer Committee and the National Office will look beyond that after 2015.

**Zonal Representative Reports:****Southwest Zone: Jaqueline White**

There were 400 plus athletes at the meet which was twice the number from last year. Although the meet went smoothly, there were some discussion regarding athletes being entered into the meet onsite after the competition started. There was a change of venue at the last minute but overall the meet was a success.

**South Zone: Inez Finch**

The Meet was held in Birmingham, AL and there were 660 athletes competing. The meet was a success. The only downfall was a college meet that was scheduled for 6pm and the Zonal Meet had to be done by 5pm. The meet staff did an outstanding job and the meet was completed by 5pm. There was a concern voiced that adding back the Potomac Valley next year will drastically increase the numbers.

**Northeast Zone: David Reinhardt**

There were 852 athletes in the meet which was held in Houghton, NY. The numbers were down a bit from last year due to venue change. Overall it was a great meet.

**West Zone: Norine Richardson**

The West Zone Meet was held in Flagstaff, AZ with 902 athletes and 49 clubs. It was an excellent uneventful meet.

**Jacksonville, FL Site Visit: Norine Richardson**

Norine informed everyone the major key players were present at the site visit. Angela Harris is the Meet Director and two representatives from the National office. The site visit staff consisted of Norine Richardson, Bruce Long and Lefty Martin.

The National Office is using the bid document as the official contract. Norine and Robin Beamon will go thru the bid document/contract item by item to insure everything that needs to be included to make the meet run smoothly.

Robin also informed the body that she will be giving a \$50/day stipend to the officials that work the National JO Championship regardless of the skill level.

Norine mentioned there was a representative from the Disabled athletes there requesting several events for the athletes. Lionel informed the Board we will continue to all the 800m and the shot put as we have been doing over the past years. Due to the recent growth of our Junior Olympic Track and Field Championship it will be extremely difficult to add any additional events.

**Read for Speed – David Reinhardt**

David Reinhardt has implemented a reading program with his local track club to encourage athletes to read over the summer months. His program has been successful and Lionel asked him to write up a proposal for the board to review.

Lionel presented a handout from Max Siegel, CEO and Rene Washington, COO regarding the role of Robin Beamon as it pertains to USATF Youth Program.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 for lunch and to return in Executive Session.**

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Linda E. Ellis  
Youth Division Secretary

