

MSTCA E-Board Meeting Notes  
Wednesday September 4, 2013 6:30 @ RLC

Present: Frank Mooney, Rick Kates, Jim Hoar, Charlie Butterfield, Nicole O'Neil, Michael Budd, John Carroll, Lucia Carroll, Steve Infascelli, Livvy Kates, Brendan Kearney, Jack Lang, Joseph Lemar, Mike Meagher, Bill O'Connor, Scott Ouellet, Al Porter, Linda Rowbotham, Jayson Sylvain, Lou Tozzi

Welcome and Introductions for new members.

1.) Review of Minutes from June Meeting:

- not typed up but recorded elsewhere
- will be made available asap

2.) Update on MIAA Summer Meeting: Rick Kates

- many new ideas and topics that still need a final vote (December meeting)
- Exhibition Wheelchair events for Spring 100m and SP
- 3 event rule: an athlete can do ANY three events
- Outdoor State Meet Pentathlon event added
  - Each athlete must have a seed time/performance for each event. A pentathlon score will be tabulated based on seeds and top 12 scores will be entered for each division. Top 2 performances from each Division Meet will automatically qualify for the All-State meet with the next 6 best scores state wide.
- Transgender athletes will be recognized as whichever gender their school recognizes. It will be determined by the athlete's school system.

Joe Lamar spoke on the topic of the Wheelchair events: New England Wheelchair Sports is now Adaptive Sports New England. Their focus is on mobility challenged athletes. He recommends since the MIAA is now recognizing this demographic of athletes that MSTCA should do so as well. He would like to see the Do-It clinic include segments promoting adaptive sport and educating athletes, coaches and parents alike. Lou has agreed to take Joe on to help him with this aspect of the Do-It clinic.

Frank asked Joe thought we could arrange some kind of exhibition race with elite mobility challenged athletes. Joe readily replied that it could be done.

Scott asked if there were any other significant changes to look forward to coming from the MIAA. Charlie Butterfield reported that wind gage will be used and affect record keeping.

Frank voiced his opinion of the 3 event rule stating he believes it to be a bad change. It will lend readily to sprint orientated teams and not weight or distance orientated teams. He also feels that it is unfair that a team could pull off a 30 point win with just 1 athlete.

Lucia asked about the Pentathlon, whether or not an athlete not accepted to compete in the Pent can then enter into an individual event. Rick responded that it was possible, but would be up to the meet director.

3.) Update on XC Summer Meeting:

- Scott reported that the meeting was very productive. Only 1 person was absent.
- Steve Infascelli acts as chairman.
- XC Poll System Developed: Scott will co-ordinate it. There will be 4 different polls (B-lg school, B-sm school, G-lg school, G-sm school) Any/all input welcome!
- There was loose discussion on the Garnder 5K State Meet Course. Scott spoke with Peter McCauliffe and slight adjustments have been made including a new and wider start location.
- A December meeting has been scheduled to recap the season
- major goal is to generate additional help for meets
- discussed new ideas for race delineation to mix up which teams see/compete against other teams

Side note: Direct Athletics-meets will be available on a meet by meet basis 1 month before for entries. This is to cut down on entry errors by coaches.

Twilight Meet: Pembroke would like to move their varsity up a division and put their JV team in to their regular Varsity division spot.

Potential problems: Teams could complain that Pembroke could win both divisions.

**Motion:** (Jim) Allow Pembroke to enter their varsity team into the D1 race and to enter their JV team into the D2 varsity race for this school year only.

Seconded (Rick)

Vote: Unanimous

4.) XC Coaches Clinic:

- Steve reported that there have been difficulties from the beginning including the lateness of the posting on the website. He did say that Milesplit has been running ads weekly highlighting each of the speakers.
- There are only 15 verbally committed and 2 officially registered.
- Speakers were originally scheduled for 2 times, but now have been reduce back to 1.
- Colin Peddie pledged \$500 but has not sent the check yet.
- Question was raised whether or not to still hold it.

**Motion:** (Steve) Keep the XC Clinic as scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded: (Rick/Jim)

Voted: Unanimous

5.) Review 2013 XC Schedule:  
-no changes, no need to review

7.) Vote on appointed Executive Board members (Livvy, Tozzi, Charlie O'Rourke, Lucia)  
-Frank pointed out that due to the confusion at the June meeting, the appointees were never formally voted in.

**Motion:** Accept all appointees (Livvy Kates and Charlie O'Rourke as At Large Members, and Lucia Carroll and Lou Tozzi as Support Personnel)

Seconded:

Vote: Unanimous

9.) Olympians at RLC:

-Due to a Fundraiser Golf Tournament, Keith McDermott is hosting several Olympic athletes. We would like to hold an Olympian Clinic September 21<sup>st</sup> for FREE.

-Harvey Glance (sprints/relays), Jen Surer (PV), Rich Kanar, Freer (HJ), Russ Rogers (110H/400H)

-Lou Tozzi volunteered to head this up. Rick will assist getting a registration website in place via Google with a link from our website.

-In lieu of payment, Frank wants to submit a monetary donation to RLC to help the facility. (Amount to be determined.)

10.) Boston Holiday Challenge, Holiday Qualifier, and Team Pentathlon:

-Rick pointed out that out of state teams would like to compete in both the challenge (v) and qualifier (jv). To do so, we would have to have both meets sanctioned.

**Motion:** (Rick) Combine the Boston Holiday Challenge, Holiday Qualifier, and Team Pentathlon into one meet and invite/sanction bordering states (NY, CT, RI, NH). The team Pent and Qualifier would be Fri, the Holiday Challenge on Sat.

Seconded

Vote: 19 for, 1 abstention Motion Carried

11.) Middle Schools:

-question and discussion about allowing middle schools into the MSTCA meets or possibly holding a separate middle school event

-potential sanctioning and liability issues involved

-Frank pointed out that the MIAA is not at all inclusive of any middle schools.

-should we poll the membership?

-tables to the next meeting and Indoor Committee

New Business:

Frank met with Keith McDermott about the facility and our rights to it. RLC is under it's 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> President since the building was constructed and they don't properly understand

the contract with the MSTCA. It is our track that RLC is permitted to use with our permission. Rick is currently editing and updating the agreement. We will schedule a meeting to meet the newest President so we can all be on the same page. Specifically, the track needs to be resurfaced next year and the heating/cooling system is in dire need of an overhaul.

USTFCCCA Convention:

-The MSTCA covers the cost for Frank to attend this convention annually. This year Frank is looking for the board's permission to this year include Rick. There are several reasons for this including a meet management skills certification opportunity.

Motion: (Lou) Allow and cover the cost for Frank and Rick to attend the USTFCCCA Convention in Orlando, FL this December.

Seconded (Al)

Vote: Unanimous

Clinic Update:

Frank reported that due to health issues, Mark is taking a break from the clinic and Frank will take care of things until Mark is able to do so again. This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the clinic. We have potential for an entirely Olympic staff with potential speakers/clinicians such as Gail Devers. We are in touch with Bill Cosby's staff to try to attain him as our keynote speaker. If he agrees, there will be some changes as to how the clinic will run, but it would be a huge draw.

XC:

New Technology for the Twilight meet. Rick will implement IPACO an RFID tag system to automatically record runners time/place. There will be number/tag retrieval backup since it is a test run.

Wrentham is allowing some permanent fixtures for the season such as stronger fencing to mark the finish. An inflatable arch will indicate the finish line and MSTCA wing-wings will be used to mark the course as well.

Parking changes: \$5 fee for parking will be implemented with a 3 way split of the proceeds. 1/3 will go to MSTCA, 1/3 will go to Wrentham Development Center and the final 1/3 will be for group fundraisers. The fundraising group is required to shadow the parking attendants at a prior meet. There will be a designated lot for workers/officials for now. 2 parking entrances. A 3 lane system with a bus lane for entering/drop-off.

Meeting adjourned 8:15.

Next meeting Sunday November 3, 2012 at NDA 11:00

Lunch will be provided (Panera)

Respectfully submitted by,

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