

2016 USATF Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL
Youth Division – Youth Advisory
December 1, 2016

Meeting opened at 3:47

Ron Williams introduced himself and informed group that he was asked to chair the committee

He noted that the Youth Chair was to preside over the committee

This committee is supposed to be comprised of several constituents from various

There must be an election to fill the seats

The purpose of this advisory council was to bring representatives from various divisions in track and field to determine how each could work together

Positions: Advisory Council Chair and Secretary

Concerns:

Oronde Sharif – concern/question How do we bridge the gap between high school to club?

Responses:

Ron Williams - This was discussed last year and Ron notes that in GA it has gotten a little better.

The problem is now the transition between indoor to outdoor seasons because of the school athletic calendar.

Woman out of Arkansas in her area the HS athletes only compete the last 3 weeks of the season

Houston – There are 2 indoor meets. They have coordinated with high school coaches to get their permission and work with them to coordinate the schedules. The athletes are limited to a certain number of meets and if they compete with USATF it meets will count as a meet against that limit.

Houston Delta Association also has a dead period – to contact similarly to NCAA guidelines.

Houston also works with HS coaches to help develop the athletes and offer a

Holly Pacific Northwest Association – they are trying to encourage the HS meets to get USATF certification as officials

Chris Kunkle (?) – is spearheading the effort and it is working

Omar from GA – HS track and field and cross country compete in classes (size divisions)

They have partnered with the HS coaches to identify the top students across classifications and developed a meet for head to head competition

XC has increased its membership

He suggests fostering collaboration and creative was to work with them

Kansas does not allow Club coaches to coach their HS students (not even as a HS Coach)

It has surfaced as an ego problem related to who has developed an athlete

O'Neal Nevada Association Youth Chair – the club coaches will classify the athlete as “my kid”

It creates the a position of offense/defense between the club and HS coaches and an environment where the athletes talk about the coach and may not listen to the HS coach

Work to collaborate with the HS coaches

Miami area – develop a friendship with the coaches

They work with the youth from early youth to HS and turn them over to the HS coach

Youth coaches have to learn to back off and make friends with the HS coach

Develop and cultivate a relationship and recognize that they are “our” kids

Follow a progression of development

Ron Williams – In his are they try to do that, but 10 – 15% of the coaches know what they are doing and go to clinics

The students do not get the proper training and come back to the club coaches

Youngman commented that Future Stars was an initiative where youth chair was responsible for submitting the names of all state championship teams and they received a fee membership to USATF

Build a relationship based on this program

It may be as simple as people simply are not aware of USATF opportunities in the area

Work to bridge the gap

Ron Williams – this committee was designed to come together to find a solution to building the relationships

Nashville – Continental Teabells – many pf the coaches coach in the HS

The HS coaches do not give proper workouts to the athletes and they go backward by the time the summer comes around

Ron Williams – we must have an election

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Robin Beamon – explained that the committee must elect the positions today who will serve for the next 4 years

The youth committee was changed into a youth division and the Advisory Committee was designed as an oversight committee

The 2 committees are supposed to work hand in hand

This committee has power and authority in everything that happens

Robin went over a brief history of the committee and its intent as an advisory and oversight

There has been a historic conflict between AAU and USATF youth calendars

Robin is the Director of Grassroots and Outreach – responsible for all things youth and customer service division

In order to be successful from the top – we must work together and the Advisory Committee must be involved and make sure that it has a vital role in the youth division

Robin offered her assistance to all who work with the committee

Ron Williams – has hesitation about moving forward because there are few council members present

Those representatives are the voting council members

Members of the Youth Division Chair

2 athletes

AAU representative National High School Federation

Catholic Youth Organization

Hershey Games Member

Parks and Recreation

National Scholastic

Any other youth organization that has a substantial youth program

Robin Beamon will get representatives of the other divisions – time will be adjusted until Robin finds the members

Oronde Sharif – what positions are the people in this room eligible for

Chair and Secretary

Oronde Sharif - the people

Woman question – the people present cannot vote?

Election – each council has 1 vote and must be present at USATF Annual Meeting

Ron asks for clarity about who can vote to select the Chair and Secretary

The committee is a USATF committee

Motion was made to add a position entitled: Vice Chair

Robin clarified the motion and noted that the motion to amend the by-laws to include the vice chair position goes through the council

Robin Beamon – the committee must meet more than 1 time per year in order to do the work that it was designed to do

Tricia Myers added that the operating procedures of this meeting are trying to be made clear and ensure that the meeting and committee is functioning as defined

Robin Beamon read from the manual regarding the rules of voting

A comment was made that the correct procedure is to vote to suspend a rule
James Kirby TN association – the kids are first, he appreciates the rule and Roberts Rules of Order
Were the people properly notified, all of those affected are not present and we are not making process
James motioned to adjourn the meeting
Motion was seconded

Suggestion was made to reschedule a meeting for a later date
Robin will gather the people who need to attend the meeting

This meeting was for the advisory Council
How do we get the USATF Chair and Secretary on the council?
Is there anything in the by-laws that will prevent us from voting on the positions now?

The representative on the council is the Youth Committee Chair

Ron Williams – can we suspend the meeting
Jacklyn Anthony (Parliamentarian for GA) mentioned that we can suspend the rules

There are no motions on the floor because there was no second

Discussion – Robin notes that we should not walk out the door and not resolve anything

Motion is to postpone until tomorrow and have legal come in to look at operating procedures and what they say to tell us how to proceed
Motion was seconded

Discussion on motion to adjourn –
Call to question
Call to vote to adjourn by “I”
Opposed was majority vote
Motion did not pass

Motion was restated as - Motion is to postpone until tomorrow and have legal come in to look at operating procedures and what they say to tell us how to proceed
Motion was seconded
Motion was seconded again
Vote called and passed my majority

Tomorrow after elections in the Youth Division this meeting will convene this meeting
The division chair presides over the meeting and the council chair and a secretary is a member

Tricia was on the council when it was created
The prior meetings have been out of order – a chair is appointed and the chair is representative of the body that it serves

It was decided that this meeting is not technically in session because there is no quorum and the attendees left.