

Minutes of Executive Board Conference Call

Sunday, July 6, 2015

Present: Bert Pickell, Gary Lyles, Sue Humphrey

The call's purpose was to discuss the concerns expressed to us by the Regional/National staff about the lack of quality of our data base from the Junior Olympic association meet to the regional director and/or the Regional to National. Over the past several years, South Texas' data has been challenged by the regional and national meet directors as not being entered and submitted correctly. This has been in cross country and track and field.

Since our athletes were getting ready for the Region 12 meet, some coaches/parents were contacting us about entry problems through Coach O. After several calls, the tech support people said our data from the Association meet wasn't entered properly and Johnny Washington had to fix it before athletes could enter the Regionals. Since Gerald Smith had already resigned as Youth Chair, we discussed how we could fix this reoccurring problem with our data. Humphrey reminded the group that when we hosted the National JO Cross Country Championships this was a problem too. Inez Finch, one of the Regional Coordinators, said that South Texas data has been incorrect for years and that they have to fix it at the Regional and National levels. She said our data was considered a "joke and they knew our data was wrong" every year. Washington said he had to redo so many errors that he seriously considered charging us for his time and effort. Humphrey said she had asked Smith in the past why the data wasn't correct. She said many different reasons and people were blamed in his answers. The main thing is to get it correct now.

To clear up this problem and the association's reputation, we discussed various ways we needed to go. The consensus was to hire Johnny Washington's group who knew the Hy-Tek system completely. During the Regional track meet two years ago, he had the results within minutes and posted on line. He does a lot of the major USATF and AAU meets with success.

Prior to the call, Lyles and Humphrey had been talking with him about his schedule and costs to time the association meet in June 2016. Washington had verbally submitted a bid for his services and was going to check on the dates.

Given this information, it was decided to have Washington's group handle the entries, timing, and results for the 2016 South Texas JO track and field meet and the concurrent Association Open/Masters meet.

Submitted by Sue Humphrey, Secretary