

MSTCA Executive Committee Meeting -- 2/19/19 -- Minutes

Present - Jim Hoar, Frank Mooney, Lou Tozzi, Sotirios Pintzopoulos, Charlie Butterfield, Jeff Sousa, Rick Kates, Zach Lankow, Jayson Sylvain, Joe LeMar, Michael Budd, Aaron Ladd, Mike Miller, Tim Cimeno, Matt Wilson, Linda Rowbotham

1. Jim called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.
2. Review of January 21, 2019 Minutes
 - a. Lou requested one additional sentence regarding the Fr/So meet and clarified one typo
 - b. **Motion** to accept (Jim); Minutes approved unanimously
3. Athletes Hall of Fame Ceremony
 - a. Frank commended Athletes HOF Director Bob L'Homme on another outstanding job
 - b. Around 75 family & friends of the inductees attended the induction ceremony
 - c. Frank stated he has already begun updating the plaques on Hall of Fame wall at the RLTAAC.
4. Review of Indoor Track and Field Meets
 - a. Last Chance to Qualify - Joe LeMar
 - i. Entries were down about 450 athletes from last year; possibly due to the date change; there were many qualifiers however
 - ii. The addition of the Shuttle Hurdles and SMR was successful
 - iii. **Motion** (Aaron): Add the 200m, 400m, 800m to the schedule to allow athletes the chance to run these events and qualify for nationals; second (Linda); passed unanimously
 - iv. Joe added a few more notes: heats should be run fastest to slowest; a three-turn stagger is needed for the 4 x 200m; an oval guard is needed for the shuttle hurdles to avoid athlete collisions; verbiage should be added to the entry form to ensure coaches are not "guestimating" seed times
 - b. Boston Indoor Games
 - i. Despite Frank and Rick's warning to Sherman, the Indoor Games were scheduled after the Coaches Invitational.
 - ii. Once again, their meet management and video crew entered the area too soon.
 - iii. By law, the MSTCA has priority in the building, so something needs to be done.
 - iv. Frank informed the committee he has already booked all possible dates at Reggie for the 2019-20 season in order to avoid this conflict in the future.
 - v. Frank also plans to reach out to the IG directors to perhaps set up an elite meet (top 18) in conjunction with their meet.

- c. RLTAC Security
 - i. Pre-Meet Announcements were made to the public prior to the start of all of our meets; Frank mentioned he was in the crowd a couple of times during the announcements and saw people looking around at the exits.
 - ii. The Crowd Control workers hired for all meets seemed to be successful; there were no issues, but the workers were ready to report any issues to the police officers on site.
 - iii. Still an issue with no officers showing up for some of our meets; also some officers refused to walk around the facility--even if requested to do so
 - iv. Frank stated he'd like our Emergency Form and Action Plans to be continuously updated.

- 5. Board of Trustees Update
 - a. Lou informed the committee the Board of Trustees had met and completed their evaluations of the Executive and Assistant Executive Directors
 - b. The Board met with each Director separately earlier today.

- 6. MSTCA Awards Update
 - a. Coaches Hall of Fame -- Lou distributed a HOF ballot and informational packet to each ExComm member, and explained the process to the Committee; Lou also informed the Committee of the Veteran's Division candidates on the ballot
 - b. XC Coach of the Year letters have been sent to the selected coaches along with their ADs and principals;
 - c. Lou reported the winners of the Frank Mooney XC Athletes of the Year to the Committee
 - d. The nominees for the Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Service Award nominees were given to the committee; Two other nominees were made for the DS award;
 - e. **Motion** (Charlie): Approve two specific winners for the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019; second (Linda); Vote: 13 - Yes, 1 - No, 2 - Abstain; motion passes
 - f. **Motion** (Lou): Approve two specific winners for the Distinguished Service Award; second (Jayson); passed unanimously;
 - g. Jim informed the Committee of the Bill O'Connor Humanitarian Award winner
 - h. Jim also stated he has currently received 8 nominees for the Frank Kelley Adversity Award and the nomination period closes next week.

- 7. MSTCA Cabinet Update
 - a. Frank informed the committee he held an additional Cabinet meeting earlier today.
 - b. Frank gave an update on the Outdoor Track and Field sites

8. MIAA Tournament Committee Update

- a. The MIAA met on January 30th; Frank and Tim were in attendance and gave an update
- b. Mike Miller distributed a draft of the proposed MSTCA Divisional Championship meets which was created by a subcommittee of the Outdoor Track and Field Committee.
- c. The format remains intact except for the 200m race to be Finals on Time
- d. Para events will continue to be included.
- e. Our standards were modified to allow for more athletes to qualify
- f. Sites are ready to go and plan is for Meet Directors to be ADs with Track and Field backgrounds.
- g. Changes to our format could certainly be made in the future, but the subcommittee and the entire Outdoor T/F Committee felt it was best for the format to be similar to the MIAA format for the 2019 season
- h. **Motion** (Aaron): Accept the proposed divisional template with an associated State Meet template which will be created shortly; second (Frank); passed unanimously
- i. **Motion** (Jayson): The official position of the MSTCA is to host championship meets at the end of each season with the intent of giving student-athletes the best possible championship experience; second (Rick); passed unanimously

9. Executive Committee Elections

- a. Rick reported there have been a good number of nominations received so far for the 2019 - 2022 Executive Committee -- especially in some districts
- b. Nominations will close at the New England Clinic; elections shortly thereafter
- c. A notice for the opening of nominations for the three Seasonal Committees will be sent out next week.

10. Outdoor Track and Field 2019

- a. Frank and Jay are working on a form which host schools will submit for payment of all meet workers provided by the host school. This will replace the old method of sending seed money to each site prior to the event.
- b. Mike Meagher is the new D1 Relays Meet Director
- c. Hatim Jean-Louis is the new Freshman/Sophomore Small Meet Director
- d. John Monz is the new Heptathlon North Meet Director
- e. Mike Miller shared the updates to our entry forms; the Boys and Girls Coaches Invitational will be at one site; some of the boys' standards were relaxed in order to open the meet to a few more athletes; some sub-varsity events were eliminated; a mixed 4 x 400m was added to the end of the meet
- f. Pole Vault sites are still needed for D2 and D4 Relays; Relay MDs will be requested to carefully observe the timing of the changeover between track & field
- g. **Motion** (Aaron): Approve the new Outdoor Entry Forms; second (Linda); passed unanimously

11. New Business

a. Stipend List Update

- i. Lou distributed an update to the current stipend list, crafted by the BOT, and asked the Committee for approval
- ii. **Motion** (Linda) Approve the additional stipends; second (Mike Miller); passed unanimously
- iii. **Motion** (Jim) Approve a stipend of \$200 for Ian Butterfield, as the Treasurer position was eliminated from the bylaws and Ian has continued to process the membership dues received and pay the USTFCCCA & NFHS accordingly; second (multiple); passed unanimously

b. Legal

- i. Frank distributed a recently created contract between the MSTCA and the Wrentham Development Center;
- ii. **Motion** (Aaron): Share this contract with our lawyer in order to legalize it as a non-compete document; second (Mike Budd); passed unanimously
- iii. Frank shared a letter received by the MSTCA from a state representative in regards to the RCC Foundation; the MSTCA wants to ensure the money we raised which was placed in the foundation remains ours; there has been no response from the RCC yet.

c. New England Indoor Track and Field Championships

- i. **Motion** (Bill Tilden through Rick) The MSTCA should pay for the entry fees for all Massachusetts athletes who participate in next month's New England Championships; second (Linda & Michael); passed unanimously

12. Motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

- a. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16th at the Needham Sheraton during the New England Clinic

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayson Sylvain, Secretary