

2017 Iowa Association Clubs Workshop
Sunday, November 5 2017
Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts Center, Des Moines, Iowa

Attendees: Ames All-American (Brett Carney), Ankeny T&F (Alecia Rahn-Blakeslee), Johnston Running Club (Britta Wey), Lynx Track Club (Emily Hansen, Heidie Tesdahl), MVTC (Cassie Baker, Ben Hulbert, Christi Pitts, Rudy Walker), Turbo Track Club (Nate Sickerson). WSTC (Larry Bednar, Janelle Coil, Reed Kooker, Chris Owen), Ryan Elsbrnd, Jeff Richards, Scott Tjeerdsma, Jim Walczyk

2017 XC Championship Meet

Goal – determine the best methods that are going to allow the most efficient movement through all aspects of the meet.

Brett will create packets for coaches with chips.

Coaches will pay Jim.

Chips will be collected at finish line

Help Brett needs – 1 person at table, 2-3 at finish line.

USATF Iowa Website Design and Usage

Goal – USATF-Iowa has discussed providing the ability for clubs to use the site for club registration, reporting, etc. It would have to be designed for such use.

Many clubs already have a process they are already using.

Several questions were brought up:

- Can it be made so that clubs/parents can access the site from other sites via links?
- Can a payment process be included (paypal)?

Take aways:

- **At this point, the clubs are not interested enough to pursue this**

Goal – the website has been in its current state for several years now and it may be time to look at some revisions. Some things are mandated by the national office, but the main objective should be to make the site useful for the members.

Eric Pingel is in the process of creating a new layout for the site. It will be shared when it can.

Britta asked if a map showing the state of Iowa and pinpointing each club could be put on the site. The discussion led to a decision that we would show clubs whether they had a current sanction or were in the process, as some don't get it done as early as others.

Duff McFadden, Communications Chair is now creating a great newsletter for USATF-Iowa. He created a nice newsletter for Spring/Summer and is in the process of doing a Fall/Winter one. (It can be found on the site under News & Events\Newsletter). The intention is to have at least 4 a year. Coaches/clubs are welcome to contribute content, might even say encouraged! Duff has also offered to help clubs with any local communication you might

need. He recently retired from many, many years of doing this for the National Guard, so he knows what he is doing and how to get it done.

Take aways:

- Eric Pingel will design a new site layout and share when available
- Jim Walczyk will look at options for providing the Iowa outline and pinpointing clubs.

2018 Season

Track Meets

Development meets:

- Most clubs that were present plan to keep the day/weekend they had in 2017
- WSTC is going to host a meet in 2018
- MVTC is planning on having a meet between the association championship and the region 8 meet
- If meets could be started closer to noon, then more clubs could participate – clubs from outside the meet area.
- Many meets used pre-registration last year. There did not seem to be any issues, or very few with the use of it. Many more are thinking about it for this year. As long as “day-of” are still accepted, USATF-Iowa is good with that. Several meets will have a higher fee for day-ofs.
- Britta shared that they are thinking of capping the entry number of their meet. It has gotten big and hard to manage. (see next)
- Brett brought up timing. He (his company) would be available for timing meets. He has youth experience and would keep it fair. This may allow Britta not to have to cap her meet.
- It was asked about officials, etc for the meet. Jim is going to try to work with the Officials Chair to see what they can come up with.

Indoor Meet: we will be hosting an indoor meet again this year. It will be Sunday, March 18 at Grinnell College

Association Meet: the schedule is satisfactory to everyone. Some feel there is some confusion because the masters are not on the schedule. Jim informed that the masters are included in the on-line schedule, but not in the Passport version. The group thought it best to include the master’s events (at least races) in the Passport also, if it is allowed.

Region 8: due to some turns of events, Iowa has found itself as the host of the Region 8 track meet for 2018. It will be in Ames, July 5-8

Administration: all existing coaches should be good on SafeSport. Most should be good on background (it is a 2-year thing now and most did it last year). Most of you will still need to purchase your USATF membership for 2018 and renew your club sanction.

Clinics: Eric Pingel, our Coaching Chair, is looking to set up some clinics. The clinics that the coaches would really like to see are the events that we don’t have in the HS – PV, Hammer. Obviously, any clinics we can provide would be great.

Take aways:

- Clubs wanting to host meets will determine when, and we will get a calendar together sooner, rather than later!
- Jim will work with Officials Chair to see what can be done about getting help for development meets
- Jim will incorporate the masters schedule into the Passport if allowable
- Coaches will take care of whatever admin needs exist for them, their staff, and their clubs for 2018
- Eric Pingel will work on clinics

Extra – added after the meeting

Aside from our normal meets, in 2018 we have the Region 8 meet in Ames. Des Moines will also have 2018 National Championship Meet (this is the big people – the Olympic caliber athletes). In 2019 Des Moines also has the National Championship, and Ames has the 2019 National Masters Championship, and Iowa has the Big 10 Outdoor Championships. Our officials are going to be very, very busy.

What does this mean for you? We will need as much help as we can get. We'll be looking for more officials. Look to your parents and graduated athletes. If there are any that have an interest, let us know. We won't leave them on their own. They'll be with experienced people to learn the "trade"