

USATF Fall Meeting

Sunday, October 21, 2012

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Youth/Masters 2012 Meets: We had a review of the 2012 season, comparing it to past years, and a look ahead to 2013 and future years.

- (Figures used are rounded) There were 530 participants at the association JO meet. This number is a slight decline from the past few years, but just by 5-7%. We lost one big youth club to AAU, but picked up a couple more, that we are confident will grow over the coming years.
- The Combined Event meet saw 20 participants, which continues to be a stable number across the recent years.
- The Open/Masters meet had 25 participants, which was low. This was due to an inability to secure a location until late in the process and communicate to the athletes. This will be resolved. We are looking to work with Central to make it a "home" for this meet for the next several years. There was some discussion about looking into the Iowa Games to see if they could become the official meet. Lynn Lindaman will look into the USATF rules, but he believes it is not allowed. Marek Wensel is going to try to work with the Iowa Games administration to share lists of participants in an effort to increase our attendance.
- The Association Cross Country Championships – youth, open, and masters will be held Sunday November 11th at Valley Southwoods in West Des Moines.
- Tom Cahalan met with Jamie Pollard, Athletic Director of Iowa State University. Mr. Pollard and ISU would like to discuss with USATF-Iowa the possibility of having ISU become the host of the association youth meet. ISU has a brand new track with several opportunities that are not available at our current site. As a college facility it provides the ability to offer all of the events rather than just passing some events on to the regional meet. ISU is very eager to work with us and see what can be done. There are a few drawbacks to the facility, but many benefits.
 - Drawbacks: change in venue means getting new contacts; stands hold less than current facility
 - Benefits: ability to run all USATF JO events; ISU would help provide workers; ISU would want to do something extra/special for the athletes
 - There are several questions still to be answered, and Tom will continue discussions with Mr. Pollard.
- Indoor Track?: There has been some renewed interest shown in trying to establish some indoor track and field events for both youth and masters. Several venues were discussed – Iowa, ISU, Coe, Cornell, Grinnell, Wartburg, and Central. Members of the board and chairs are going to work to see what can be created.
- The schedule for championships has been set for 2013. The association JO meet will be June 15-16. The combined event meet will most likely be the 9th. Several different options are being looked at for the Open and Masters meet. The Region VIII meet will be July 11-14, hosted by the Dakotas association.

2012 Board Issues:

- 2011 Accreditation: We met 10 of 10 Required Standards, and 4 of 9 Other Standards. 10 Required standards and 6 Other standards need to be met for continued accreditation.
- We are completing a "Plan for Improvement" for accreditation to send into the national office that will set out plans to fulfill more of the standards. Standards we did not meet, but feel we can are: Number of Championships, Newsletter, and workshop attendance.
- The annual meeting is approaching and discussion was opened on members that were attending. As of this time there are only 3 that are known. We are going to need to do a better job of representation at the meetings.
- It was decided that USATF-Iowa would supplement some of the expenses of approved attendees. There was a cap of \$500 put on the stipend.

2013 Board Issues:

- 2012 Accreditation: We feel we will meet 10 of 10 Required Standards, and 6 or 7 of 9 Other Standards. We will continue to monitor ways to improve.
- There will not be any board changes going into 2013.
- Several members have expressed an interest to get more involved in USATF-Iowa. We will be looking for positions on chairs and committees for these members. Those expressing a desire are Mark Kostek, Nate Rucker, Brett Carney, Steve Lynn, and Kyle McClain.
- Sanctions fees for events and clubs will be changed for 2013.

- Sanctions fees for events increased for each participant bracket. The decision was also made to have 2 differentiating scales – one for club members, and one for non clubs.

# of Participants	Club	Non Club
➤ 1 - 100	\$75	\$105
➤ 101 - 250	\$100	\$130
➤ 251 - 500	\$175	\$205
➤ 501 - 1000	\$360	\$390
➤ 1001 – 2000	\$560	\$590
➤ 2001 – 4000	\$760	\$790
➤ 4001 – 6000	\$1425	\$1455
➤ 6001 – 15000	\$3125	\$3155
➤ 15001 +	\$5125	\$5155

- Club fees will be increasing to \$50. No change in practice insurance.

Miscellaneous Issues:

- The idea was brought up that we should have a position that is a dedicated liaison for Olympic caliber athletes living and training in Iowa. There were more than a handful of athletes that were representative in the Olympic Trials. Jim Walczyk had conversations with several athletes trying to answer questions they had about qualifying meets, paperwork, etc. This would be a value added service we could provide. Mark Kostek thought that approaching an ex-elite athlete to fill this position would be the best proposition for us. There are several candidates that we can approach.
- There was an update and follow-up on the measure of working to bring other events to Iowa high school track and field. We believe it would be invaluable to the high school athletes in the state to add steeplechase, pole vault, hammer throw, and triple jump to the event schedule. Lynn Lindaman has initiated communication with the two high school sport administrations, but so far has received little more than a cold shoulder. There was a decision to continue to look at alternatives to bring this into meets. The push is no doubt going to have to come from the high school member schools and coaches. Currently, our best measure will be to offer these events at our association meet and show continued interest and growth.
- The 2013 National Senior and Junior meets will be held at Drake University in June. Mark Kostek is a key member of the Sports and Development Division of the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, who are the local pivot group for the meet. Mark was asked what involvement he would like USATF-Iowa to have in the meet. He would like the association to be a huge “partner” in helping provide bodies. The association has a huge contingent of officials. Some will be selected to work the meet, many others will not. It would be great to keep these track knowledgeable people involved in the meet.