

USATF Illinois Annual Meeting

April 27, 2008

Proviso East High School

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Edward Adams	Derrick Calhoun	Thomas Boatright
Mary Watters	Jess Gathing	Kimberly George
Kindriya Johnson	George Giddings	Gary Mitchell
Paul Schaap	Darlene Simmons	Wayne Holloway
Walter Alexander	Eldridge Gilbert	Nicole Moore
Melissa Delaney	Ginger Browder	Judy Milroy
Jamica Davis	Damani Shakoor	Craig Collins
Alicia Cole	Lazheta Richardson	Billy Poole-Harris
Win Eggers	Diane Graham-Henry	Robert Kingery
Patrick Palmer	F. Lee Slick	Deeanna Slenk
Art Pahl	Patrice Wilson	Marc Jones
Mary Pleticha	Brenda Kimbrough	DeVaughn Benion
Dorothy Dawson	Lorette Cherry	Illinois Storm

Dorothy Dawson opened meeting at 1:07 with the following old business:

1. Dorothy shared information on the youth workshop (how to establish a club, Hy-tek, etc)
2. Stressed that sponsorship is needed for our association and regional meets. Coaches are encouraged to solicit for sponsorships.
3. Urine testing for youth athletics is scheduled to begin this year. Testing will start with intermediate and young age groups. All age groups will be tested eventually.
4. Travel grants deadline is May 1.
5. Indiana balance for 2005 JO was \$37K. Illinois received \$12K. Legally pursuing balance.

6. Dorothy acknowledged the works of Diane Henry-Graham and Win Eggers for excellence in job performance.
7. New LDR chairman is Greg Evans. Greg is putting together a clinic for coaches.
8. Dorothy thanked Art Paul and Lee Slick for their hard work.
9. Dorothy advised that as far as can be determined, Illinois received \$1200 for 2005 Junior Olympics.

Lorette Cherry covered the following:

1. Club memberships are due by May 1st. After May 1st, there is a \$100 late fee.
2. Travel grants deadline is May 1st.
3. Presented award to all 2005 (YA, JO, JO X-country) 1st place finishers. Next year we will plan an awards luncheon sometime in the January/February timeframe. Volunteers are needed to organize.

Dorothy called for the following committee reports:

Diane Graham-Henry (Race Walk)

- Hosting national junior elite race walkers camp in Chicago in June.
- Pat Savage is hosting the DePaul Relays at Lane Tech on May 14th.

Win Eggers – (Official)

- New certification for four years starting September 1.
- Re-certification requires a resume that includes a list of USATF meets and personal membership.
- Officials insurance.
- Letters going out in October & November to re-certify.
- Must have officiated at three USATF meets.
- There is a revised test (50 questions) that is good for four years.

DeVaughn Benion (Open)

- Athletes (19 – 35) are looking for meets in order to meet the A & B standards of the IAAF.

Steve Cohen (Absent)

Pat Wilson (Youth)

- Region 7 JO will be held in Vernon Hills, IL, at Vernon Hills High School. Hammer will be contested on Thursday, which is the first day of multi-events.
- Nike Nationals is the same day as the state/association meet. You cannot get a waiver for the association meet because of participation in the Nike Nationals.
- Junior Outdoor is in Columbus, Ohio. Participation in this meet provides a waiver to the USATF JO nationals. An athlete can participate in the Region 7 meet if desired.
- June 14, Zion Benton High School, the North Shore Breeze will host physical impairment events.
- State meet will be held at Kankakee High School:
 - i. Hammer will be contested on Friday.
 - ii. Race walking will be contested on Saturday.
 - iii. 5000/3000 will be contested on Sunday.
 - iv. Protest fee is \$100.
 - v. Two gates: (1) Athletes and coaches and (2) spectators.
 - vi. Coaches are encouraged to get their athletes to the hiping and clerking area on time.

Pre-Paid Legal made a brief presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.