

Youth Committee Meeting
USATF San Diego – Imperial Association
December 18, 2012
7:00 PM

Present: Michael Adkins (Chair) and representing ('N STEP), Erl Cabanas (Team Edge), Elizabeth Tate, Flo Jo International, Chris Butler (Speed To Burn), Tracy E. Thompson (Mercury San Diego), Edward Ford, Jr. (Mercury San Diego), Paula Tanner (San Diego Cheetahs), Sallie Henry (USA Rockets), Shontay Jones (Change The Game), Duane McBride (Change The Game), LaSalle Mitchell (MLK Blasters), Tanya Cruz-Flores (Olympian Falcons), Felicia Hulin (Olympian Falcons) Lyle Barton (San Diego Pole Vault Club) Guest: Rudy Ramirez, Chula Vista Councilman & International Friendship Games.

Call To Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting held at San Diego County Office of Education (Ash Street), San Diego, CA was called to order by the Youth Chair at 7:05PM.
Request for Agenda Items & Approval of Meeting Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No agenda items were added. On a motion by Coach Cabanas and seconded by Coach Tate all present voted in the affirmative to approve the agenda as presented.
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach Cabanas motioned to approve the October 30th meeting minutes which was seconded by Coach Tate. The minutes were approved on a voice vote by those present at the last meeting.
Chula Vista City Councilman Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Friendship Games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councilman Ramirez reported the International Friendship Games (IFG) will be June 1, 2013 at Mater Dei High School in Chula Vista. Councilman Ramirez requested a coach(s) to accompany him to Mexico to meet some of the teams in January or February. The purpose is to meet the coaches, get enthusiasm and support for the meet. It is helpful if a coach speaks Spanish, but is not required. Coaches Tate, Cabanas and Cruz-Flores volunteered to accompany the councilman. The trip across the border would be about 3-4 hours including crossing and meeting time and likely held during on a weekday. The Chair will forward contact information to the councilman for the purpose of arranging the visit. Coach Tate asked which teams have been invited in the past to compete, which Councilman Ramirez responded Mexicali, Tecate, Rosarito, and Tijuana. Coach Tate also asked how the IFG would support athletes from Mexico crossing the border to compete. Councilman Ramirez reported last year he was able to get 100 free visas issued by the Border Patrol (US Customs & Immigration). He indicated a similar arrangement as made last year will be for this year with more of an effort to get visas to those who need them. Last year only 18 of the 100 visas were used. The IFG provides free food, ice cream and t-shirts to all participants.
Association, Region & National Cross Country Championships Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of Coach Mike and Jeanette Mena, the Chair reported on the cross country championships. The Chair thanked Coach Mike Mena who served as the Meet Director for the Association Meet and Coach Jeanette Mena who handled the entry and advancement process. The Association Meet went well. Teams competing were SD SoCal RoadRunners, SD

	<p>Cheetahs, USA Rockets, Millennium Express, San Diego Wave and Imperial Valley Suns. 96 athletes participated in the Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair also thanked Coach Mike Mena who served in the capacity as the Acting Youth Chair at the regional meet as the Chair was unable to attend. San Diego fared well with athletes and teams advancing to the regional meet. At the National Meet, Bantam Boy from the SD SoCal RoadRunners Meet won the national championship in his division. • The Chair noted that Association Teams and coaches still need to do a better job in assisting putting on the meet as the overwhelming majority of assistance came from the SD SoCal RoadRunners.
<p>Annual Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Cabanas gave an extensive report. A copy of his report was emailed to member coaches. The full report will be emailed. • Divisions will change as a result of potential legal action. The use of the word “midget” division has prompted the change. The National Youth Executive Division Committee will be putting out the new divisions early in the new year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chair noted once the new division names are received they will be forwarded to member coaches. Meet flyers will need to reflect the change. ○ The Chair also noted that coaches should keep their notes on all the rule changes discussed by Coach Cabanas so they can note when the new rule books are issued in early spring.
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Track & Field Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 18th – Open Date • California State Games • Officials Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2013 calendar was finalized. The Chair addressed the May 18th date and California State Games. The May 18th date was addressed at the last two previous meetings by the membership. This date had been traditionally reserved for the USA Rockets. Coach Henry indicated USA Rockets still wanted the date. The Chair explained that when the calendar was tentatively set on October 2, 2012, a representative was not present. The Chair did not allow the date to be reserved at that meeting, but sent an email to all teams/coaches and following that meeting that teams desirous of putting on a meeting must be present at the October 30, 2012 meeting. USA Rockets was not present. The member coaches at the October 30th meeting decided to give Speed the Burn the option of first right to the May 18th date. • After considerable discussion, Speed to Burn confirmed they wanted to host a meet on May 18th. USA Rockets will host a meet on June 29th. • The Chair informed by agreement of the National bodies of USATF and AAU that a calendar was established two years ago that prohibited meets conflicting with each other. For example AAU cannot hold a meet on the dates of our Association Meet nor can

	<p>USATF hold a meet on the regional AAU date, which is the third weekend in June. Therefore, June 15th is not available for a local USATF sanctioned meet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California State Games was removed from the calendar due to the need to determine whether the track meet will be sanctioned through USATF. Only USATF sanctioned meets can appear on the 2013 calendar. • The Youth Committee approved the following schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 9 Martin Luther King, Jr Blasters @ Morse HS ○ March 16 San Diego SoCal RoadRunners @ Orange Glen HS ○ March 23 Mercury San Diego @ Mt. Miguel HS ○ March 30 Hershey Qualifying Meet @ TBD ○ April 6 San Diego Cheetahs @ West Hills HS ○ April 13-14 Flo Jo International @ San Ysidro HS ○ April 20-21 Millennium Express @ Mira Mesa HS ○ April 27 San Diego SoCal RoadRunners @ Orange Glen HS ○ May 4-5 Mercury San Diego @ Mt. Miguel HS ○ May 11 'N STEP @ TBD ○ May 18 Speed to Burn, Cathedral Cathedral HS ○ May 25-26 San Diego Cheetahs @ Granite Hills HS ○ June 1 International Friendship Games @ Mater Dei HS ○ June 8-9 Association Junior Olympic Championship @ TBD ○ June 21-23 Regional JO Championships @ Las Vegas ○ June 25-7/1 Youth Outdoor National Championships ○ June 29 USA Rockets @ Helix HS ○ July 6-7 Regional Multi- JO Championships ○ July 22-28 National JO Championships • The Youth Committee sponsored Officials Clinic will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at Orange Glen HS. Coach Tate, a master level official, will conduct the clinic. The clinic will be held from 9AM -12 Noon on the track at Orange Glen HS with 1-3PM reserved as instructional time. Interested coaches must pay \$15 to obtain an official's card after successfully completing an open book test. You also must be a member of USATF. This clinic is in addition to the Annual Official Certification Clinic sponsored our local association. For information about the Association sponsored clinic, visit the website. The clinic is usually held the Saturday of the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. Jim Skelly is the Association's Officials Chairperson.
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Practice Sites & Meeting with San Diego Unified School District • Multi-Event Proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Tate inquired about teams having any issues with obtaining access to school sites for practice and meets for our youth programs. Hoover High School is a joint use facility that requires community access; however, there have been some issues with access and fees. Coach Thompson indicated there is possible

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Reading Proposed Operating Procedures/By Laws • Election of Officers 	<p>legislation at the state level to standardize fees between school districts. The Chair suggested Coach Tate and Coach Thompson join in meeting with San Diego Unified to discuss the issue of fees and access and report back to the Committee. The Chair will set up a meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Cabanas yielded to Coach Barton to discuss a multi-event proposal. Coach Barton has held a multi-event for the past several years for high school aged athletes. Coach Barton presented a list of cost associated with the meet. • Upon discussion with the membership, the feasibility of incorporating multi-events in the Association Junior Olympic Meet was brought up as an option. The Chair and Coach Barton will discuss and bring back to the committee. • The Chair noted if the multi-events were held during the Association Meet then the meet would likely begin on Friday, June 7, 2013 to allow for events to be completed by the end of Association Championships. Athletes would have to decide if they were still going to compete in individual events if the multis were held in conjunction with the Association Junior Olympic Championships. • The Chair presented proposed by-laws for the Youth Committee. Suggested changes will be incorporated into a second draft and sent to the membership for discussion at the next meeting. • At recommendation of Coach Tate, the election of officers as referenced in the proposed by-laws is recommended to be held in February 2013. A definitive date will be set at the January meeting after the second reading of the proposed by-laws.
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<p><i>ADJOURNMENT</i></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Coach Tate and seconded by Coach Tanner with all present voting in the affirmative at 9:31PM.</p>	
<p>Distribution</p>	<p>USATF Youth Member Teams, Jay Beltz, Association President, and Lish Bache, Webmaster</p>