



NCUSATF Youth Track and Field 2014 Spring Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 30 2014 1:00 PM
Homewood Suites Raleigh Durham Airport
4603 Central Park Drive
Raleigh, NC 27703

Meeting called to order at 1pm by Youth Chair, Frank Davis

Youth Chair Report

Frank gave a summary of outcomes from the Regional site visit conducted on Saturday, March 29, by Region 3 representatives. Durham County Stadium has been selected as the location for the Region 3 championships in July and the site committee acknowledged that this site meets all the requirements for hosting the Regional meet. Also, since our Region now only includes 3 associations, each Association will advance 8 athletes in each event from their Association championship to the outdoor track and field Regional. For cross country, each Association will advance the top 15 athletes in each age group direct to Nationals. No Region 3 championship will be held for cross country.

Frank shared that he received feedback that some clubs would like to see other locations selected besides Durham County Stadium for our Association championship. Thoughtful discussion followed where many acknowledged the benefits of Durham County Stadium but also suggested creating a proper bid procedure which would consider rotating locations and minimum site requirements. It was agreed that Frank would add this action to a separate committee for further analysis and final proposal.

Frank shared that he and Omar Beasley are a part of an advisory to the Durham County Stadium Authority and their input was instrumental in getting the county to reduce their fees for stadium usage. The county acknowledges that the economic impact of the athletes and families that attend these events is a significant factor and should be used to discount the stadium usage fees. He also shared that the Stadium Authority has authorized construction of a fence to be built that will now require those that setup tents on the grass near the throwing area to first enter through the general admission gates. Also, representatives from Durham are organizing a sports commission. This will assist our Association in making more competitive bids for other Regional and National events.

UNC Charlotte has been confirmed as the meet location for the 2014 NC State Games.

Membership Report

Membership chair, Katherine Branch shared that she will strictly do business during her published office hours of 9am-5pm EST. Her updated contact information (phone, email, and mailing) is available on the new NCUSATF website at northcarolina.usatf.org. All birth certificates must be received by June 9 in order to be age verified prior to our Association championship. She suggested not using expedited mail since the delivery location is a post office box and she would not be able to pick it up outside of post office regular business hours which then might cause further delay. We are not setup to receive



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scanned birth certificates through email so members will need to continue mailing them to the post office box.

Open Discussion

Michael Roth asked clubs to add Race Walk to their developmental meets so that athletes would have a chance to practice before major competitions. This will not only make them more competitive but also educate them on the rules and avoid unnecessary disqualifications at later meets.

Maureen Smith asked about club reimbursements for those that assisted with the 2013 meets hosted by our Association. Maureen shared the list of clubs that signed up (acknowledged that others may have volunteered but not properly signed up in advance). Frank agreed to use the list to follow-up for reimbursement.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm EST.