

OHIO AAU TRACK AND FIELD FALL MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2008

Present: DeCarlo Blackwell, Rick Hyatt, Tom Boggs, Myra Boggs, James Houser, Darryl Long, Andrea King

I. Welcome and Introductions

Reviewed 9/14/2008 Fall Minute. Tom Boggs motioned to approve the minutes and Andrea King second the motion.

New Business

DeCarlo Blackwell (Chairman) informed all those present that we had an option to vote to remove him as Chairman. All in attendance unanimously agreed to keep DeCarlo Blackwell as Chairman because he does a wonderful job.

II. 2009 Schedule

1. Indoor

The 2009 Indoor Schedule is attached to packet. The entry form for the Black-Jack Classis is attached. All participants will have to enter online with Coach O. It will be held on 1/18/09 and more information to follow. The AAU Great Lakes Indoor Championships will be held at Bowling Green State University with a \$20.00 entry fee. The Northern Indoor Nationals in Merrillville, Indiana has an entry fee of \$40.00 with no pre-qualifying meet. Through –out January and February Think Detroit will have Sunday track meets with a \$5.00 entry into the venue every weekend.

NOTE: All athletes need a valid AAU card to participate

2. Outdoor

2009 Outdoor schedule is attached in meeting packet. The Detroit Jets Invitational will be held at Eastern Michigan University. The Springfield Track Club will host a meet on May 30, 2009. A National Qualifier (Formerly Regional see below) date to be determined once negotiated.

III National Convention

The “Regional” track meet has been replaced with a **National Qualifier**. We will still have the “District /State” meet. Every one participating in the District/State meet will advance to the National Qualifier. **Every athlete with a valid mark and/or finishes a race without disqualification will advance to the National Qualifier.** The top 4 athletes will advance from the National Qualifier to the Nationals.

Note: With the rule changes, any sanctioned meet can be designated as a “District/State” meet. Although Lima has been our District/State meet, if we have athletes with a conflict with ACT testing, etc, with advanced notice, Mr. Blackwell may be able to accommodate.

If an athlete cannot participate in a local National Qualifier, contact DeCarlo Blackwell to get entered into another National Qualifier.

National Qualifier Committee

In order to host a National Qualifier, we need to establish a committee and must submit a bid. It is imperative that we have committed and active committee members. Please contact DeCarlo Blackwell if you would like to serve. This is another way to establish Ohio as a force in Track and Field and to show our dedication in serving our athletes. We need everyone who is willing to pitch in and help out.

Sanctioning Track Meets

The District Chairman will sanction meets. Please contact DeCarlo Blackwell if you would like to host a meet.

Scholarship Committee

We also need individuals to serve on this committee to continue our scholarship program. We would like to provide 2(two) \$500.00 scholarships to our athletes. We are also asking our teams to donate money to this wonderful cause.

Ethics

Any concerns about unethical conduct, please contact DeCarlo Blackwell. He will be the enforcer. There will be a \$50.00 fine for first offense and suspension from the next meet for the second offense. No recruiting from other teams or illegally adding athletes to rosters or other un-sportsman-like conduct.

Officials

Current officials need to renew by obtaining their USATF card. You may go online or you may have received information in the mail or contact DeCarlo Blackwell.

If you would like to be an official, please contact DeCarlo Blackwell or Chris Jackson. Dates for classes will be announced soon.

An "interest list" will be sent out to all officials asking for their commitment at meets. This will help determine need for officials. All of your help is always greatly appreciated and welcomed. We have wonderful people.

Coaches

All coaches have the potential of being alone with an athlete. USATF is requiring background screening and the address is below and DeCarlo Blackwell has more information.

Background Screening Agent
P.O.Box 26305
Dayton, Ohio 45426-6305

USATF Club Membership Application
P.O. Box 5848
Dayton, Ohio 45405

OPEN DISCUSSION

Electronic Timing and Coach O

Tom Boggs asked about electronic timing. DeCarlo Blackwell will negotiate terms for all meets if you would like electronic timing with the group used in 2008. The cost will be around \$550.00.

In addition, the use of Coach O @ CoachO.com is \$125.00. The cost is worth the reduce stress in entering athletes. . If you would like additional information on please go online.

Uniforms

Coaches are responsible to inform parents and athletes about the unfortunate and embarrassing situations that could arise from the choice of uniform. Please ask the gentlemen to wear jock strap support and dark bottoms if at all possible or layer to reduce these types of situations. In addition, no one should remove the straps from their uniform when the race or event is over while on the field or crossing the finish line. It seems to be a trend when the one piece uniforms are being worn.

AAU Club Membership

DeCarlo Blackwell suggests that clubs get \$60.00 membership. If you would like more information please contact him. To reduce liability, all athletes should have an AAU card to participate at meets.

AAU Pre-Paid Card

AAU is sponsoring a pre-paid card where you can actually track the spending online. If you would like more information, please go online to AAUSports.org.

Tom Bogs motioned to close meeting and James Houser second.