

USATF FL Association

Executive Committee Emergency Meeting via Teleconference Minutes 1.10.17

Attendees: Angela Harris, Rod Larsen, Noelle Gayden, James Williams, McLin Anderson, Janice Thurston, Gary Beswick, Pam Betz, Jim Griffin, Carol Hardemon, Carmen Jackson, Dan Koch, and Doreen Small-Mercer.

Meeting called to order at 8pm by Angela Harris. Angela Harris thanked everyone for attendance at this emergency 'called' meeting, and reminded everyone about the Hershey Youth Outdoor Meet that was to be held in June/July 2017 in south Florida. Concerns that Angela Harris and Carol Hardemon have regarding the bid from the National Office: they just received information on 1/11/17 that says the National Office will provide the bid to the Miami-Dade area however, it's expected that the FL Association, if it's done by us, would have to provide 35 members of the National Office, room, transportation, lodgings, and per diem, as well as at least \$200K to provide the law enforcement and Fire and Rescue services in support of the meet.

Discussion regarding the ins and outs of the whys of the payments and requirements for the bid. Comparative to Junior Olympics, yet isn't at the level in terms of participation, 9000 participants versus 2-3000 participants. Revenue significantly reduced in comparison to Junior Olympics. Hershey has provided sponsorship to National Office for approx. \$7million however, the Association would still need to provide the \$\$ to support the meet and the individuals from National Office.

Rod Larsen makes motion that the FL Association does not continue to pursue the bid for the 2017 Hershey Outdoor Championship meet. Dan Koch seconds the motion. All in favor: all. All opposed: none.

Comments regarding the potential for 2018 Hershey to be in Jacksonville. NOT a FL Association bid, a Jacksonville Sports Authority bid. The meet would not be the responsibility of the Association, but would work together with the Jacksonville group. Further information to follow. Executive Committee to be updated at a later date.

Angela Harris adjourns meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle Gayden, Secretary.