

Present: Frank Mooney, Jim Hoar, Kevin Maloney, Ian Butterfield, Mike Budd, Peter Comeau, Jim DeProfrio, Dwight Estey, Michael Glennon, Geoff Hennessey, Kirsten Hoar, Art Iworsley, Bill Jennings, Bill Kane, Bob Maguire, Steve McChesney, Bill O'Connor, Charlie O'Rourke, Nicole Parker, Al Porter, Dale Snyder, and Lou Tozzi .

- 1) **Power Point Presentation: The elimination of yard events as a qualifier:** Coach Peter Malloy of Tewksbury gave a power point presentation to the EB concerning the elimination of yards in favor of meter events only in order to qualify for the State Meet. He will follow-up this presentation with handouts for the EB on his presentation. He is requesting that the MSTCA oppose this proposed change.
- 2) **Naming the MSTCA Distinguished Service Award:** Since the Adversity Award has been officially named the Frank Kelley Adversity Award it was discussed doing the same for this award. Mike Glennon made a motion that we name it the Frank Mooney Distinguished Service Award, and was seconded by Bill Jennings and Charlie O'Rourke. The vote was unanimous in favor with one abstention (F.Mooney).
- 3) **Does the Globe do service to Coaches of State Championship Teams?:** A discussion concerning how coaches are recognized, in particular by the newspapers in Boston. It was agreed that neither the Globe nor the Herald do much in this regard. Charlie O'Rourke made a motion that the MSTCA recognize the coaching staffs of State Championship teams, both male and female, from all three seasons with an appropriate plaque. A vote was taken and passed 21-1.
- 4) **Coaches Scholarship Program:** If a member coach attends a USTFCCCA Academy you can apply for a scholarship (\$100) from the MSTCA. A total of five will be given out in any one year. Mike Glennon volunteered to come-up with an application to be used for this program.
- 5) **Minnesota's True Team Championship in Track:** Frank pointed out that in Minnesota they have come up with a scoring system that awards a point for every athlete in every event at the state meet. So if there are 120 athletes, winner gets 120, second 119, etc. down to 1 point for the 120th athlete. The question was asked is this something we want to take a further look at? It was tabled for now.
- 6) **Volunteers needed for Jan 28th Meet:** Frank asked for help with distributing the free lunches to members, and several coaches volunteered to do so.
- 7) **Do-It-Clinic Helpers:** Lou announced that Dwight will be assisting him with Hall-of-Fame program, and that Steve Infascelli will be doing the same with

the Do-It-Clinic. **Newsletter:** Geoff asked that the EB minutes be posted on the website as a

better means of distributing the information included. He want the Newsletter to include such items as a meet direction synopsis of each meet, naming winners of scholarships, camperships, and seasonal schedules, along with important info from the Director, President, etc.

9) General Info: The Auerbach Meet had huge numbers w/1800+ on Saturday and 1200+ on Sunday. One negative issue is that some athletes & coaches are not paying attention to the check-in procedures/announcements and are missing events. A discussion ensued concerning the length & size of this meet, and the fact that too many non-qualifiers were entered into this *championship* meet. It was decided to form a committee to evaluate some of these concerns/issues, and Peter Comeau will chair this committee.

10) New Business:

- a) Dwight made a request that since Jerry Espinosa, who has long been a strong supporter of our events both when at Bally and since then, and that as an MSTCA member he volunteers every year for our Do-It-Clinics, that we have him become a member of the EBoard. Bill Jennings made a motion to do so, and it was seconded by several others. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- b) Mark Thornhill gave a quick update on the annual clinic, which will return to Marlboro this year, and will be headlined by Andrew Valmon, Will Freeman, Rob Lasorsa, Sharon Seagrave and others.
- c) **Next Meeting:** February 20th @ 1:00 pm

Submitted by:
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