USA TRACK & FIELD YOUTH DIVISION
35TH ANNUAL MEETING
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA
November 29 – December 2, 2012

Thursday, November 29, 2012

The meeting began at 10:40 am. Lionel opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all of the first time and returning delegates.

A quorum was established.

Reading of the minutes from the 34th Annual Convention, a motion was made and properly seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for new agenda items:

1. Harry Weaver discussion regarding a new requirement for club coaches to have a level one certification.
2. Bruce Long wants to present a short synopsis of the change in the field events at the JO Championships.
3. Jan Johnson wants to discuss new AST standard, it was recommended that a conversation first be held with Patrick Pretty.

A motion was made and properly seconded to close new business. The motion passed unanimously.

Lionel stated he would introduce the Subcommittee Chairs as they are asked to give their reports throughout the convention.

Lionel introduced the Newcomers to the Youth Division
Scott Olson – Oregon
TammyRa Jackson – Nebraska
Annette White – Mid-Atlantic
Quentin Wilson – Potomac Valley
John Hunter – Inland Northwest
Anthony White – Oklahoma
Stanley Johnson – Tennessee

Lionel Leach: Youth Chair Report
Lionel reported on all of the happenings that have been taking place over the last year with the Youth Division. He informed everyone on the large increase in membership and participation in the Junior Olympic Program. Lionel informed everyone that there will be quite a few rules to cover and he asked for everyone's patience as we cover the rules with Glenn Fortune and Kenny Emerick.

Annual Youth Chair Awards Presentation by Lionel Leach

1. Kenny Emerick
2. Glenn Fortune
3. Ruben Carter
4. Tami Dennis
5. Frances Brown
6. Brooks Lewis
7. James Holdren
8. William Mongovan
9. Ron Williams
10. Gary Crawford
11. Ed Gorman

Lionel Leach: Special Award Presentation to Bob Flint
Lionel honored Bob Flint for his many years of hard work and dedication to the Youth Division of USA Track & Field. The Youth Division agreed to dedicate the 2013 Youth Indoor National Championship to be held in Landover, MD to Bob Flint. Due to health reasons Bob was not able to attend the convention this year so his daughter was present to receive the award on his behalf.

Henry McCallum and Inez Finch: Proposed Zone realignments effective January 2014
They provided the delegates information regarding the addition of another zone and realigning the current zones. Lionel stated he will use 2013 for dialog regarding the changes and they will go in effect January of 2014.

Rules: Kenny Emerick and Glenn Fortune
This is a rules year and instructions were provided to the body on how to make friendly amendments. Kenny also informed the body on the voting process. It was also stated if a motion is on the floor a friendly amendment can be made with a second to the amended motion.

Item 73: Renaming of the age divisions by replacing age group names with:
8 and under, 9 – 10, 11 – 12, 13 – 14, 15 – 16, and 17 – 18.

Lionel stated item 73 was a request from the Board of Directors due to a pending lawsuit.

Nancy Seifert suggested we just change the name of the midget age group. Chris Dallager stated the age divisions could be confusing and agreed with Nancy.

Robin Beamon stated if it was mandated by the Board then why are we voting or debating on it. Lionel responded that it is not mandated it was a request.

Chris Dallager made a friendly amendment to change the "midget" age group name to "junior". Glen thinks it would be confusing to the Men's Track and Field.
The friendly amendment failed.
The original motion passed with 44 yes and 8 no.

Item 74: Sub bantam and Bantams may compete at the Association and Regional level and NOT at the National level.

The motion was made and properly seconded. Lionel stated the Youth Executive Board voted to reject the rule during the fall board meeting.
The motion failed unanimously.
Item 75: This rule would delete the current sub bantam age group from 8 and under to 7 – 8 years old. Lionel stated we currently have the rule in place. Move to approve the rule and properly seconded.
Everyone opposed the amendment with zero in favor. The motion failed**.**

Item 76: Change the distance the athletes run in the sub bantam through the youth age group.

Motion to approve and properly seconded.

Discussion: This rule came about because Kim Haines felt that we can get more participants in the multi events if we lower the running events.
All in favor: Yes – 28 No – 5, the motion passed.

Item 77: Change Intermediate Boys Decathlon to Octathlon
All in favor: Yes – 0, No – 38, the motion fails.

Item 78: Add the Decathlon for Intermediate Girls/Young Women's age group
Motion to accept and properly seconded.
The board voted not to accept this item.

Becca Gillespie wants the event added as an exhibition item not as a requirement.
Chris Dallager stated we do not need to add another level of events.
All in favor of item 78: Yes – 3, No – 39, the motion failed.

Item 79: Change the weights for the Intermediate, Young Men and Young Women age groups.

Bruce stated the proposal is fundamentally flawed. If you are going IAAF you would need to include the javelin. The items would be too difficult to find and you would need to go overseas to acquire them.
All in favor: Yes – 1, No – 40, the motion failed.

Item 80: Change the False Start Rule, motion to accept and properly seconded.
The Board made a recommendation to reject the rule.
All in favor: Yes- 0, No – 42, motion failed.

Item 81: The Youth Athletics and Junior Olympic National Championships will only allow sub bantam and bantam to use starting blocks in the finals. Motion to accept and properly seconded.

Lionel stated it will shave off time during the preliminary rounds.

Robin Beamon stated are we trying to save time or do we want to do what is in the best interest of the athlete?

Sam Kennedy stated as Track Coaches we are in the business to train and we do not need to worry about time.

Arlene Dickerson stated she teaches her athletes to use starting blocks and if there are any b available then do not run.

Glenn stated there are some athletes who have never used starting blocks and try to use them for the first time at the meet and then time becomes an issue.

All in favor: Yes – 5, No – 37, the motion fails and starting blocks will be allowed.

Item 82: Rewrite the relay rule to conform to what we are already doing on CoachO. Move to approve and properly seconded**.**
All in Favor: Yes – 31, No – 0. The item passes unanimously.

Item 83: Put a limit on the number of athletes per flight. Move to approve and properly seconded.

Bruce stated we need some flexibility in the flights. The number in a flight would be limited to 18.
All in favor: Yes – 0, No – 34. The motion fails.

Ken Taylor from the Board of Directors came in to speak briefly to the Youth Body. He is the treasurer of the Board and stated we are currently fiscally sound.

Item 84: When the entries exceed 48 we will have a qualifying round at the National Championship (Youth Athletics and Junior Olympic) Meets. From there they take the top 16 to the finals. Motion to approve and properly seconded**.**

It was stated that this is an NCAA rule and why are we using the same rule for youth. We need to use qualifying marks to do this.

Bruce stated this would be a scheduling nightmare. He has a proposed schedule that he plans to present later that would reduce some time.

A Motion to table item 84 until Bruce Long's presentation.
Yes -35, No – 2, the item will be tabled until after the presentation.

Item 85: This item has to do with taping fingers submitted by Bruce Long. Bruce believes we should open up allowing fingers to be taped individually (not together) to the youth program when throwing implements. Moved to accept and properly seconded.
All in favor: Yes – 38, No – 0, the motion passed unanimously

Bob Hersh: IAAF Representative
2013 World Youth Championships – Ukraine
2015 World Youth Championships – Cali, Columbia South America
2014 World Youth Olympic Games – China

The Youth delegates were given information regarding the World Youth Olympic Games to be held in China during the summer of 2014. There will be very little change from the previous selection process. The funding is still a question but the paperwork for a competition grant was received and is due back by January 8, 2013.

Item 86: Measure javelin tip 1st. Move to accept and properly seconded.
Bruce stated it does not make sense to beginning throwers.
All in favor: Yes – 3, No – 41, the motion failed.

Item 87: Restrict javelin to metal tip only. Move to accept and properly seconded.
Bruce clarified the item by stating you can open up the choice to use mixed javelins but it will not be fair competition.

Bill Mongovan stated he has limited facilities available the steel tip could be the one used at the National competition.

A motion was made and properly seconded to allow rubber tip javelins at the Association and Regional Championship Meets but not at the National Competition. All in favor: Yes – 6, No – 36, the motion failed.

Item 88: Athletes will not use rubber tip javelins in competition at any level.
All in favor: Yes – 0, No – all, item failed.

Item 89: Change in pole vault with items in the upright. Motion to approve, and properly seconded. The change will be from 4 cm to 4.5 cm to align with High School and College. It is a safety issue.
All in favor: Yes – All, the item passed unanimously.

Item 90: Allows the referee to set up and establish box areas for coaches.
Motion to accept, and properly seconded.

Marc Cizek gave clarification and stated it is for safety purposes. It allows coaches to speak with their athletes, it is a safety improvement.

Bruce Long proposed a friendly amendment that a coach's box be established in all youth meets and not just championships.

Motion on amendment: Yes – 42, No – 1, amendment passed.

Glenn Fortune stated he is in favor of coach's boxes but for verbal contact only.

All in favor of item as amended: Yes – 46, No – 0, item passes as amended.

Item 91: Weight verification of the athlete, motion to accept and properly seconded.

Marc Cizek stated for the safety purposes it is important to weigh the athletes.
Becca stated it is not necessary to weigh them and some officials are insensitive to athletes and their weight.

Jan Johnson clarified the high school rule book that states every pole vault athlete must be weighed.

Bill Mongovan stated when pole vault first started there were no standards until after a catastrophic injury. They now have adopted high school rules.

An Olympic pole vault athlete came in to speak to the body regarding the safety factor. Simply stated, the liability factor should go back to the parent and the coach and not the official.

Motion to stop debate: Yes – 27, No – 11.
Motion to table and properly seconded: Yes – 42, No – 1, item tabled for now.

Item 92: This rule sets the starting height for Pole Vault. Motion to approve and properly seconded.
Bruce proposed an amendment 15 to 20 and 45 to 60 start at the Regional and National Championship Meet.

Motion to accept the amendment and properly seconded: Yes – 37, No – 3
Motion to accept Item 92 with amendment and properly seconded:
Yes – 38, No – 1, item passed as amended.

Tony Campbell: Head of Men's Development
Spoke to the Youth Division regarding athletes moving along the ranks from youth to Men's and Women's Track and Field. He stated he is running for the Chair of Men's Track and Field and spoke briefly about his goals for the program.

Rule 93: Pole vault warm up, motion to accept and properly seconded. The amendment to this was with rule 90.
All in favor: Yes – 6, No – 31. Amendment failed.

The Youth Division Board made a motion to deny this rule because there are too many pole vaulters.
All in favor: Yes – 0, No – 39, the motion was denied.

Item 94: Proposal submitted to allow the weight throw as an exhibition in places where it is being thrown. Motion to accept and properly seconded.

The Youth Executive Board made a motion to deny this rule.
All in favor: Yes – 0, No- 36. The motion was denied.

Item 95: The pole vault safety of landing pit and vaulting box. Motion to accept and properly seconded.
Marc Cizek stated this needs to be looked at closer.
Motion to table: Yes – 29, No – 6, item tabled for now.

Item 96:
Motion to table: Yes- 23, No – 5, item tabled for now.

Item 97: Per Patrick Pretty the rule states in the multi events you are approving a warm up jump. Motion to accept and properly seconded.
All in favor: Yes – 24, No – 1, motion passed.

Item 98: Per Patrick Pretty, at the National JO Championship when more than one flight is required a minimum of 20 minutes will be allowed for warm up. Currently we do not allow this to take place. Motion to accept and properly seconded. Bruce stated that Pat Pretty saw a need to have consistency between flights.
All in favor: Yes – 27, No- 7, the motion passed.

Item 99: If an athlete has a better mark than their regional meet they must submit the mark 10 days prior to the National Championship**.**

The Board denied this item.
All in favor: Yes – 0, No – unanimous, the motion failed. Athlete must use the regional mark.

Item 100: The 800m and the 4 X 800m relay can have a maximum of 12 in the heat prior to the final. Motion to accept and properly seconded**.**

Amended to read: in the race prior to the final**.**
Amendment: Yes – 41, No – 1
All in favor of item as amended: Yes – 37, No – 1. The item passes as amended.

Item 101: The sub bantam and bantam age groups will run only two rounds. Motion to accept and properly seconded. The Board made a motion to approve this item.
All in favor: Yes – 38, No – 0, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 102: No more than 18 participants per section in long running events for sub bantam, bantam and midget age groups. Motion to accept and properly seconded.
All in favor: Yes – 2, No – 32, the motion failed.

Item 103: Athletes who compete in the Junior Nationals, World Youth Trials and Championship may receive a waiver into the Junior Olympic National Championship.

Item 103 needs to be amended to add the US Olympic Trials.
All in favor of the amendment: Yes – 35, No – 2
All in favor of the motion: Yes – 36, No – 0, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 104 and 105 were withdrawn by the submitter.

Item 106: Cross Country advancement increase to advance the top 40 individuals and the top 5 teams from the region meet to the National Cross Country JO Championship. Motion to accept and properly seconded. A motion was made to table for now.
All in favor: Yes – 35, No – 1, the item is tabled for now.

Lionel reminded that Friday morning at 9am there would be a Regional Coordinators Meeting, at 9:30am there would be the Youth Advisory Council Meeting and the next Youth General Session would convene at 12pm.

The body was also informed that JO Cross Country bids would begin at 12:30pm sharp and you would not be allowed to enter once the bidding presentation starts.

A Motion to Adjourn at 1:33pm, the next session will convene on Friday, November 30th at 12:00 pm.

Friday, November 30, 2012

The General Session began at 12:10pm.

CoachO spoke to the delegates and has committed to sponsoring two grants. One grant is for $1000.00 and the other grant will be for $500.00. Each grant can be used for either equipment or travel. He stated he is in the process of forming a committee to get the grant program underway.
CoachO also plans to sponsor a small gift for officials to go in their bag during the JO National Track and Field Championships in North Carolina.

Sasha Spencer came and spoke about Eugene, Oregon hosting the 2014 World Junior Championships. She also spoke briefly about the overall program.

Kenny Emerick and Glenn Fortune: Reconsideration of Item 76
The triathlon running event change will cause a problem according to Pat Pretty. There would not be tables available for these. New tables will have to be developed. Pat Pretty requested the item be tabled for now.
Motion made and properly seconded to table Item 76 for now.
All in favor: Yes – 44, No – 0. The item is tabled for now.

Item 106: Motion made and properly seconded to remove item from table.
All in favor: Yes – 40, No – 0, item is removed from table.

Amend item 106 to take the top 30 athletes and the top 5 teams from the Association Championship to the Regional Championship. Take the top 30 athletes and top 5 teams from the Regional Championship to the JO Cross Country National Championship.
A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the amendment.
All in favor: Y – 47, No – 2, the amendment passed.
All in favor of the item as amended: Y- 53, N – 4, the item passed as amended.

Stephanie Hightower: President of USA Track & Field
Stephanie talked about the Youth Division is the foundation of the USA Track & Field program. The Board of Directors is very supportive of our program. We a brand, an elite brand and our Chief Executive Officer, Max Seigal's working hard to get our brand out there. We are growing our brand collectively.

Lionel introduced some of the elite athletes who came up through the youth program and are now professional athletes.

Glenn Lattimore: Lionel introduced Glenn Lattimore and he spoke to everyone about chip timing. The Youth Division is looking into chip timing in the future at our National Championships.

Jan Price: Handout and Presentation.

The 2014 Junior Olympic Cross Country Bid Presentations:

a. Gainesville, FL
b. Charlotte, NC *** The 2014 Cross Country Bid winner is Myrtle Beach, SC**
c. Myrtle Beach, SC

Bruce Long: Spoke to the body regarding the changes that will take place in the field events. He presented the number of athletes that actually participated in the meet not just the registrants. Bruce explained to everyone due to the large increase in numbers, athletes have waited up to three hours to compete.

Bruce stated that the plan for the Junior Olympic Championship is to jump from two pits. There will be a high pit and a low pit. It will be important for Youth Chairs to inform their athletes to jump their best. The five alive will no longer be used.

The long jump will break into four flights, two flights on one pit and two flights on the other pit.

For long throws, the local organizing committee will be encouraged to use lasers. It will decrease time by .7 to .8 per throw. The only event that will not change this year will be the pole vault.

Motion to adjourn at 1:35pm and properly seconded. The meeting will convene at 3:00 pm.

Meeting convened at 3:05pm

Arlene Dickerson: Updated everyone on the upcoming 2012 JO Cross Country Championship in Albuquerque, NM. She informed everyone about the course and the parking. They ran over 1000 athletes on the course and everything went well.

Henry Fortier: Presented an update on the 2013 JO Track and Field Championship to be held in Greensboro, NC in late July. The headquarters hotel will be the Sheraton. Officials can still complete an application to work the meet.

Al Joyner: Spoke to the Youth Division about becoming an Olympic champion and the importance of our Youth and the Youth Program.

Gregg Foster: He gave an update on the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville site which is a change of venue for the meet.

The track is 23 miles from the airport, the track has been resurfaced, and there are 4 long jump pits, 2 shot put areas, 2 pole vault pits, and 2 discus areas.

Lionel followed up regarding the site visit and their partnership with USA Track & Field.

Gerald Smith: He updated everyone on the status of the 2013 JO Cross Country Championships in San Antonio, TX. He informed everyone of the warm welcome San Antonio is planning for the athletes.

Henry McCallum: Updated everyone on the upcoming 2013 Indoor National Championships to be held in Landover Maryland.

Norine Richardson: She announced the names of the upcoming Zonal Meets.
South Zone: Mary Birdwell
Northeast Zone: Lionel Leach
Midwest Zone: Dorothy Dawson
West Zone: Kim Haines

2014 Youth Athletic National Championship Bid Presentations:

a. Norfolk, VA
b. Jacksonville, FL
c. Bloomington, IN ***The 2014 Youth Athletics Championship bid winner Bloomington, IN**

Linda Phelps and Inez Finch: Gave the calendar report and stated the calendar would be updated with the new bid awards included.

Norine Richardson: Briefed everyone on Regulation 9 and how it applies to the Youth Division from a voting standpoint. She informed everyone of the initial voting location and the voting polls open from 7am until 11 am. If there is a second round the second round will take place in the Youth Division.

Candidate speeches were given.

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm for the day and properly seconded.

Saturday, December 1, 2012

The meeting opened at 8:35am.

Patrick Pretty: He provided his report on the combined events from the summer championship meets. He also briefed everyone on Coaching Education. The Youth Level 2 Course in Baltimore, MD was cancelled due to low numbers. There are 100 seats available and only 45 people signed up for the class. Some reasons for low participation are employment obligations. After spending a week at the JO Championship, some Coaches have to go back to work. The Staff will look at other options to hopefully increase participation.

Cindy Long: No Associations report at this time.

Byron Turner: Reported on Men's Track and Field. The Chair is Ed Gorman and the Vice Chair is Andrew Valmon. Some information to pass along is the multi events will be contested and more running events will be contested. The standards committee approved the latest standards and they are up on the website. The records committee approved the pending records. IAAF World relays will be added to the competition calendar and the first competition will be in 2014 in the Bahamas.
Lefty Martin: Reported on Women's Track and Field. The Coaches Selection Committee would like to see Youth Coaches apply to be part of the Staff for the Junior Team. There is a meet in London and no Youth Coach applied. You must be on the Coaches Registry to apply.
Last Chance meets will have some changes: You must have at least 5 athletes in the event to count.

Toni Nichols: High Performance did not have a meeting this year so there is no report.

Carolyn Griggs: Ethics, no report at this time.

Harry Weaver: He spoke about Coaching Education and its importance to our Youth. Harry stated for the benefit of the athlete all Coaches should have at least a Level One Coaching Education to coach athletes.

Denise Smotherman: The records were announced with 32 new outdoor records and 74 indoor records. The indoor records are all new. There were some noted changes to be made.
A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the records with the noted changes.
The motion passed unanimously.

2014 Junior Olympic Track and Field Bid Presentations:

a. Omaha, NE
b. Houston, TX ***The 2014 JO Track and Field Championship bid winner is Houston, TX**

Lionel Leach: announced the winners of the Frank Sevign and the Bill Hargrove Awards
2013 Frank Sevign Award winner is **Sam Germany**
2013 Bill Hargrove Award winner is **Potomac Valley**

John Martin: He handed out the standards for the Youth Athletics Nationals and the JO National Championships to the delegates. John requested that coaches do not bring their athletes to the Youth National Championship Meet if they do not meet the standard because it embarrasses the athlete.
Motion made and properly seconded to accept the standards. The motion passed unanimously.

Lionel Leach: reminded everyone about the awards luncheon at 12:15 and we should have some election results when we return at 3pm.

A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 and convene at 3:00pm.

Meeting convened at 3:36pm

Glenn Fortune: Informed everyone the rules are done and will be added to the big package.

Ron Williams: Reported on the Youth Coaches Association. He reminded everyone there is a $20.00 annual membership fee. They are currently working on a Coaches hospitality tent for the Coaches Association Members. All Coaches require a background check and should also be on the Coaches Registry. He also reminded everyone about the CoachO grant that will be coming out. CoachO is the sponsor for the Zone Coaches of the Year award. The current officer's for the Committee are: Ron Williams – President, Clif McKenzie – Vice President, Cassandra McKenzie – Secretary, Larry Siefert – Treasurer.

Election results:

Ron Mascarenas – Vice Chair
Dorothy Dawson – Chair of Administration
Sam Germany – Chair of Operations
Linda Ellis – Secretary

Delegates At Large results:
Rubin Carter
Denise Smotherman
Booker Woods
Barbara Smith
Byron Turner

Carolyn Griggs: Reported on the Officials Committee. Elections took place and Len Krsak is the Chair, Tom Hott – Secretary,
Rob Buzaitis – Chair of Training, Mark Kostek – Vice Chair of Rules and the At-Large Members are Dan Reynolds, John Murray and Jim Carlisle. All Officials recertifying for the 2013 -2016 Olympiad must have a current membership card by March 31, 2013 or they will be removed from the Officials data base. You can check the Officials report on the USATF website for more updates regarding the Officials.

Ken Ferguson: The voting delegates received a copy of the Youth Division Operating Procedures. He also put the information on an overhead screen for everyone to review. Ken went over the amendments that had been added.
Motion to accept the amendments and properly seconded. All in Favor: Yes – 53, No – 0, the amendments passed.
Motion made and properly seconded to accept the Operating Procedures as amended.
All in Favor: Yes – 46, No – 0, Abstain – 2, the motion passed.

Bruce Long and Lefty Martin: They informed everyone the World Youth Trials will be held in Edwardsville, IL on June 25 -26, 2013. The qualifying standards will be on the website in the near future. To be eligible athletes need

to be born in 1996 and 1997. The athlete must bring a valid passport to the meet. They also covered the selection process for the athletes and the team staff.

The Head Coach for the World Youth Team is: Lee Webb, from Southern California
The Head Manager for the World Youth Team is: Lisa Morgan Lisa Morgan from New Jersey.