

MSTCA MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2012

Present: Frank Mooney, Jim Hoar, Charlie Butterfield, Kevin Maloney, Lou Tozzi, John & Lucia Carroll, Rick & Livi Kates, Bill Jennings, Pat McGee, Jack Lang, Kristen Hoar, Frank Kelley, Bob Maguire, Charlie O'Rourke, Mike Meagher, Peter Comeau, Art Iworsley, Dwight Estey, Dale Snyder, Steve McChesney, Mike Glennon, Jerry Espinoza.

- 1) **Gill Coach of the Year:** Frank informed us that Phil Maia of Lowell was our MA nominee for this award.
- 2) **Indoor Schedule Changes:** Rick made a presentation on changing the Frosh/Soph meet and the State Relays. His rationale is that this is a "championship" meet for them and why do it so early in the season? There were several viewpoints expressed: Peter said it gives more time to know your Fr/So athletes and they will be better prepared for that meet; John did not want to move the Relays and suggested moving the Fr/So meet to February; Lou said it was a great meet for our up and coming champions to shine in, and he didn't care when it is held. Rick made a motion to move the Fr/So meet to the third weekend in January and move the State Relays meet back one week. Peter seconded. The vote was 11-7 in favor of the motion.
- 3) **League Reps updated list:** John said there are no changes on the list for next year. However, it was discussed that we need to develop an MSTCA contact list for calls. Coaches are always calling Frank with their questions, and we need to have other members/league reps being the contact person for various meets.
- 4) **Frosh/Soph Meet Directors Report:** Dale reported that the meet went very well. Livi said she got great support from Steve McChesney and the many helpers he provided. On the plus side there were eleven meet records broken. On the negative side there were some coaches who were way over the line in the manner in which they expressed their complaints. Dale said that some of these are problem coaches who should be notified that if their behavior in the future continues to be in this manner that they risk being not allowed to attend our meets. Another issue is the fact that 260 entries were "at" the qualifying standard, and that 43% of the athletes did not perform at the standard for their event(s). Rick suggested that we send a letter to the Principal and AD of those schools whose coaches continue to enter athletes who do not meet the standards. Frank said we need to develop a letter for our meet directors to use in these cases. Lucia volunteered to develop this letter for us.
- 5) **Relay Site Reports:** For D1 John said everything went well, but that the field events took a long time to complete. For D2 Lou said Whitman-Hanson did a marvelous job. But he said the meet was too long due to standards problems. Also, there was a problem with the computers when they were knocked over due to a gust of wind and that Luccia stepped in and saved the day. He also said we need to decide if we are going to measure attempts in the field events after the first attempt if they do not meet the standards? For D3 Jim said Pembroke was a great facility. The PA system was a bit of a problem because it could only be clearly heard in front of the press box, but not well at all behind or to the sides. He also said the Javelin was particularly long.

For D4 Frank said everything went well at Bishop Fenwick. They were finished at a reasonable time.

- 6) Relay Over-All Report:** John said we need to review some of the issues pertaining to these meets and the length it takes to complete the field events. Peter agreed, and they will be on a sub-committee to consider this, and other EB members are welcome to join them this summer on this issue.
- 7) Coaches Invitational Report:** Charlie said that the semi-finals contributed to the length of the meets with boys & girls together. He felt we could eliminate the semis and move the meet along more efficiently. He also asked if we should continue to keep the boys & girls together? Frank M. said he felt we should separate them. Frank K. said some coaches coach both and it would be a burden if we separated them to different days. Charlie made a motion to eliminate the semi-finals from the Boys & Girls invitational in the spring, Rick seconded. Passed by 18-2.
- 8) Awards Dinner Report:** Lou reported that it was a wonderful day. He said he would like to see us have more information on the Kelley Adversity Award kids. Their stories are inspiring. He also said he's received a great response from the Central/Western MA coaches with their input. He also asked that Dwight be recognized and elevated to co-chair with him for this event. Steve seconded. It was so moved by the Chair.
- 9) XC Schedule:** Frank mentioned that the Hospitality Tent we provided for member coaches was very successful, and we provided food, drink and clinic info. He also mentioned that we have four meets this fall: two will be at Wrentham, the Twilight on the Cape in Barnstable, and at Northfield Mountain. He said that the people at Wrentham have been really good to us. He also said that the planned work at Franklin Park has not yet begun, and that it's status remains up in the air. He also commented on the many pictures on our website from the terrific Awards Night. It is an expensive program to put on but well worth it.
- 10) Big Race Photos:** Frank said that after the Fr/So meet there were lots of great pictures available. It may take some time before the word gets out about this service so that parents and athletes will know that they can purchase great photos.
- 11) Late Fee Policy Change:** Frank said we will make it consistent for all our meets. In XC the late fee is \$50/team, and \$100/team by the second day, and after that no entries will be accepted. By enforcing this policy there has been a decline in the number of late entries.
- 12) Spring Sites for 2012:** Frank said that they have gone over the sites, both old and new. Andover will again have the Relays, Pembroke is onboard, Newton South will do the Fr/So meet.
- 13) Vote on By-laws revision:** Frank passed out information pertaining to our by-laws with revisions suggested. John spoke up and suggested we table this vote until we can scrutinize the proposals for full understanding before we vote, for spelling and legal clarification if needed. Rick said he had a lawyer look at it for us and he said it looked good for a non-profit organization like ours. John made a motion to table this matter until September. Pete & Mike seconded. Passed unanimously. Anyone who has ideas can submit them to Frank or Rick.
- 14) MIAA Summer Meeting:** Frank said that this meeting for track and cross-country is valuable, and that anyone with ideas can send them to him, Charlie or Jimmy.

- 15) Jewelry Rule:** Frank said there have been various comments generated concerning this rule and that the general consensus seems to be that it should be dropped. Some have said why are we worrying about jewelry anyway. Time will tell what eventually comes of these opinions.
- 16) Rule Change for Relays:** Frank said that there is some talk about possibly considering awarding double points for relay events as is done in swimming. There is also talk of including a multi-event (5 events) at the State meet. There would be 16-20 in the event and the points would be awarded to the athlete's team. If anyone has opinions/input on this matter they should send it along to Frank.
- 17) Scholarship Winners:** Livi and Kristen reported that they received applications 62 applications from a variety of schools. They have re-done the application form to ensure that applicants better understand what is required to submit a complete application, some were received missing necessary supporting documents. They also will change the due date so that they have sufficient time to process and analyze all of the apps in determining awards winners. Frank said that Harry Allen had three teachers read the essays and give him their opinions in helping him to decide the winners. Frank also urged us to increase the stipend for the Scholarship Committee Chairs to \$200, it requires a lot of work. Peter seconded. Charlie O'Rourke said we should make it retroactive for this year. It was unanimously approved.
- 18) Financial Report:** Frank provided a partial end of the year report for Board members. The final report will not be ready until final payments are received and recorded from the spring season. November is the legal deadline for completing this report.
- 19) Vote on Officers for the 2012-2013 school year:** Frank announced that the vote for President was 16 for Jim Hoar and 6 for Mike Glennon. Charlie Butterfield, Ian Butterfield and Kevin Maloney were unopposed for Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.
- 20) New Business:**
- > John urged the Board to consider the following individuals for induction into the Hall of Fame: Andy Powell of Oliver Ames who was a standout miler/XC runner, is now coaching at U. Oregon; Andy's wife Maricia Carlucci Powell who was a multi-state champ from Franklin, and with Andy has coached at Stanford now at U. Oregon; and Coach Brooks Johnson who ran for Plymouth and Tufts before going on to coaching greatness, including being the only coach to have coached Olympic athletes in every Olympics since 1972.
 - > Peter said we need to pressure the RLC to get the record board up-to-date. It isn't being up-dated and is now greatly lacking. Steve pointed out that one of his athletes broke a record four years ago, and that record was recently broken, but the Newton South athlete's name was never posted during that four year period. Frank said it's a problem, and it has been brought to the RLC's attention. When Keith comes to our golf tourney this summer we can let him know our feelings both individually and collectively.

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