

OHIO AAU TRACK AND FIELD
WINTER MEETING
Columbus, Ohio
Saturday, December 10th

The general meeting started at 4:16 p.m.

Welcome by DeCarlo Blackwell, Chairman

Introduction of attendees: DeCarlo Blackwell, Chairman, Greg Johnson, Officials Coordinator, Yolanda Freeman, Treasurer, Myra Boggs, Thomas Boggs, Bryan Carson, Tocka Dunlap, Kip Flanigan, Toni Harris, James Hill, James Houser, Rick Hyatt, Andrea King, Anthony Moss, Meeshelia Murry, Tremanye Peppers, John Rakestraw and Earl Williams

- I. Review of the Fall meeting minutes.
 - a. Minutes to reflect change of officials certification expires "2012"
 - b. Introduction of officers – DeCarlo Blackwell, Chairman, Chris Jackson, Co-Chairman (absent), Greg Johnson, Officials Coordinator and Yolanda Freeman, Treasurer
 1. Open communications and dialogue very important.
 2. black-jacktrack.com very informative and important for association.
 - c. Review of Indoor schedule
 1. Facilities can cost up to \$3000
 2. Working on local meet for 2013
 3. More meets are occurring than listed, recommendations on schedule.
 - d. Review of 2012 Outdoor schedule
 1. Teams are not obligated to follow schedule.
 2. Ohio Pride Track Club has disbanded.
 3. Junior Olympics to be held in Houston, TX.

- II. Officials Certification
 - a. There will be no certification classes held this season. Official's certification expires 2012.
 1. This will be a training year for anyone wanting to become an official.
 2. Mentors are needed.
 - b. Greg Johnson expressed "Thanks" to officials for such hard work.
 - c. Thanks to Mr. Boggs for doing such a great job as the Announcer and keeping the meets going smoothly.
 - d. Meet directors will work with Greg Johnson and Yolanda Freeman to recruit officials.
 1. Officials and Mr. Boggs will be paid \$30 per meet. That does not include the District meet or National Qualifier.
 2. Key to a successful meet
 1. Get started on time
 2. Have officials/coaches meeting
 3. Have volunteers
 - e. Judgment calls by Officials are not appealable.
 - f. Clinics are a useful tool to update and maintain skills.
 1. USATF Clinic – January 29, 2012
 2. OATCCC Clinic – January 27-28, 2012

- III. District & National Qualifier
 - a. The District meet location is set by the Ohio AAU T&F board.
 - b. The top 16 finishers in each event will advance to the National Qualifier.
 - c. An athlete may only advance to the National Qualifier in the event(s) in which he/she qualified at the district qualifier.
 - d. There will be no changes to results after 24 hour results submission period ends.
 - e. Any athlete scheduled to take SAT/ACT must request an exam waiver at aaathleticswaiver@bellsouth.net
 - f. New event – Primary 1500 meter run
 - g. Pee Wee Division (5-6 yrs old)
 - 1. 100m
 - 2. 200m
 - 3. 400m
 - 4. Shot put (4lb.)
 - 5. Long jump
 - h. Turbo Jav will be coming along with short hurdles
- IV. National Qualifier
 - a. Anyone can bid for the NQ; they must complete the application and submit to National Headquarters with a non-refundable \$800 check
 - b. Major Changes
 - 1. Multi Schedule – Thursday & Friday starts at 10am
 - 2. Track & Field starts Friday at 10:30am
 - 3. 200 meter qualifying races will be held on Friday evening starting at 6:00pm
 - 4. A review of the long jump and hurdles schedule was suggested
 - 5. If you miss the Ohio National Qualifier the only option is the Club Nationals in Orlando, FL
- V. AAU Scholarships – Mrs. Boggs
 - a. Panel of judges are outside of the track and field world
 - b. Participants must have ran 1 season of AAU Track & Field during high school
 - c. Ohio AAU T&F association will give \$1000
 - d. Teams hosting a meet are being ask to give \$200, teams not hosting a meet are being ask to give \$100
 - e. Information will be going out in early May
- VI. Sanctions and Memberships
 - a. All sanctions must be approved by the District Chairman
 - b. All athletes and Coaches must have a current AAU membership
 - 1. PCA part 2 is available
- VII. BJT Timing & Medals
 - a. Contracts were passed out
 - 1. Discussion of new package and pricing.
 - b. Mistakes can be avoided if coaches, parents and athletes stay away from timing tent
 - c. All questions should be directed to the Meet Director
 - d. Any additions to be made after the close of registration will cost \$5 per athlete (if granted approval by Meet Director)
 - e. Bulk medals were a great success for the 2011 season. More information about bulk medals will be discussed during the 2012 Spring meeting

VIII. Open Discussion

- a. a shot put retrieval tube
- b. during the National Qualifier in the clerking area there should be
 1. No Coaches
 2. No Parents
 3. No Sweats or Water bottles
 4. Athletes should come prepared to run
- c. A suggestion that tents be donated for the National Qualifier so athletes don't sit in the sun.
- d. Be sure that packets are complete at the Athlete's Only gate
 1. Wristbands are very important
- e. A new process of writing down times athletes checked in during field events.
- f. Strong interest in the Midwest Challenge meet to get a mixture of competition. Speak with other districts about participating.
- g. During the National Qualifier the additional parking area is behind the tennis courts on Mitchell Blvd.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.