USATF Association Workshop

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South West Regional Breakout

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Meeting Notes

- Documents sent out to each president included the agenda, a newsletter, Associations Resource Center, and USATF Good meetings, Parliamentary Procedures.
    - If you want the information please provide me with an email address.
- All Associations are accredited.
- This year there are 10 mandatory standards. The main problem with the standards is the requirement change from 9 to 21 championships.
- The Gulf Association had 21 championships.
- Associations continue to focus just on track meets. Associations need to expand to Women's, Cross Country, LDR, Open, and Masters.
    - Will contact each Association with their deficiencies.
- Secretaries are not included on correspondence from the National Office.
- Governance Manual – One day all Associations will be fully accredited.
- An email with information on the Associations Resource Center was sent to the Associations presidents.
    - Will contact each Association to go over what to do to make your Association viable.
- The 2012 review was just received. In March or April you will received the 2013 review. You still have time to get the 21 required championships. All Associations have been encouraged to go over the 2012 Associations Accreditation Statistic & Reports.
- I know that some of the problems with the Bylaws is that some Associations don't have a defined quorum. Some Associations don't have Grievance Procedures. Refer to Reg 7, it's the Bible.
- Reg 7 in the Governance Manual covers what standards are for the Association. I hope in the next year or two everyone is fully accredited.
- Agenda passed around to the participants.
- John Mitchell – We get 2 hours a year to discuss and we have issues. Informed group the floor will be open for discussions after going through the agenda.
- John Mitchell – The accreditation information was sent to presidents only. Response: This year there was a mistake and the report went out before the information could be verified per Herb Nichols.
- New Accreditation Standards: Championships increase from 9 to 21. Use Cross County and LDR. Don't use just Youth. Cover all groups. It was suggested to have all championships together.

- Toni-I have a problem, most LDR's are not members and not championship meets that is why we did not count the LDR's.
- Porter- We had three stand alone race walks.
- Toni – The National Office did not count all Championships as Championships.
- Porter – We are fortunate that we have indoor facilities where as others have a lack of facilities.
- Lisa Rosoborough – We ran 5-7 at one meet, JO Championships, Youth Championships, Open Men & Women's, Masters Men & Women's, Race Walking, and LDR. We were allowed to advertise the LDR as a Championship. We had a table and registered on the spot for membership. Some Championships had no participants but we got credit because it was offered.
- Sue – Can South Texas athletes come to you meet and call it a championship?
- Porter - Yes you can.
- Championships are killing us.
- Porter – We listed all Championships on the sheet we use at the University of Houston Cross Country. Indoor the parents run Masters Championship. This helps keep the cost down at all one facility in one day.
- Toni – Who created the Standards?
- Jackie – They truly believe there are measurable standards. Some are not realistic due to demographics, and economics. Request that if interested to send an email stating something to take back to the Accreditations for modification.
- Toni – It was difficult to achieve 10 by the accreditation standards, how are we going to get 21 without lying? LDR does not want to sanction or get a membership.
- Bert – They are self insurers so they don't need sanctions.
- 10 Associations are the only ones to make 21.
- Championship passed on paper but not on practice
- Allison - USATF continues to hear the same problems but doesn't make corrections or solutions.
- Send comments to Jackie to take to upcoming teleconference.
- Toni – Since you have a monthly teleconference with the National Office, could we do one for the region?
- Jackie we will have a South West Council teleconference quarterly on the 3rd Sunday of Sep 2013, Dec 2013, Mar 2014 and Jun 2014. The meeting time will be pm Central Time and 7 pm Mountain Time.
- Lester – Some people have an elderly population, therefore they don't have the people to meet the membership standards.
- Porter – Has the National Office thought about the need to have levels because you can't treat all the same. Some are large and some are small.
- Lester – Pure numbers don't tell the story. States like Florida have a high elderly population that would not be members.
- Jackie – The Host Association Agreement. The Youth Chair and the President agreed to it. It has guidelines on how to set up a meet.

    - Send out to Associations
- John – Online sanctions, online membership and clubs. Last workshop and this meeting we only talked about accreditation. This not driving my association.
- Bert – How is it that the National Office can control all aspects of running an Association up to taking monies out of accounts without notifying the Association.
- Lester – National Office is still not functioning properly.
- Lesia – National Office sets up conference calls at unrealistic times such as 12 noon because they are there in the office.
    - Send a copy of the newsletter and the agenda to the secretaries.

Meeting adjourned 10:15.