

MSTCA Outdoor Track Committee Meeting

1/20/14- Meeting Minutes #1

Present- Frank Mooney (MSTCA Chairman of the Board), Rick Kates (MSTCA E-Board), Nate Kraft (Lowell HS), Nate Gelinias (Seekonk HS), Phil Maia (Lowell HS), Jim Hoar (Dennis-Yarmouth RHS), Mike Miller (Weymouth HS), Dave Casey (Lowell HS), (Dracut HS)

1. Review of Guidelines for Purpose of Committee

- We are the voice of outdoor season
- Way we run, meet forms, structure of meets

2. Elections

- Mike Miller-Chairman
- Nate Kraft-Vice Chairman
- Nathan Gelinias-Secretary

3. Spring Schedule

- Tentative schedule is online via MSTCA.org
- Mother's day conflict due to Sunday relays- normal conflict w/ Coaches Meet or other, simply a point of order
- Pentathlon-scoring in both divisional and all-state meets- possible preview planned over April Vacation at NDA

Girls Invitational 5/10 at Somerville:

- Proposal to allow athletes to participate in any 3 events to align to MIAA standard- discussion around athletes being accommodated by officials if doing so- voted on unanimously
- C. O'Rourke: Proposes to change coaches invitational to lowest state standards
 1. 100HH-changed to 18.0
 2. Freshman Mile-6:10- to be run before varsity mile
 3. Freshman 4x100-no time- to be run before varsity 4x100
 4. 1st legal throw measured in shot put, discus, javelin

Boys Invitational 5/10 at GNBVT:

- Proposed standards to be updated after reviewing events with particularly small fields in 2013
 1. Triple Jump-40'
 2. Long Jump-19'6"
 3. Discus-120'
 4. Javelin-145'

Frosh/Sophomore Invite 5/3 (Large at Weymouth at 1:30, Small at Abington at 9:30)

- Discussion of late start time at WHS due to school policy during SAT testing- coaches will have to make decisions regarding Weston Invit. Etc.
- Proposal to go to MIAA standard of any 3 events per athlete: voted on unanimously
- Standards to be changed: rationale is that fields are not large in several events
- Girls (both large and small schools):
- 200-29.50 (was 29.00)

- 400IH-78.00 (was No Time)
- Discus Throw-65'
- 4x800-11:20
- Boys 400IH-72.00

MSTCA Relays 5/17 & 5/18 (DI Sat. at Andover, DIV Sat. at Seekonk, DIII Sun. at Pembroke, DII Sun. at Walpole)

- John Carroll- Proposal that all field event have tie breaker for relays- discussion centered around 10 ties from 5 divisional meets indoors
 1. Rationale: HJ ties indoors led to some teams receiving the wrong medals
 2. Some recommended printing more generic medals either without a year or without an event (Frank commented on storage concerns)
 3. Issues included what was the correct tie breaker to use, how big of a problem is it, will tiebreaker be simple enough for coaches to understand
- J. Carroll proposed raising relay fee for 'A' Team to 15\$, no change in team maximum (voted in unanimously)

4. Mobility Challenged- committee informed that 100 meter dash and shot put will be contested for these athletes that Joe LeMar has been working with at an MSTCA meet

5. March clinic:

- Outdoor track committee will be meeting at NE clinic for 45 minutes- Chairman will provide an agenda prior to that time and report to E-board after that meeting

6. Review of meet director responsibilities- discussion from Frank and Rick on the challenges of finding the right sites and people to host future meets

7. Scoring for outdoor meets to 8 places- discussion to bring MSTCA relays scoring to 8 places to align to MIAA scoring

- Voted down unanimously- rationale is that in some events, fewer than 6 teams are currently scoring, would water down team scoring

8. New Business

- Mike Miller- We should move MIAA divisional meets from 6 lane to 8 lane tracks by any means necessary
 1. Concerns that 2 x 4 lane heats of 100/ HH/ 200 finals are not good for the sport at that level, time of meets on 6 lane tracks is significantly longer
 2. Rick and Frank understood the rationale, but commented on the difficulty of finding 8 lane tracks with site directors that want to host, proper field areas, etc.
- Mike Miller- we should align divisions from indoors to outdoors
 1. With some teams in different indoor and outdoor track divisions, discussion centered around going to 6 indoor divisions, including a CMass/ WMass DI & CMass/ WMass DII- discussion tabled until March meeting
 2. All State Qualifying: Top 4 places and 6 wildcards or top 3 plus 9 wildcards (adding number of All State participants did not seem to be a huge concern for coaches)