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Information was presented on: Active Shooters, Safe Sport, Budgets and Law and Legislations.

Big change came when Robin Beamon informed the coaches that the National Office will no longer provide medals for Association Meets. Instead, they will give ribbons, and if they wanted to order medals, they will only pay the cost of the ribbons and the Association will have to pay the balance. Information wasn't always clear that the National Office ships medals for the Association Meets. Robin said that after talking with the National Youth Committee, the Associations will get their medals. The PA has always provided their own.

I asked Jackie White why the Youth didn't have our Youth Training as before. She showed me her agenda and said that the National Office didn't put on the agenda. Later when we reconvened, I addressed Robin asking the same questions.

Robin states that in order to have a Youth Workshop, the Youth needed to get a sponsor. And that there will no longer be a Wednesday workshop for the youth.

I asked that there needed to be a Workshop for the new Youth Chairs so that they will know how to put on a quality meet and learn what it takes to be a great Youth Chair. I also stated that the older Chairs are aging out and we are in need of younger men and women to take over.

We voted for Noreen to represent the youth and so was Willie Banks on the National level.

All coaches in all Associations must have a level 1 certification and register on the Coaches registry. The cost is still $20.00 to have your name on the registry.

There was discussion about a grant for those who wanted to take the Level 1 and 2 classes.

The high school coaches who are coaching must get a letter from their AD and submit it to Ron Williams to be included in on the registry.

At all Youth track meets, there must be a safety officer present. Clubs may call their local police department and request that they make an appearance at their meets. It will not cost the team unless they want to pay for their own security.

I brought my grandson Cornell along to attend the Convention. He went to the Athletes workshop. He met several Olympic athletes and was very impress with them. He even took pictures with Noel Lyes and Trayvon Bromell. He would like to be an Olympian one day. He is talking about becoming a coach when he get older after he is done competing.

Well; that's my report.

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