

2016 MSTCA Outdoor Committee Postseason Meeting

Reggie Lewis Center, June 12, 2016 9:00 AM

Present: Mike Miller (Chair), Matt Carr (Vice Chair), Dave Dickerson, Erik Tabor, Linda Rowbotham, Matt Wilson (Secretary), Sotirios Pintzopolous

Meet Director John Carroll, MSTCA EBoard: Lucia Carroll

Meeting Agenda:

1) 2016 MSTCA Meet Recap:

a) DI-IV MSTCA Relays- John Carroll reports, also attached below

- Division 1 – Lincoln Sudbury
 - Great site
 - Lots of help
 - Track and jumps surfaces will be resurfaced for next year
 - John Carroll endorses for hosting again in the future
 - Mike questions whether there should be 2 or 3 jumps
 - 3 jumps at other sites
 - Concern over 3 jumps is length of the meet
 - Matt Carr motions to clarify that there should be 3 attempts in all field events (Seconded by Matt Wilson) Vote: 8-0
- Steele Relays- Linda Rowbotham reports
 - 2nd year of MSTCA sponsorship
 - Increased participation
 - Site was fantastic
 - Proximity of throw areas makes things convenient
 - Concern on amount of officials
 - Let the officials association know a date sooner, easier to accommodate
 - Date likely to be Saturday April 29th or April 30th
 - Concern over receiving all of the awards
 - Some missing when MSTCA provided before the season
 - Recommendation to keep the meet at West Springfield High School next year
 - Concern over whether a team that has a jumper miss their first height being eliminated from competition
 - “It’s like dropping a baton. It hurts the team”
- Thank you to Tommy Corcoran for donating the shirts for each meet
- John Carroll Motions to increase site director pay to \$450 (seconded by Dave)
Vote: 7-0-1
- Dave Motions to do away with no measure lines at relay meets (seconded by Matt Wilson)
Vote: 9-0-0
 - Sometimes identifying the no measure line takes longer than measuring

b) MSTCA Frosh-Soph Meets- 2017 Small Norwell, Large TBA

- Large School
 - Great site

- Recommendation to have someone “man the MSTCA Twitter account” to post pictures of the results online instead of using Live Results if it makes heats run more efficiently
- Dave motions to remove no measure line at Freshman/Sophomore meets (seconded by Matt W) Vote: 9-0-0

c) MSTCA Girls Invitational- attached report from Charlie O’Rourke below

- Charlie reports reduction in athletes
 - John notes conflicts with league meets
 - Matt W notes weather made for a congested schedule, Central Mass had District E meet
 - Generally agreed that this is an anomaly
- Dave Motion to remove no measure line at Coaches Invite (seconded by Matt W) Vote: 9-0-0
- There was a temporary toe board and surface for shot put
 - If this is going to happen, there should be notification in the format

d) MSTCA Boys Invitational- 2017 site BC High

- Nice site
- Weather was good, but potential for windy conditions though
- Porto-pottys get positive review
 - Prompts discussion to make sure that usage of portopottys on site is moderated
 - Potentially order more for some of these sites
- Dave produces data from last 3 years showing that the current standards are making the fields small
- Dave Motion to change the standards to the following (seconded by Mike)
 - 100m – 11.6
 - 200m – 23.8
 - 400m – 54.0
 - 110mH – 16.7
 - 400h – 63.0
 - Triple Jump – 39’
 - Shot Put – 40’
 - Discus – 110’
 - Javelin – 130’

Vote: 9-0-0

e) MSTCA Multi-Meets

- Individual pentathlon-
- Girls South Heptathlon- 2017 site NDA
- Girls North Heptathlon- 2017 site?
- Boys South Decathlon- 2017 site?, add a pole vault option (issue with scoring?)
- Boys North Decathlon- 2017 site?, pole vault option (for National qualifying)
 - Linda asks if the MSTCA would be interested in picking up a western mass Heptathlon/Decathlon

- Put it together in a week this year, hope with MSTCA backing that numbers would increase
 - Matt Carr speaks on allowing some decathletes to use pole vault in place of Triple Jump
 - Separately scored, separately published
 - Matt Carr Motion to allow some athletes to do pole vault at decathlon as a non-scoring event (seconded by Mike)
 - Vote: 9-0-0

2) 2017 MIAA Meet Recommendations:

- It appears that teams are now winning or competing for team titles with 1-2 athletes. Is there interest among meet directors to step back from any 3 events, replacing it with the old 1-1-1 or any 2 events? This might bring the team element back a bit. Many coaches feel the team titles are becoming too individual based.
 - What about adding an SMR and DMR?
- Super Max Standard All-State Meet
 - Create a hard standard that an athlete can hit anywhere in the year to compete at All-States
 - Allows flexibility at Divisional Meets
 - Standard – take top 3 from last 5 years at All-State meet to create that standard
 - Would it cause people to sit out divisional meet? Does that matter?
 - Sotirios motions to create Super Max Standard based on the 3rd best performance at the All State meet from the past five years that can be achieved at any time during the year, provided FAT time and more than four schools attended the meet? (Seconded by Matt W)
 - Vote: 9-0-0
- Matt W motion to rename and eventually realign MIAA Divisions (seconded by Mike)
 - EMass Division 1 – Division 1
 - Central/West Division 1 – Division 2
 - EMass Division 2 – Division 3
 - EMass Division 3 – Division 4
 - EMass Division 4 – Division 5
 - Central/West Division 2 – Division 6
 - At realignment the schools could fall into different divisions so that it is no longer based geographically but based on true school size
 - Reduces confusion over what a Divisional title is, all can be referred to as State titles
 - Vote: 9-0-0
- Mike Miller motion to add SMR and DMR to Thursday meet (seconded by Linda)
 - Vote : 3-5-2
- Matt Wilson Motion to create a games committee consisting of 6 meet directors, 6 coaches, and 3 MSTCA representatives (seconded Mike Miller)
 - Vote: 9-0-0
- Matt Wilson Motion to recommend that there be a PA announcer at every MIAA meet, this should be consistent at each location (seconded by John Carroll)
 - Vote: 9-0-0

- **All State Qualifying**
 - **Why did we go away from 30?**
 - **Matt Wilson Motion to go back to 30 qualifiers, Top 4 in each division plus 6 (seconded by Matt Carr)**
 - **Vote: 9-0-0**
- **Friday MIAA voted to base 2017 qualifying standards based on the 2016 performance lists**
 - **This is an issue because many entries do not actually compete in events they are entered in**
 - **Sotirios Motions to base qualifying standards for following year on the average of the 20th best performer in actual divisional meet results over the past five years, not the performance list. (seconded by Mike)**
 - **Vote: 9-0-0**

3) General MSTCA Business

- **Athlete of the Year issues- John Carroll**
 - **“The MSTCA should do away with the concept of athletes whose coaches are not MSTCA members not being eligible for Athlete of the Year awards.”**
 - **Write down the words from John’s paper he handed out**
 - **John Carroll Motion to allow athletes to receive MSTCA awards (seconded by Matt Carr)**
 - **Vote: 7-0-2**