

## Minutes from USATF South Texas Association Conference Call

May 7, 2017 8:00 pm

Present: Sue Humphrey, Michael O'Neal, Bear Jones, Seth Bower, Debbie Romero, Ricky Williams, Yolonda Moore

Absent: Scott Slade (Ecuador), Bert Pickell (Medical Concerns)

Sue opened the meeting at 8:00pm voiced concerns over members and board members not receiving email about the phone conference. Michael O'Neal stated he was not receiving emails due to an incorrect email address he said somehow his email was listed as Hotmail. His correct email address is [mco\\_oneal@yahoo.com](mailto:mco_oneal@yahoo.com).

### **Meeting Agenda**

JO Update

Michael O'Neal Travel Assistance Request

Development of Policy on Sympathy Acknowledgement

### **JO Update (Seth and Sue)**

We appear to be in good shape on officials according to the signup genius. Still need Pole Vault officials will get in touch with Brian or Brooklyn. We also need Packet Pickup/Ticket Room. We need to verify that we will have access to the Ticket booth for packet pick up and gate sales. Sue is waiting to hear back from Patrick Grant UTSA Associate Athletic Director for actual contract for the facility and what we will have access to. Sue inquired about the soccer field for warm up area. We need safe area for the athletes to warm up. Patrick has not yet responded nor do we have contract in hand. Seth put out bid for Timing companies for the meet. He has three good bids for the timing of the meet. (See attached bid offer sheet.) Barbara Carter's bid is most attractive she has experience with the UTSA facility and has timed meets for them her bid is \$800.00 plus lodging. Lisa Ward will do Hytek/Scoreboard and has capability to do live results and post them to our website. Seth says we should pay her \$600 instead of \$500.00 for the addition of the live results to our website. Sue states the \$600.00 should be contingent on the live results no live results she only gets \$500.00. Seth makes motion to accept Barbara's bid for timing and Lisa's Hytek/Scoreboard contingent on live results. Bear seconds the motion. Vote was unanimous motion passed.

Signage for meet is in storage. We have pop up tents for clerking area. Bear states we have four large tents and eight radios. We also have wrist bands but they are all one color. Sue suggest we get different color bands to identify coaches, athletes and officials/volunteers. Bear will get more wrist bands with different colors. Ricky mentions we need a weights and measures official and suggest Bear. Bear responds he cannot because of handling other

responsibilities during meet such as taking care of the officials, providing support for the gate, timing and Hytek. Officials will be given a ticket for their meals Bear has made arrangement with concession stand trying to keep meal cost to \$6.00 or less per official. Michael is the meet referee he will assist in cash drops and general support of the gate.

Sue will talk to Scott about helping to arrange lodging for board members for the meet. We will request a total of 8 rooms. Seth inquired to Michael about being able to have the cadets as volunteers. Michael is awaiting to hear of a date change on a summer program for the cadets if it does not interfere we will be able to have the cadets. Michael will know early next week and let the board know. Seth suggest sign up genius for the cadets to help with volunteer schedule and job assignment. Michael thinks it's a great idea it will show him the commitment of the cadets.

### **Michael O'Neal's Travel Assistance Request**

Michael has been selected by the USOC to attend the National Para Olympic Classifier Course June 8 – 11, 2017 in Lake Forest, IL.

After attending this course Michael will be able to include Para Olympic Certification for the officials in our Association, fill the void left by David Dunbar (former Para Olympic Chair) and give the association an opportunity for membership growth. We will have the ability to host meets and invite these Para Olympic athletes to our meets and into our association.

Michael is requesting \$800.00 to cover airfare, hotel and shuttle/cab transportation to and from airport.

Sue suggest Michael also get in touch with Wendy Gumbert who is a Para Olympic Coach and very experienced working with the athletes and meets.

Sue makes motion to approve travel assistance Bear seconds. Vote is unanimous. Motion approved.

### **Development of Policy on Sympathy Acknowledgment**

Who do we send sympathy acknowledgement to? In the Past it has been Board members and immediate family. After much discussion it has been decided association members and their immediate family (parents, children, spouse). Seth suggested instead of sending flowers send a donation to USATF Scholarship in the name of the deceased. Board members find this option very attractive but research needs to be done. Sue suggests we table this idea until the research can be done Seth and Yolonda will research this option. In the interim Yolonda suggests that we max our flower donation to \$75.00 (\$60.00 for arrangement and \$15.00 for shipping) Board agrees to this.

## **Ricky Williams Officials Report**

The new certification cards are coming in Ricky will get them out as soon as he can. Due to system changes Ricky is receiving duplicate cards for some officials. Ricky is disturbed that Jim Carlisle is placing officials in associations according to their address and not where they request to be. Then he is charging the association he pulled them from for the transfer. Ricky is contacting Mike Armstrong about this action; officials are very upset. Sue says she will join in the fight this is not right and it affects our accreditation. Bear asks if anyone has heard an answer from our president Vin Lanana about the officials' insurance. Sue said she would follow up with the president on this issue. Michael was also asked about communication between the national office and the associations and said he will follow up on this with the president.

Submitted by Yolonda Moore, Secretary

Additional: Sue received an answer from Vin & Mike Armstrong about the officials' insurance. Officials will receive insurance & National will pay the cost.