

Ohio AAU Track & Field Association
Fall Meeting Downtown Library
Columbus, Ohio
9-15-07

Agenda/Meeting Notes

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Attendees
 - Decarlo Blacwell
 - Chris Jackson
 - Inge' Clark
 - Tammy Jones
 - James Houser
 - Greg Johnson
 - Karen Cromwell
 - Celeste Jordan
 - Coach Talley
 - Tia Boston
 - b. Secretary needed for meetings and distribute information.
 - Administrative Assistant voted and appointed Tia Boston

- II. 2007 Track Season Wrap-Up
 - a. 7 National Champions, 7 silver, 7 bronze and 23 medalist
 - b. 537 District Meet athletes and 1639 Regional athletes.
 - some teams feel AAU is high price wise and may not return next year
 - c. Region 6A Scholarship
 - presented two \$500 scholarships this year at Regional Meet
 - looking to present 4 this coming year
 - will begin taking applications now and they must be submitted by May
 - would like for all clubs to participate and donate \$200 each

- III. Black-Jack 5K Lima September 29th
 - a. Send entry forms to Chris Jackson P.O. Box 5201 Lima, Oh 45801
 - 5K for the older children
 - 2 mile for the younger children

- IV. 2007 Cross Country Schedule
 - a. AAU Cross Country State Championships November 4th.
 - push to get your children involved if they are not involved in another activity during the cross country season. It will only help and condition them for track season.

- V. AAU National Convention October 1-6th (Chicago)
 - Decarlo Blackwell is the Ohio Delicate
 - Anyone interested in attending can join Coach Decarlo Blackwell and Coach Chris Jackson
 - If you are unable to attend, you may pass your concerns onto Coach Blackwell or John Boyer,
 - Concern – Live feed focused on runners in 1st and 2nd places and should open up to include all runners during the event

- VI. Committee Updates
 - a. Chris Jackson
 - Inge' Clark will be taking over scholarship committee
 - b. Karen Cromwell
 - State Parent Liaison
 - Did not receive any of the parent concern handouts back
 - There have been talks about concerns about the posting of results
 - We need to be more proactive on communicating with parents of the unattached athletes
 - We must put out the www.ohioaaau.org web address so that everyone will know where to go to get information
 - c. DeCarlo Blackwell
 - Membership Committee to be headed up by Karen Cromwell
 - We need to push AAU memberships
 - Need to add a line for the AAU member number to event signup sheet
 - Need to receive entry packets earlier
 - Officials Committee to be headed up by Shawn Lewis
 - Trying to engage Rhonda to set up a training class for the High Tech Software
 - High Tech training class will require payment
 - Officials must demonstrate and maintain a professional attitude at all times.

- VII. Winter special on team T-Shirts. \$5/two colors.
- \$1 additional for screen print on back of shirt
- VIII. Coaches Clinic
- will be held in the winter
 - devised to help one another out with workouts, training, etc.
 - in Defiance there is a coaches level 1 certification class held
 - in February there is a Ohio High School Track & Field clinic held
- IX. Winter Meeting
- will be held December 8, 2007 in Lima, Chris Jackson will be hosting
 - it will be pot luck
 - will be at 12:00 noon
- X. Open Discussion
- Black Jack indoor meet at Bowling Green on Feb 2, 07
 - Would like to try to have an indoor meet at the University of Cincinnati
 - Send thank you cards to those who donated money for regional meet and scholarships, some donors did not receive card
 - Suggestion to package all medals and ribbons up and hand to coach as opposed to handing them out individually at the meets, this will help meet run smoother and cut down on the confusion as to who received awards and who did not
 - Suggestion to have a Ohio AAU Regional Fellowship – invite all clubs, all athletes before the outdoor season begins (when indoor season comes to a close)
 - ? are we looking into purchasing the Accutrak Timing System (cost is \$16,000 however we can look to rent it out to subsidize and bring back in the money that was spent to purchase it)