

MSTCA Spring Track Committee Preseason Meeting – 2/22/2016

6:30 at Reggie Lewis Center

Present: Steve Nugent, Mike Miller, John Carroll, Lucia Carroll, Matt Carr, Dave Dickerson, Charlie O'Rourke, Jim Hoar, Rick Kates, Tim Cimeno, Michael Budd, Linda Rowbotham, Erik Taber, Emma Gardiner, Matt Wilson, Sintirios Pintzopoulos

Rick Kates gets the meeting started and asks for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

- Mike Miller nominated and selected as chair (13-0)
- Matt Carr nominated and selected as chair (13-0)
- Matt Wilson nominated and selected as Secretary (13-0)

Open Pentathlon

- First meet on the schedule. No concerns discussed

Steele Relays

- Spoken about by Linda Rowbotham
- Hosted by West Springfield this year, site director is ready to go
- Rick Kates speaks on behalf of e-board to remind Linda that there can be no extra trophies besides the MSTCA awards
 - Linda notes that this will not be a problem and everyone is on the same page
- First year that Steele Relays are open to Central and Western Mass
 - Michael Budd notes that it was open last year, but it was not publicized
 - Budd also notes that Ian Butterfield has contacted him about coordinating the location of the Steele Relays with where Divisionals will be hosted. Need to talk to Ian again for more on that.

Jim Kalperis Relays

- Spoken about by John Carroll
- Division 1 site
 - Lincoln-Sudbury (6 lanes, pole vault on site), lots of volunteers available
- The MSTCA Waiver information should be added to the entry form
- Tentative approval for MSTCA Relay champion T-Shirts to be paid for by Tommy Corcoran Mile for the Jim Kalperis relays
 - Linda wonders whether they can they get t-shirts for Steele Relays too?
 - John is not sure, but will ask. Notes that shirts might say Kalperis relays on them
- Discussion on order of events
 - Discussion from past spring committee meetings on the placement of the 4x1 mile is revisited.
 - No changes are recommended
- Matt Carr wonders whether sending a template of relay entry cards to coaches before the meet is a worthwhile idea
 - Rick Kates notes it is an issue for bookkeeping
 - color coding makes it easier
 - fear of too many coaches taking advantage and placing cards in events they did not enter
- Should we require 4 teams to place in an event for it to be a scoring event?
 - Seen as a rule that would be in place for Pole Vault
 - Noted that it could be relevant for any event, but High Jump next most likely to be impacted

- Fear that this rule would kill Pole Vault. Sotirios notes that if a team knows there is a chance that pole vault might be scored, teams will be less likely to enter in the first place
- discussion deviates to pole vaults place in the state
 - Noted that we cannot make a rule for a state meet event, unfair to that event to restrict it at meets when it is an event at states; too much risk of negative impact
 - Rick notes that Frank did the research and all 50 states do Pole Vault
 - Connecticut pushing to add it at indoor New Englands
- Freshman/Sophomore Small School
 - Meet director Jim Hoar, at Norwell, great facility
 - Is there a spot for adaptive entries?
 - Correct term is "Mobility challenged, vision impaired, hearing impaired"
 - Create a note on entry form that coaches should contact meet director if they have any adaptive athletes. Coaches Invite already has it
 - Standards
 - Motion to Relax Girls 4x400 standard to 4:50
 - Motion passes 17-0
 - Motion to increase Girls Triple Jump standard to 27'
 - Motion passes 14-3
 - Motion to relax Girls Discus to 60 feet
 - Motion passes 17-0
 - Motion to relax Girls 4x800
 - Motion passes 17-0
 - Motion to relax Girls Jav to 65 feet
 - Motion passes 17-0
 - John Carroll notes entry date is not the same on both pages of entry
 - continuity on first and second page. Should be May 2nd
 - should entries be on Sunday like all other meets?
 - no, many coaches have relays and families so tough day Sunday
- Coaches Invite
 - Charlie O'Rourke present to speak on girls meet at Acton-Boxboro
 - No changes to the standards
 - we will revisit at next meeting to see if any should change
 - Rick will provide state qualifying standards for standards for High Jump/Pole Vault
 - Estimated time schedule will be sent out once entries are in
 - 6 person final for the 200m for girls, not two heats of four
 - Jim Hoar mentions that a less centralized location will make it inconvenient for schools
 - Motion to push all event start times back 30 minutes to accommodate the change in location
 - Motion passes 17-0
 - add a late fee for Coaches Invite sheets
- Boys Invite
 - John Carroll speaks on the meet
 - add a late fee for Coaches Invite sheets
 - The wording should be the same on both Coaches Invite meets
 - Make sure the contact information on the entry form is accurate

- there is a phone number, but no name
- Motion to drop the Triple Jump standard to 41 feet,
 - Motion passes 16-0
- New Business
 - Rick talks about Frank Mooney award
 - trophy to be given at Hall of Fame Banquet, cannot be someone that has won before in another season
 - based on the Bowerman award
 - winner must have an MSTCA member as their coach
 - Mike Miller will e-mail committee on May 14th for nominations for the award
 - the top three names should be sent to Rick for the 15th
 - Rick will send a poll to the MSTCA membership to determine award
- Motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting ends 8:20PM