

**Youth Committee Meeting  
USATF San Diego – Imperial Association  
February 17, 2009**

Present: Michael Adkins (Chair), Randy Thompson (Team San Diego Panthers), DeCola Groce (MLK Blasters), Cedric Adams (Alexander's Light'n Express), Marcus Sims (San Diego Cheetahs), Mike Mena (San Diego SoCal RoadRunners), Jeanette Mena (San Diego SoCal RoadRunners), Stewart Payne ('N Step), Elizabeth Tate (Flo Jo International)

<b>Call To Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order by the Youth Chair at 6:46 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair requested agenda items. Coach Payne requested to add the International Friendship Games.</li> <li>Coach Mike Mena motioned to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Coach Payne. The motion carried unanimously with all voting in the affirmative.</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of 1/15/09 Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair reported the minutes were e-mailed prior to the meeting.</li> <li>After a review by members in attendance, Coach Sims motioned the minutes be approved with the correction that Coach Mike Mena's name be added to persons who had not received their Official's card. Coach Mike Mena seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously with all voting in the affirmative.</li> </ul>
<b>Track Schedules Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hershey's Meet</b></li> <li><b>San Diego SoCal RoadRunners</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coach Tate informed that the Hershey's Meet held every year may be of interest to teams. The meet operates under USATF rules. Athletes compete in single year age divisions versus two-year divisions. Non-traditional events (e.g. standing broad jump, softball throw) are held. The Top 8 athletes from San Diego would advance to the regional competition to be held June 6<sup>th</sup> in San Bernardino, CA. The top 3 athletes in any event would qualify for the National Meet held in Hershey, Pennsylvania.</li> <li>In advance of the regional competition a qualifying meet would need to be held in San Diego.</li> <li>The competition age range is 8-14.</li> <li>Hershey will pay for athletes that advance to the nationals, which is held in the summer.</li> <li>Coach Tate will e-mail teams more information about the meet.</li> <li>Coach Mike Mena confirmed his team's meet will be at Escondido High School on March 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Coach Mena asked for input into his schedule as this year he will not be conducting primarily a relay meet as done in past years.</li> <li>Coach Mena will send his meet information on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>Coach Mena also offered teams who may be having difficulty securing a site that Orange Glen High School</li> </ul>

	<p>where he serves as the Head Coach as an alternative. Orange Glen has a dirt track.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair requested teams sponsoring a meet to send their meet information to Lish Bache who will post the information on the website. The chair will provide coaches with Lish's e-mail address.</li> </ul>
<p><b>USATF Youth Chair/Regional Coordinator Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair reported that he will attend the National Youth Chairs and Regional Coordinator's Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia the last weekend in March.</li> <li>• One of the goals of the National Youth Committee is to ensure that youth programs grow and excel. Well trained Youth Chairs and Regional Coordinators help to advance the sport.</li> <li>• The Chair reported during the workshop that the three youth chairs in our region plan to meet and discuss issues involving the region and the 2009 regional championships.</li> <li>• The Chair asked for suggestions on topics of interest that should be addressed amongst Region 15's youth chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Jury of Appeals Process should be reviewed;</li> <li>○ The integrity of the official's decisions especially with reference to relays was voiced as a concern;</li> <li>○ Consideration to reorganization of the region beyond the 2009 season; and</li> <li>○ Update on the 2007 National Junior Olympic protest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Confirmation of 2007 Annual Meeting Authorization</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair requested members reconfirm the Committee's decision in late 2007 to cover the cost of Youth Chair and another member to attend the USATF Annual Meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Chair requested a documented vote for reimbursement purposes.</li> <li>• The Chair noted the Committee had voted to send to members (Coach Payne or Coach Mike Mena) in addition to the Youth Chair; however, only the Chair was able to attend. The allocation was to spend up to \$2,000.00. Coach Sims, Coach Tate recalled the allocation.</li> <li>• Coach Tate motioned the Youth Committee appropriate a cap of \$1000.00 from the youth account to cover expenses associated with the 2007 Annual Meeting. Coach Sims seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with all voting in the affirmative. The Chair will provide members with a breakdown of cost that will be paid by the San Diego-Imperial Association (SDIA) Board and the Youth Committee for 2007 &amp; 2008.</li> <li>• The Chair commented members should be mindful of our future goal to host a National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship Meet. The 2009 meeting will be in Indianapolis, Indiana and strong consideration should be given to a member with a cross country background to</li> </ul>

	<p>attend, learn the process and meet other Youth Chairs and voting members in preparation for a future bid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach Payne, the immediate past Youth Chair and Coach Tate who both have attended Annual Meetings expressed the importance of involvement at the national level through either attendance or participation on national committees.</li> </ul>
<b>2009 Rule Changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair noted that 2009 rule changes should be available on line on the USATF website. The Chair will attempt to summarize any significant rule changes at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Education Clinic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hy-Tek Software</b></li> <li>• <b>Officials Clinic</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair proposed the Youth Committee host a Hy-Tek Software Clinic during a weekend when a local meet is not held.</li> <li>• Members supported the idea and provided possible names to conduct the clinic. Identified was Jenee Peavy, Coach Michael Landry or George Green.</li> <li>• Coach Thompson felt it would be best to have the clinic before the start of the season. The Chair noted that 2-3 hours on Saturday or early Sunday afternoon would probably work best for most coaches.</li> <li>• The Chair will determine the feasibility of getting a date and time in early to mid March.</li> <li>• It was discussed whether teams can use the Association's Hy-Tek License for developmental meets. Coach Jeanette Mena indicated the software license does not allow for others to use. She assisted with the 2008 Association Cross Country Championship, which required updating the software and was told by Hy-Tek officials the software could only be used for Association purposes. Coach Payne reported his understanding was the same as Coach Jeanette Mena. In 2006, he attended the USATF Annual Meeting, and had a briefing from Hy-Tek officials.</li> <li>• Some members felt the software could be shared amongst member teams. The Chair believes the software cannot be shared, but will consult with Hy-Tek and obtain a definitive answer.</li> <li>• Coach Mike Mena inquired could Coach Tate conduct another "hands-on" official's clinic. Coach Tate agreed to do so. Coach Mena will secure Orange Glen High School on Sunday, March 8, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</li> <li>• The Chair will send an announcement to all teams.</li> <li>• Light refreshments/snacks were recommended. Coach Mike Mena motioned that Youth Committee provide drinks/refreshments not to exceed \$50.00 from the youth account. Coach Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting in the affirmative.</li> </ul>
<b>2008 Youth Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair announced the board has requested names for</li> </ul>

	<p>recipients for the 2008 season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The general consensus of the members preferred the presentation as done last year during the Association Junior Olympic Championships.</li> <li>• The Chair appointed a Youth Awards Committee to review nominations. Coach Sims was appointed as the chair. Other members include Coach Payne and Coach Groce.</li> <li>• The Chair will make an available criterion that was utilized last year to make selections. The committee will make an initial report at the next meeting as to recommended criteria and the process.</li> <li>• The Chair also noted the Youth Committee conducts cross country and track and field competitions. Recommendations on how to recognize both sports should be offered. There are some financial considerations but we should look for ways to honor participants in both sports.</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Friendship Games</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach Payne reported an opportunity has been extended to youth teams to participate in the 2009 International Friendship Games sponsored by the city of Chula Vista.</li> <li>• The International Games has contested the sports of boxing and soccer in the past. This year organizers have added the sport of Track &amp; Field. The event will be contested at the Mater Dei High School in Chula Vista and will involve participants from Mexico. Approximately 100 youth from Tijuana, Mexico and the surrounding area have pledged to participate in the meet.</li> <li>• Coach Payne reported coaches in Mexico were not aware the San Diego-Imperial Association has local meets on just about every weekend from March to June. He noted the coaches were interested in participating in these meets.</li> <li>• The event will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a conflict with a scheduled local meet. It was recommended that teams support the event as a means to assist in developing important relationships with South Bay Schools and the City of Chula Vista that can help us down the road. Complete team participation is not requested, but sending some representation is preferred.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next Youth Committee Meeting will be held at Orange Glen High School on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p>Following a motion by Coach Cedric Adams and seconded by Coach Marcus Sims, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.</p>	
<p><b>Distribution</b></p>	<p>USATF Youth Club Teams, Jay Beltz, Association President, and Lish Bache, Acting Webmaster</p>