

USATF Illinois Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
Proviso East High School
October 22, 2006

Lorette Cherry opened the meeting at 1:10 with the presentation of awards. Plaques were awarded to five (5) athletes who finished in 1st place at the national Junior Olympics in Baltimore, Maryland. Certificates were presented for the following accomplishments:

- New Illinois State Record
- New Region 7 Record
- Top three (3) finisher at Region 7
- Top eight (8) finisher at nationals

Dorothy Dawson called for old business:

Old Business:

- Junior Olympics, which was co-hosted with Indiana, monies are not in yet. To date 12.5K has come in. There is an official grievance against Indianapolis.
- Indiana will not host any regional meets until the issue with the monies from Junior Olympics is resolved.
- Illinois will provide travel grants to athletes who need assistance to attend particular national meets.

New Business:

- 2007 USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championship will be held July 3 – 8, 2007 at Benedictine University. We are expecting between 2600 – 3000 athletes.
- Officials will be signed up at convention in December.
- Win Eggers already has starters.
- Coaches' behavior at national was discussed. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.
- USATF & AAU will have different meet dates.

Committee Reports:

- Officials -Win Eggers – Absent. (attending LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon)
- LDR - Bob Geiger – Absent (attending LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon)
- Diane Henry-Graham – submitted a written report (attached - (attending LaSalle Bank Marathon)).
- Masters – Steve Cohen – absent (recent surgery)
- Open – DeVaughn Benion (highlights)
 1. Many youth meets held open events for athletes 19 – 35
 2. Looking to establish Zephyrs as an open club with sponsors for open athletes

- Youth – Marc Jones (highlights)
 1. Gave 2007 USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championship progress report.
 2. Each club must provide a minimum of two (2) workers for 2007 USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championship.
 3. Volunteer list is available on the website.
 4. Background check required beginning 2007 for each youth club.
 5. Annual convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.
 6. Youth department is looking for people with marketing experience.
 7. Background check procedures reviewed with clubs.