

2016 USATF Winter Youth Meeting
Saturday, February 6, 2016
Smyrna Library
100 Village Green Circle
Smyrna, GA 30081

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lamar Grant.

Committee Members in Attendance

Lamar Grant, Youth Chair
Monica Ross, VP Operations
Jacqui Collins, VP Administration
Arlena Epps, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from February 6, 2015 by Matthew Chestnut, 2nd Motion by Jacqui Collins,
- Vote: Unanimous approval of the 2015 minutes.

Welcome and Introduction of the Youth Staff by Lamar Grant.

Board Introductions and Remarks

- **Inez Finch, President of the Georgia Association** – She welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating in the Georgia Association. She stated that we were voted the best Association in USATF. She spoke with enthusiasm of the upcoming year of what the Georgia Association
- **Dexter McCloud-** Executive Vice President-
- **Gwen Loud-Track and Field Chair-** She spoke on the upcoming events for 2016 season. She expressed that her committee was coming up with inventive ideas to bring to the sport.
- **Chrystal Braddock – Communications**(filling in for Ian Dube)
She spoke about the youth survey that was sent out to the membership and the results were: Face book #1 source of communication. She noted that the new website is being initiated and please send all photos of youth athletes that is newsworthy to Ian Dube.
- **Cindy Slayton – Officials** – She spoke on the upcoming Certification Clinic, on March 31, 2016. She emphasized that starters are needed for the upcoming High School and summer track. She also mentioned Publix Marathon March 20th, 2016 which volunteers are needed.
- **Belinda Turner – Memberships** –She spoke on the importance of background screening for all coaches and volunteers that is in a club over kids. She advised all the clubs that club memberships must meet all requirements before approval. Only renewals qualify

for a discount and to ensure quick processing for meet registration, send birth certificates in early, through mail or fax. All 3rd party insurance must be verified.

- **Carl Anderson** – Finance – He spoke on the youth budget for 2015 season. He compared our net income to the previous year showing with the improvements made on handling of the funds was very profitable.

Race- (The movie about the life of Jesse Owens)

- **Crystal Braddock** – She spoke on the “Red Carpet Premier” Event that the Georgia Association will be hosting to support the movie. She also provided the details on the cocktail hour that will take place before the movie premier.

Convention updates

- Lamar Grant – Level 1, re-certifications must be done for any coaches that have not taken Level 2 by December 31st, 2016. It also will be moving to a 4 year recertification (thru 12/31/2020). We will no longer be using Coach O, Athletic.net is the new database for registering for meets. We are going from HyTek to Meet Pro.

Cross Country Remarks

- **Matthew Chestnut** – He highlighted on the Cross County season and calendar for developmental meets. He also spoke on “Rule 305” on how to use and understand it for our advantage.

Youth Committee Recognition Recipients

- PTree Flash
- Stephon Rivas - Mark Trail
- Steve Etowah

USATF Travel Grant Recipients

- Mark Trail
- Need 4 Speed
- Carrolton
- Lightening Spikes
- Throw 1 Deep

Area Meet Bid Awards

- **Area A – Marrietta TC**
- **Area B – Sapphire TC**
- **Drive Phaze TC**

Youth Coaching Scenarios – Best Practices

- Discussion on coaches recruiting athletes from other teams.
- **Resolve:** Use code of ethics when approaching an athlete and its best to communicate with the present coach.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm. Motion to adjourn. Motion Seconded. Voted: unanimous to adjourn.