

MSTCA MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2012

Present: Frank Mooney, Jim Hoar, Charlie Butterfield, Kevin Maloney, Jim DeProfrio, Dwight Estey, Geoff Hennessey, Art Iworsley, Bill Jennings, Bill Kane, Jack Lang, Jr., Bob L'Homme, Mike Meagher, Bill O'Connor, Charlie O'Rourke, Dale Snyder, Lou Tozzi, Kristen Hoar, Nicole Parker, Steve Infascelli, Mike Glennon, Said Ahmed, Scott Ouelette.

- 1) **Scholarship Status:** Kristen reported that 70+ applications have been received so far and that she and Livi will be reviewing them.
- 2) **Campership Status:** Frank reported that he has received about 82 applications that were on-time and complete as required for consideration.
- 3) **By-Laws Review Committee:** Frank included some changes that have been proposed in our by-laws in a hand-out for consideration at our end of the year meeting in June.
- 4) **State Relays Responsibilities:** Frank discussed the problem with vouchers that are submitted late or not at all pertaining to our meets. He also mentioned the need to have options with our sites for the relays, financial issues, and related meet management concerns. It was asked if we should consider putting waiver info on our applications. Frank also discussed our attempt to hold a PV jamboree to help focus on this event as it relates to the relay meet where some sites don't have the facilities, but this endeavor was destroyed and boycotted by some coaches who did not want to see it succeed. The issue of holding a separate day for the PV and thus taking it out of the Relay meet was discussed. Jim D. said that if a site cannot host the event then we should go to a site than can host it. Mike G. suggested we begin a registry of sites who can host our meets to avoid this problem.
- 5) **Frosh/Soph Meet:** Frank said that Newton South will host this meet for the first time and that Livi Kates will be the Meet Director.
- 6) **Awards Night:** Lou reported that the Hall of Fame will induct four honorees. That the Distinguished Service Award and Lifetime Achievement Awards will also be given this year. Tickets are available from Lou and that May 13th is the deadline for purchasing them. Pictures from this special day will be taken and posted on our website.

- 7) **Christmas in the City:** Lou explained that this special program provides toys to needy children in the city. He asked if we could establish a toy drive at our first indoor meet next December to see if we can encourage teams to bring in new/wrapped toys for this worthy cause. Mike G. made a motion to make it part of our December meet, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.
- 8) **Photo Company Contract:** Frank explained that Big Race Photo Co. would like to come to our meets to take photos to sell to the participants and their families and that we would receive an stipend for each photo sold, and that copies would be provided to us for posting on our website. Frank said we could give them a try at one of our coaches meets and see how it goes. The Board gave permission for him to continue to negotiate with BRP for this program.
- 9) **Gill National Coach of the Year:** Gill provides financial rewards to five regional National Coach of the Year winners, and that nominations must be received by the end of May.
- 10) **National Federation District I Coach of the Year:** Frank said that the MIAA has it's own nomination process for this award and that their nominee gets automatically nominated for the National Coach of the Year Award. This was something we were not aware of and will seek info on how we might become a part of the selection process or at least be aware of how to nominate coaches for consideration.
- 11) **Clinic Report:** Frank informed us that the we are still waiting to receive a check from New Balance for the clinic. He said that it appears we may come out about \$4200 ahead on the clinic this year and that he received a lot of positive feedback concerning the clinic and that the general membership meeting was one of the best ever.
- 12) **Fall Schedule:** Frank announced that we will have the Twilight Invitational on October 13th in Barnstable, the Bay State Invitational on October 20th at Northfield Mtn., and the Coaches Invitational on November 3rd at Wrentham. Mike G. asked if we could also look to have an invitational on the 3rd weekend of September at Wrentham, Frank said he will see if it is available and book it if it is.
- 13) **Franklin Park:** Mike G. informed us that due to renovations at Franklin Park, and in particular to the cross-country course there beginning in August that it will be unavailable for use this coming season. Frank said that this shows how the officials in charge of the park do whatever they want without regard to the cross-country community. They still

have not provided notification to the MIAA or the MSTCA of this situation for the 2012 fall season. A discussion followed this news about other sites: i.e. Wrentham, or other potential locations.

- 14) **MSTCA Membership Revision:** Frank said that one of the many recommendations from the membership meeting at the Clinic was to offer different possibilities to enhance our membership. Among the suggestions was to offer group prices for coaching staffs at schools, and to provide the ability to join on-line. These will be looked at for next year.
- 15) **League Reps:** In order to further provide venues for getting info out about the MSTCA, and to make it easier for members to seek information from us it was suggested that we put down specific things that League Reps can provide to members and how to more easily contact them.
- 16) **New Business:**
 - >Mike G. said that when it comes to the election of EB officers we need to seek ways to get the membership more involved. He said that more EB members need to be willing to step-up and help with the burden of leadership on the Board. Frank said that many years ago there was a Northern Area Coaches Association that Ernie Perry ran and would bring info to the MSTCA EB for consideration. This is something that current League Reps from the EB need to help rectify.
 - >Bill J. informed us that the Brockton track naming dedication ceremony for Harry Allen will take place on June 4th at 6:30 pm at the Brockton High track. Frank asked for permission to provide some sort of memento for Harry from us at this occasion, and permission was given. Bill also informed us that Harry is willing to again host the EB at this summer's golf outing.
- 17) **End of the Year Meeting:** The final meeting of the school year will be on Tuesday, June 12th at Joe's American Bar & Grill. Board members need to contact Bill O'Connor for this meeting asap!

Submitted by:
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