

Pacific Association Youth Club Meeting – October 13, 2012

Attendees

Will Pittman, Debonaire Shelton, Carl Bryant, Traevon Williams, James Moore, Robert McDaniels, Deborah Sample, Arun Valtrin, Lee Webb, David Augustus, Paul Heglar, Maura Kent, Keisha Lowe, Brunet Lux, Darrell Hampton, Virginia Simms, Arthur Harris, Don Harding, Irene Herman, Maria Castillo, Joanne Camargo, Sylvia Jones

Meeting called to order @ 10:03 am by Joanne Camargo

Irene Herman made presentation to youth coaches with regard to club membership, travel liability exposures, meet venue risk assessment and safety, coach background checks and athlete abuse prevention.

Introduction of 2013 Board Members

Maura Kent discussed some of the issues raised at the recent Town Hall meetings held in Sacramento and Stockton.

- Athlete membership renewal – glitch that does not allow athletes to change teams
- In future teams will be able to use prior year's team roster printed from PAUSATF website for verification
- Liability issue for athletes practicing with team other than team they're affiliated with – athlete not covered unless practicing with team of record
- For records to be accurate, teams must update athletic.net with roster and schedule info
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Maria Castillo explained the way seeding works for championship meets.

We discussed the the way PA youth records are set and tracked. Maura, who is the records chair, will track PA records set at championship meets only. This includes PAC, Top 12, Top 5, Youth Nationals and Junior Olympic Nationals. "Notable performance" records will also be tracked and posted for any meet athletes compete in representing PAUSATF, provided the marks are verifiable.

- Pacific Association Youth Track & Field Records
 - Must be a USATF sanctioned event
 - Must be established in one of the following USATF championship events
 - Pacific Association Youth Championships (PAC)
 - Pacific Association Junior Olympics (Top 12)
 - Region 14 Junior Olympics (Multis &/or Top 5)
 - USATF Junior Olympics
 - USATF Youth Nationals
 - Athlete must be a PA/USATF member in good standing

- Event must be contested in a same sex head-to-head competition
- Event must be contested in a same age-group competition
- USATF certified officials must be present and verify results
- If running event, picture must be available
- If field event, steel tape measured (mandatory)
- If field event, wind gauge (mandatory)
- If field event, weights & measures used before & after record set (mandatory)

We discussed the lack of participation at PAC meet and asked for reasons from teams who did not attend

- Location and cost (compared to Tommy Smith meet)
- PAUSATF and AAU will discuss meet dates so as not to conflict
- How org/teams can work together to be able to secure fields for meets
- Carl Bryant suggested we come together, as opposed to going to Exec Board for funds

Coach Pittman admonished coaches to be on lookout for anyone making inappropriate remarks to women.

Maria spoke about donations by teams and/or outside organizations who wish to sponsor a race in any PAC meet.

Representative from Reno Silver State Games to be held June 29-30 would like to host/move the Subbantam Championship to Reno next season. Joanne to look into doing this.

Maria re-iterated that it is essential for clubs to provide volunteers for championship meets whenever more than five athletes are entered.

Don Harding reminded us that this is an officials certification year – all officials must be re-certified.

Meeting concluded – 2:20 pm