

MSTCA-Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 16, 2017 11:30 a.m.

Present: Frank Mooney, Rick Kates, Jim Hoar, Charlie Butterfield, Ian Butterfield, Nicole O'Neil, Michael Budd, Tim Cimeno, Zachary Lankow, Joe LeMar, Mike Miller, Mike O'Malley, Charlie O'Rourke, Sotirios Pintzopoulos, Jeff Souza, Jay Sylvain, Kent Taylor, Lou Tozzi, and Matt Wilson

1. Moment of silence for Bill O'Connor, Art Iworsley, and Ginny Thornhill
2. Approval of October 19th meeting minutes: approved
3. Proposal from the Chair for a new award for the Spring Hall of Fame:
 - a. Jim proposes an award to recognize the courage and sheer will of our members that are battling cancer or other life threatening illness or diseases. Suggested naming it after Bill O'Connor in honor of his courage and dedication to his athletes throughout his battle with cancer up until even just three days before he passed away.
Motion (Frank) to create the Most Courageous award. 2nd (Kent) Passed Unanimously.
 - b. Further discussion on the possibility of recognizing all those who have passed away this season in some way at the awards banquet.
4. Review of completed Winter meets so far:
 - a. Winter Festival: discussion on what to do to reduce the time it takes to run the meet. 7 hours was too long!!
 - i. Developmental vs. strict standards to limit entries,
 - ii. Adjust the large school/small school split
 - iii. Determined to send it to the Indoor Committee to come up with some ideas or a solution
 - b. Team Pentathlon: 17 girls teams (with more representing the western and central parts of the state) and 9 boys teams. Meet completed in just under 2 hours.
Motion (Ian) to have 100% of entries for all meets done online starting this spring. 2nd (Rick) Passed Unanimously.
 - c. Freshman/Sophomore Meet: discussion on why athletes are continuously entered into events with a performance they have not/cannot achieve. Is it that the standards are too easy or is it the coach's lack of following the rules? Discussed in depth, decided to give the issue over to the Indoor Committee for review and suggestions.
 - d. Relays: Should there be a tie breaking procedure for the high jump? **Motion** (Charlie B.) 2nd (Kent) Follow the same rule as the NFHS that a tie is a tie and the points will be divided. Unanimous.
5. Legislative Vote: the bill to be filed is currently in the process of being written pertaining to a specified turn-key or overseer of RLC. We are asking the membership to be patient and let the bill be filed before we take any further action (if necessary).

6. RCC Meeting – Emergency Action Plan:
 - a. RCC has requested a meeting with us. We will schedule it and add to the agenda the items we want to discuss.
 - b. EAP: this is a plan that a lot of thought and time has gone into to assure the safety of our athletes and fans in case of any emergency. **Please remember to inform your team of your rallying point.**
7. New Director for Spring Meets:
 - a. Charlie O'Rourke is stepping down as the Girls Invite meet director. Need a replacement: Mike Miller is the tentative replacement.
 - b. Meet director needed for Div. 1 Spring Relays at Lincoln-Sudbury: Zach Lankow
8. Possible adding of sophomore 100 and 4x100 to the Outdoor Coaches Invitational:
 - a. **Motion** (Frank) to add a sophomore 100 and sophomore 4x100 event to the coaches invitational. 2nd Passed.
9. Clinic Benefit for MSTCA E-Board members: if you want to take advantage of the benefits, please get your paperwork in to Mark Thornhill before the deadline!
10. Athletes Hall of Fame, Coaches Hall of Fame, Awards Dinner:
 - a. Lou presented the board with the nominees for the Coach of the Year awards for XC prepared by the XC Committee. Unanimously accepted.
 - b. Lou also gave the updated list of nominees for the other awards and asked for any other suggestions. He will finalize the ballots and have them sent out in March for review and voting.
 - c. Frank updated us on the Athletes Hall of Fame status.
11. Report from the XC Committee: Frank gave the XC report.
 - a. Proposed schedule for next season has some questions. Do we run 4-5 meets all at Wrentham or combine Kelly/Bay State meet? The issue was discussed at length and will be sent back to the XC Committee with suggestions for further thought and revisions for a finalized plan.
12. Report from the Indoor Committee:
 - a. Most of the issues were previously discussed in the winter review. The one other issue brought up was the oversight of the Speed Classic order of boys and girls. It was meant to mirror the State meet format but was inadvertently flipped. Meet management sent out an e-mail apologizing for the oversight assuring it will not happen again in the future.
 - b. Next meeting of the ITC will be March 1, 6:00 at RLC.
 - c. Next OTC meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 12:00 at RLC.
13. Tim Cimeno update on fund raising of Wrentham Building:
 - a. Marathon Sports has been looking for a building in the Wrentham area that would also house a storage area for MSTCA use for storing all the XC equipment used at the Wrentham Development Center site. It seems to be going well. Frank pointed out the importance of the MSTCA having a storage area close to the course for ease of setup/takedown, storage, and transport.

14. MSTCA sites for Outdoor Relays: All set but for one. Frank and Jim will be touring Sandwich HS as the potential last site.
15. Committee Re-elections:
 - a. Should an e-board member be able to serve on a committee? If we change the policy, the by-laws will have to be changed also to reflect it.
 - b. Will finalize and vote on it at the March meeting.
16. Finances: Frank provided us with a financial overview.
17. Other announcements from Frank:
 - a. Vests provided to trainers for identification purposes are turning out to be a great decision. Parents are mollified knowing who is helping their kids.
 - b. NFHS rules state that the games committee for all XC and Track and Field events MUST provide water for athletes.
 - c. EMT's are not the best choice in lieu of trainers. Their own policies require them to transport any individual they have contact with to a hospital (unless they receive written exception from a parent/guardian). Athletic trainers are much better prepared and trained for our events and athletes needs.

New Business:

-XC Academic Teams: should we have one for each of the other seasons as well?
Motion (Jay) Create an Academic Team award for Indoor and Outdoor Track. 2nd (Tim)
Passed.

-Twitter Handle: recommendation that when Rick is busy, he pass the twitter handle to another coach, announcer or whomever to continue it. Discussion ensued regarding the potential of creating a social media position for every MSTCA event.