

AEC Conference Call June 5, 2016

Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Desiree Friedman	Jim McKee	Steve Vaitones
Pam Betz	Mike Hinz	Richard Messenger	Monique White
Paul Bodenshot	Randy Hopkins	Patti Petish	Renee Washington
Linda Bommicino	Ed Koch	Pat Pretty	
Jackie Callender	Don Lawrence	Alan Roth	

Regional Club Championships – East Region will hopefully have about 250, and the West Region should be around 200 athletes. Since the Trials are coming up, these meets are serving as somewhat of a Last Chance meet.

Accreditation Subcommittee – Associations had a due date of March to submit their information. We had a little over 30 Associations with a flag of some sort, and the committee has had conference calls with many of them. Unfortunately, the committee could not all find a common date to meet, so they will meet in conjunction with the AEC meeting in August. Karen advised that Robin Beamon has resigned as President of Florida and Pam Betz is the interim President until their election. Since Linda Phelps was suspended, Julie Laveach from SoCal was appointed to the subcommittee

Workshop Agenda – if you have any suggestions, make sure you send them forward asap as we must finalize the agenda in August. Jim will ask for suggestions from the Association Presidents as well.

Association Championships Medals – are available from Hasty for any Association Championship and you can purchase a sticker to go along with them that can be dated and otherwise customized. Associations must pay for these medals. Only the Youth JO medals are provided at no charge. Steve mentioned that often there are leftover medals from the summer meets that could be used for cross country championships.

Gender Determination Procedures – Karen is sending out a letter from Norm Wain to Presidents, Secretaries and Officials Chairs on this topic. We want to ensure Associations are handling this correctly

Diversity and Leadership survey will be sent to all Associations from Desiree.

Association Grants - Hawaii is delinquent in filing a report for the grant they received last year. However, the Association President gave a reasonable explanation as to why they were late, so we will allow them to submit an application for a grant for 2016.

Youth Executive Committee – The Board suspended the entire committee. Two out of the 3 Associations with Presidents have complied. Until that suspension is lifted, they cannot participate in anything to do with the Association, including coaching. Send any questions you may get on this issue to Norm Wain. Renee told us all members of the Youth Executive committee received a notice and the information was made public. This is a disciplinary action and the suspension was made because we were at a point of no return. The process of our actual governing board is being followed. We have received official word that the Youth Executive Committee has filed a section 10 complaint with the USOC. Only 24 Associations had registered to use Athletic.net for the meet. All Associations were since notified that they must use it to advance their athletes. All but 5 Associations have complied. They also put Coach O on notice reminding him that he was not a registered vendor. The Hershey meet was not a meet that the Youth Committee favored, so the National Office had already taken action to have volunteers staff that meet. Only 1 of the 3 nearby associations agreed to help, so they brought in volunteers from around the country. They feel that they are in a good place with staffing the youth meets. Pat asked if Robin was meet director but Renee said that was not true. We do not have an in-house system that can accommodate the youth registration process. If anyone is not getting the assistance that they need from Athletic.net, the National Office needs to be made aware of it. Steve asked what Robin's position entails. Renee said Robin has been extremely helpful during Arionne's leave. Robin does not have a title at the National Office. Karen asked Renee to comment on the talk going around about suspending members without due process. The actions taken by the

Youth Executive Committee were causing us harm that we could not let continue. We are looking at about 10 million dollars of liability, so immediate action was required. It is regrettable.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next call will be July 31st

Submitted by
Linda Bommicino, Secretary