

2011 Ohio AAU Fall Meeting Minutes



Fall 2011



Ohio AAU Track & Field Fall Meeting



Saturday, September 24, 2011
12:00
The Future Church
125 W. Kirby
Lima, OH 45804

Attendees: Chairman DeCarlo Blackwell, Co- Chairman Christopher Jackson
Membership: Vivian Mitchell, Meeshelia Murry, Matt Cromwell, Karen Cromwell
Greg Johnson, Christo Lassiter. Member at the meeting totaled 8.

Minutes

Welcome & Introduction of attendees was presented by DeCarlo Blackwell

Review of 2011 Season and Spring Minutes: Ohio AAU had another successful season. The organization received many compliments from the parents and clubs. **Great Job!**

Athletic Accomplishments: Athletes in our area did a wonderful job at the Junior Olympics, New Orleans, LA. Below are a few accomplished teams.

- a. Columbus Panthers - 5 All-Americans Champions; 1 National Champion
- b. Bond Hill Track Club – 2 All-Americans Champions
- c. Lima Striders – 1 All-American Champion

Scholarships: Black Jack Track awarded Scholarships this season. These scholarships were presented to youth participating with Lincoln Heights Track Club and Bond Hill Track Club.

Southern Ohio District Meet: Reviewing some of challenges we faced when hosting the Southern District Meet.

- a. Competing association hosting a meet – Lake Erie Association.
- b. Date: Father's Day
- c. Low athlete participation (100 athletes)

Conclusion: AAU Members attending the meeting are in favor of the Southern Ohio District meet. Reviewing ways to increase participation and decrease cost. The Chairman and Co-Chair are working to increase participation in this area.



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Official & Coaches Certification :

Ohio AAU encourages each participating member to become a certified official and obtain a coaches certification. However, this is a requirement for the Ohio AAU T&F association in order to serve as an Official.

- a. **Official Certifications expires in 2012.**
- b. Officials Clinic will be hosted at Ohio Wesleyan on January 30, 2012.
- c. Ohio AAU T&F will not have an officials certification class in the Winter or Spring because the certification expires in 2012.

Levels of Official Certification: Contact Lynn Krsak or go to:

<http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/certification/levels.asp>

Positive Coaches Alliance: This is a mandatory class for anyone having a non-athlete AAU Card. Administrators must pass the class in order to obtain a pass for AAU Nationals. The online course is **FREE**. To sign up, please visit: <http://aausports.org/Partners/PositiveCoachesAlliance.aspx>

Payments to Officials:

Effective the 2012 Track & Field Outdoor Season all payments to officials will be made at the end of the meet. The cost is \$30.00 per official. If you plan on hosting a meet this year, keep in mind, you need an average of 12 Officials. Our success is contributed to starting on time and having seasoned officials in place to ensure events are ran effortlessly. Our officials are key to our success!

AAU District & National Qualifier:

Both meets were a success this season. There were 500 in attendance at the District Qualifier and 1100+ at the National Qualifier. We were incredibly efficient this season. The district meet ended at 5pm.

Bidding Process: The National Qualifier is awarded thru a bidding process. To be considered you must:

- a. Obtain a letter from your Chairman
- b. Pay a non-refundable fee of \$300.00.
- c. Submit an application to the AAU National Office.

District Qualifier is held by the Ohio Association. This meet **is not** open to the bidding process.

2011 Cross Country Season:

Black-Jack Track in Collaboration with Ohio AAU will host a Cross Country meet. This meet will be held in Columbus. We will email the information to you regarding this meet as well as post the details on www.black-jacktrack.com.



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2012 Outdoor Meets & Schedule:

- a. The 2012 Outdoor Schedule will be posted for your review by the December meeting.
- b. 2012 AAU National Qualifier will be held June 28th – July 1st in Springfield, Ohio at Wittenberg University

Volunteers:

Volunteers are integral to our organizations and success. We thank all of you who have volunteered your services.

For the 2012 National Qualifier, we are asking that each club, volunteers to work an event. We will discuss this further at the December meeting.

Sanctions and AAU Membership:

- a. All Sanction's are approved by the District Chairman.
- b. All athletes and coaches must have valid AAU memberships. The Ohio AAU T&F District Office will be issuing coaches identification cards. Coaches, please submit a list to the District Office with your coach's names including their AAU membership number.

Elections Results:

Below are your new Officers for the Ohio AAU T&F District Office. Their terms run concurrent to the Chairman's term. Along with the Chairman and Co-Chairman, they will be your governing body for Ohio AAU T&F District Office.

- Yolanda Freeman – Treasurer
- Greg Johnson – Official Coordinator
- Meeshelia Murry – Secretary

Sports Psychology Presentation:

Presenter – Karen Cromwell

Karen Cromwell did an excellent presentation on youth and parent sports psychology. We will post the presentation on the Black-Jack Track website for your review. Topics discussed were:

- a. Guidelines for Being a Good Sport Parent
- b. Mental Skills Self Assessment of Successful Athletes
- c. Teaching and Implementing Self-Talk

Handouts were provided and are available upon request.

BJT Timing & Services:

Black Jack Track and BJT Timing would like your feedback and suggestions on the services we are providing. Please take a moment and let us know how the website is performing for you. If you have any suggestions on things you would like to see in the website please contact Meeshelia via email at meeshelia29@yahoo.com.

Website Suggestion: Mr. Lassiter would like District and Regional Records posted on the site.



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If you would like to utilize BJT Timing Services for your upcoming meets please contact DeCarlo Blackwell or Yolanda Freeman.

Letters, Complaints and Protest:

An official letter was received by the district office from Kendra Kelly, Kim Newman, Tremayne Peppers, Tony Moss and Andrea King outlining some concerns. All of these members were absent from the meeting.

As a result of the concerns outlined in the letter:

- A. The Ohio AAU T&F Association has and will continue to provide upon request a detailed summary of expenditures associated with the National Qualifier.
- B. The District Qualifier is conducted by the district office. Therefore; all funds generated belong to that said office.
- C. BJT Timing is an Independent Contractor. They are also active members of the AAU Association and therefore, have a right to bid and conduct business. They offer specialized services to the track and field community, including but not limited to, Timing Services and meet management. This service is offered as an option and to offer track clubs a choice. This service has greatly minimized costs to host organize track meets in the Ohio Area.
- D. In an effort to reduce cost to the clubs, Black Jack Track is also taking on the responsibility of funding Scholarships, previously awarded thru Ohio Track Club Donations to our youth participating in Ohio AAU Track & Field. The qualifying guidelines will be adopted by Black-Jack Track.

The District Office would like to thank these members for bringing their concerns. We believe transparency is a key element of trust and cohesiveness. The letter was reviewed and vetted by the board and members in attendance. This matter has been resolved and closed at the District Office. All complaints are handled and resolved prior to the Outdoor Season.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm EST.