

MSTCA E-Board Meeting Notes

Thursday April 24, 2014 3:00 p.m. @ Reggie Lewis Center-Boston

Present: Frank Mooney, Jim Hoar, Charlie Butterfield, Ian Butterfield, Nicole O'Neil, John Carroll, Lucia Carroll, Bill Kane, Brendan Kearney, Jack Lang, Joseph Lemar, Mike Meagher, Bill O'Connor, Charlie O'Rourke, Scott Ouellet, Al Porter, Jayson Sylvain, Lou Tozzi

- 1) Review of Feb 18th meeting minutes-accepted
- 2) Update-recommendations from the Indoor Committee meeting:
 - a) Bill Kane reported that a calendar was set for the upcoming indoor season (14-15) and that they discussed several topics and have passed on 2 recommendations to the E-Board:
 - (1) Ties at the indoor relays will be broken for scoring purposes.
 - (2) The Coaches Elite Meet will have an expanded field of 30 athletes per event.
 - b) **Motion** (Frank, 2nd Charlie O'Rourke) to accept that ties be broken at the indoor relays for scoring purposes. 17 for 1 opposed-Passed
 - c) **Motion** (Scott, 2nd Joe) to accept an expanded field of 30 for the Coaches Elite meets. Unanimous.
- 3) Update-Recommendations from Spring Committee meeting:
 - a) Frank reported that the spring committee passes 3 recommendations on to the E-Board:
 - (1) Ties at the outdoor relays will be broken for scoring purposes.
 - (2) A tentative time schedule for each meet will be created and sent out to the coaches via e-mail after the entries have been received.
 - (3) 6 additional "wild-card" entries should be accepted to the MIAA All-State Meet.
 - (a) This issue is to be taken up at the MIAA level.
 - b) **Motion** (Joe, 2nd John) to accept that ties be broken at the outdoor relays for scoring purposes. 17 for, 1 opposed-Passed.
 - c) **Motion** to accept that a tentative time schedules for each meet be created and sent out to the coaches via e-mail after the entries have been received. Unanimous.
- 4) Tabled from Feb. meeting and Indoor Committee tie breakers in the HJ: Addressed in agenda item #2.
- 5) Kelly Adversity Award voting:
 - a) Jim reported that there were many members that did not vote. He brings to the board the issue of whether to accept all 15 athletes or award the top half. Discussion ensued as to the fairness of comparing athletes. Individual coaches spoke up for different nominees from both halves of the list.
 - b) **Motion** (Jim, 2nd Scott) to accept all 15 nominees this year but to reevaluate the way the nominations are considered and voted on for future years. 16 for, 2 opposed-Passed.

- c) Frank reported that Dom Finelli would like to contribute to a scholarship award for Kelly Adversity Award winners.
- 6) Hall of Fame, Coaches of the Year, Distinguished Service Awards: Banquet June 8th:
 - a) Lou reported that all of the award nominees and recipients have been notified and that the recipients have been posted on the website.
 - b) Lou is concerned that the system in place does not allow a valid way for the nominees to be compared and contrasted for voting purposes. He proposes a more stringent application process with specific requirements be in place. He also proposes that the seasonal committees take over the responsibility of collecting the nominees for their respective season.
 - c) Discussion ensued as to the process and responsibilities of the nomination process.
 - d) **Motion** (Jim, 2nd Al) The Season Committees will be responsible for seeking out and collecting nominations for Coach of the Year for their respective sport and construct a rubric of the nominees. They will send a recommendation containing the 6 award winners (M/F from each area) for approval before the E-Board. Unanimous.
- 7) Review of Spring meets and workers:
 - a) Frank reported in Rick's absence that the Pentathlon went well over the spring break. We will go ahead and hold it again next year.
 - b) Frank also asks for recommendations for an announcer for the Large school F/S meet.
- 8) March Clinic follow-up:
 - a) Frank reported that the clinic went very well. He is still waiting for the shoe bill but estimates we will lose a couple thousand dollars this year. That is fine because we tried to pull out all the stops for the 40th anniversary. There was a huge increase in the amount of money spent on raffle prizes and more was spent on speakers this year as well.
 - b) Predominantly positive feedback including several letters from out of state attendees.
 - c) The process used to order the boxed lunches does not work, we had way too many. This needs to be revised in the future.
- 9) RLC update and letters to the Governor:
 - a) Frank addressed the article that was in the Boston Globe. It was based on an old audit that was incorrect and supposed to be challenged but it never was. Therefore the article is false but appears correct. It has to be changed.
 - b) Progress is being made on the track updates
 - i) A second LJ runway will be added on the infield on the computer side with an 80' approach which will serve as a girl's runway.
 - ii) Scoreboard, audio and electronics are all in the works
 - iii) Mondo has reported that they will be able to just lay the new surface over the old one. We need to make sure they check the suspension system under the turns.
 - iv) H-VAC system may be able to come out of a separate budget allowing more improvements for the track itself with the granted budget.

- v) Please use your state legislators as our friends to help us along with our issues with RCC. Also please send a thank you letter to the Governor for the granted money.
 - vi) Frank would like to emphasize that the money paid to RLC for any track meets we hold there is **NOT** rent. It is for “services rendered to prepare for” the meet and “services rendered to clean up” after the meet.
 - vii) Lou asked if we should respond to the Globe regarding their article. Frank will draft something.
- 10) New Business:
- a) Scholarship Committee report: Frank reported in the committee’s absence that they received the most entries to date. The award recipients have been selected and notified. They will receive their check upon MSTCA’s receipt of their first semester transcript.
 - b) Camperships: Over 150 applied.
 - i) Frank reported that Bob McIntire’s son would like to change the name of the award. He feels that the MSTCA has honored his father enough and that the name should represent the current executive director.
 - (1) **Motion** (Jim, 2nd Al) Keep the name Bob McIntire Campership Award. Unanimous.
 - c) The One Fund sent a very nice thank you recognizing the contribution we made last spring.
 - d) USTCCCA “The Academy” was at Newton North last year. They would like to hold another early this fall in our area. We would love to allow them the RLC but we need to consider our own XC schedule as well.
 - e) Scott reports that the XC committee would like to see a 4th MSTCA meet added to the XC schedule for the upcoming fall to be held at Franklin Park.
 - i) **Motion** (Scott, 2nd Joe) to hold a fourth MSTCA meet at Franklin Park early in the season. Unanimous.
 - ii) We will have to wait until we hear from Franklin Park about a date to hold the meet before we decide what weekend to give to “The Academy”.
 - f) Joe reported that a current Mass athlete who is deaf has been competing at a disadvantage due to the starter’s pistol. He asks that we consider purchasing a specialized system for deaf/hard of hearing athletes. He will look into the price and how the system operates and get back to us.
- 11) Keith McDermott came into the meeting at this time to deliver a report of how things are going with the track updates.
- a) DCAM is a state agency that is required to oversee state funded projects over a certain budget. They want in on the track project for an exorbitant amount of money. They have included a lot of unnecessary steps and time to the schedule which accounts for most of their fee. He was able to get them off of the track project and is working currently on getting managerial rights to the other projects.

Adjourned 4:30

Next meeting to be the annual dinner meeting held June 18th, Joe’s American Bar & Grill, Dedham 5:30