

# MSTCA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

## March 17, 2012

EB Members Present: Frank Mooney, Jim Hoar, Frank Kelley, Charlie Butterfield, Kevin Maloney, Rick Kates, Livvy Kates, Steven McChesney, Mark Thornhill, John Carroll, Jerry Espinoza, Dwight Estey, Bill O'Connor, Al Porter, Bill Jennings, Michael Glennon, Bill Kane, Michael Budd, Chris Woods, Peter Comeau, Jim DeProfio, Jack Lang, Art Iworski, Geoff Hennessey.

> **Welcome to Membership:** Frank welcomed the large gathering of members to the annual meeting. He briefly explained the need for this meeting and the need to have input from members throughout the year via the EB league reps.

> **Introduction of Officers:** Frank introduced the current EB Officers to the members gathered.

> **Electronic Age & It's Impact on Coaching:** John Monz explained the need for awareness on the part of all coaches as to the impact the electronic age has on society in general, and coaches in particular.

He urged everyone to google themselves to see what it is the kids see about us, for they are very aware of the electronic world.

He explained the wonderful ways in which electronic media allows us to communicate with our athletes, but encouraged all to make our list of recipients a large one, including parents and school AD's and/or administrators.

He reminded us that once you hit that send button on an email or text, it is then a public document for any and all to see. His advise is to ask yourself what will my Principal think when he/she reads it? If you have any question on that, don't send it.

He finally said that if you receive upsetting or negative emails/texts from an athlete or parent, share it with a trusted administrator/AD so that they too are aware of this type of communication and what you're dealing with.

> **Mass Track Field Official's Association:** Tom Whittenton spoke to us about the Official's Association desire to recruit more officials, especially from the coaching ranks if people are retiring or looking for another way to be of service.

> **Fall XC Clinic:** Steve McChesney gave an overview of this Fall's XC Clinic at the Reggie Lewis Center, and explained that the goal is to use highly successful coaches to share their experiences and knowledge for the benefit of all. The goal is to stimulate greater interest in the sport for all coaches.

> **MSTCA Handouts:** Frank explained several handouts made available to all in attendance.

- List of EB League Representatives and their contact information.
- MIAA T&F Facility Safety Manual, 5/2/11
- National Federation Handout on new rules and rules interpretations.

- Frank further informed the membership that we now have 415 members from across the state, but we need to do better in attracting other coaches from the 600 high schools in the state. One important benefit of membership is the \$1,000,000 in liability insurance coverage that comes with membership via affiliation with the National Federation. Also, Frank informed all that we are seeking to have a Track Academy program come to MA this summer, and that Joe Tranchita is our liaison in seeking a date to make this happen. And further we will be providing five \$100 scholarships to member coaches to offset the cost of attending USTFCCA programs.

> **MSTCA By-Laws:** Frank explained that we are a non-profit corporation. That our by-laws establish certain requirements that we must meet, i.e, this annual members meeting and the nomination process for electing officers being among our most important. He explained that we are required to form a Nomination Committee to meet this latter requirement. He introduced the Committee: Rick Kates, Chair, Michael Budd, Dwight Estey, Dale Snyder and Steve Infascelli.

> **Nomination of Officers:** Frank first explained that his position as Executive Director is not a voted position, he is hired by the EB to function in this role. He then turned the meeting over to Rick who asked for nominations from the membership with Steve taking down the names of the nominees and who nominated them:

President: nominated were Jim Hoar of Dennis-Yarmouth and Mike Glennon of Brookline  
Vice President: Charlie Butterfield was the sole nominee  
Treasurer: Ian Butterfield was the sole nominee  
Secretary: Kevin Maloney was the sold nominee

> **MSTCA Meets:** Frank gave an overview of the meets we offer throughout the year and why some have changed, others been dropped and new ones added. He noted that we offer more meets through our Association than any other state association in the country. He also explained our scholarship and campership programs, and encouraged members to actively submit ideas, suggestions to the EB via their league reps.

> **Open Floor Discussion:** The following comments/suggestions came from members gathered:

- a) That all entry forms be standardized to avoid confusion/conflicts as coaches enter meets throughout the season.
- b) It was asked if we could get online registrations in the future for our meets.
- c) It was asked if we could have membership be for more than just one year, perhaps offering 2, 3 or 4 year memberships
- d) The suggestion was made that a school wide membership be offered so that all coaches at a school would be enrolled for a school wide fee.
- e) The MIAA is looking into the possibility of loosening the out-of-season contact restrictions for coaches in MA. This will come up at their March 31 meeting.

- f) The uniform restriction that prevents MA athletes from wearing school uniforms at post-season competitions (Nationals) continues to be discussed, but no changes are in sight as of now.
- g) Frank explained that there is some discussion about adding perhaps the Decathlon, Pentathlon and/or Heptathlon to become part of the State Meet and the points earned would then be added to a school's total.

> **Hall of Fame Nominations:** Dwight explained that we would be voting for the Easter Mass Coach of the Year, and provided ballots and information on the nominees to the EB. He also explained that he and Lou, who are in charge of gathering information for the Hall of Fame nominations had three nominations they felt deserved the Board's support. He said that Phil Mayer, Mark Thornhill and Mike Glennon were the coaches that had very strong credentials and support, and urged the board to vote them into the Hall for this year. A brief discussion took place. Rick made a nomination that we include these three as our nominees for 2012, it was seconded by Steve McChesney. The vote was unanimously in favor.

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