

MSTCA E-Board Meeting Notes
Sunday November 3, 2013 11:00 @ NDA-Hingham

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

1. Review of last meeting's minutes:

Motion: (Jim) Accept the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Guest attendee Geoff Hennessey: Introduced himself and propositioned to hold the North Heptathlon at Faxon Field in North Quincy. Jeff would act as meet director. Rick will help get someone to work the computer.

Motion: North Quincy will be the site for the North Heptathlon. Unanimous

2. Update on XC Meets:

- Frank Kelley Meet: Kristen (meet director) not in attendance. No feedback reported.
- Twilight Meet: Rick reported that the new chip system went well. There were a few minor glitches (which are normal) and the backup chute system effectively solved the problems.

If we are going to go further with the system for MSTCA meets we'll need to consider: purchasing a wider mat for the finish, setting up a blockade at the finish line to prevent previous finisher's numbers from reappearing on the results, Identalink camera system for back up at the finish line, purchasing customized bib numbers to reduce labor intensive process of affixing chips to bib numbers and consequently adapting the fee structure.

Discussion on future use of the chip system: cost v. benefits, will provide live results, ways to reduce the waste of numbers. -disable the use of "check all" on DA when entering athletes

Motion: (Nicole) Send the issue to the XC Committee to come up with a proposal inclusive of cost, procedure, fee structure, etc. 2nd Unanimous

-Frank reported the meet was phenomenal. Lights, additional workers hired, porta-johns all added and went smoothly. The parking lot fee of \$5/family was not a problem. The gate collected \$4,700 with an estimated crowd anywhere from 4-5,000+. The extended parking lot ran out of space.

-Jim shared the write up from the Cape Cod Times. Also reported some coaches thought the course was too short because the times were so good-it's not, it's exactly 3.1 miles.

-It will go to the XC committee to determine whether we will add more races in the future

- Only problem was that kids were being lapped. Suggestion was made that lapped athletes be pulled from the course. Discussion ensued.

Motion: (John) Send it to the XC Committee to determine if there should be a stoppage of time to eliminate the really slow kids. 2nd (Steve) Unanimous.

- Coaches Invitational:
 - Frank reported the parking lot fee of \$5/carload went well. No hassle was made if people couldn't pay. 1/3 of proceeds will go to Friends of Wrentham (Development Center) as a donation, 1/3 will go to the Fundraising School, and 1/3 will go to the MSTCA. Parking raised \$5300 and had 12 paid employees. Concessions are run by schools that sign up for the opportunity.
 - Course was well delineated
 - Autistic and other athletes with disabilities that require a running buddy must have medical documentation. Without it, it is a liability for us. There was one athlete with Autism whose coach designated 2 of his own athletes to run with him. The team decided on their own to run together with the athlete. This caused a log jam that affected the next race. The coach apologized profusely.
 - Braintree showed up for the wrong division because of AD error. The athletes were allowed to run, but were not allowed to medal/score.
- Other XC News/Updates
 - John asked if we could put together an "All-time" list for Wrentham as exists for Franklin Park. Everyone agreed. This brought up the issue that the MIAA is looking to return to Franklin Park for the State Meets. If you have issue with this, make sure you tell Mike Meagher your opinion. Bill made a motion to officially take the stand of staying out of Franklin Park and having our representatives' vote for Wrentham at the MIAA meeting. Discussion ensued. We agreed to see what happens, try to educate coaches about why we wish to avoid Franklin Park, and poll the membership. Bill withdrew the motion.
 - Frank announced he needs help with field maintenance Veteran's Day at 10:00. Scott will e-mail the XC Committee members to elicit help. Steve, John, Jim, Lou and Jason will help out that day.

3. Canned Food Drive:

- Frank reported we collected an estimated 2700+ cans this year beating out last year's tally of 1615. It's growing and getting better. Three pantries came and collected the cans. (2 were no shows, so the other pantries got to pick up extra).

4. Do It Clinic status:

- Lou reported that the clinicians are in place and looks to be as good as previous years. Many returning clinicians.
- Added this year is the Physically and Mobility Challenged Seminar.
- Christmas in the City fliers will be included in the packets in an effort to get a better response this year than last.

Motion: (Lou) Name Steve Infascelli Co-Director of the Do It Clinic. 2nd (Jim) Unanimous.

5. Spring Sites for Meets:

- Relays will be the 3rd weekend in May. D1-Andover, D2-Walpole, D3-Pembroke, D4-Seekonk
- Freshman Sophomore Meet-Sm. Schools-Abington. Weymouth would like to host the Lg. School meet but is concerned about the HS's position as an SAT site.

Mike would like to hold the meet on Sunday. Discussion ensued. Potentially hold the meet later to avoid conflict with SAT's.

Motion: (Charlie O.) Hold the meet on Saturday. If Weymouth cannot do it later in the evening, we will find a new site. 2nd (Livvy) Unanimous.

6. Meeting with the new RCC Pres.

- Frank reported that the meeting has not yet taken place due to scheduling conflicts. At the meeting (with Rick, Frank, Lou, and Jim) he will inform her of the standing agreement and work to get the money allocated to the RLC/MSTCA.
- It will cost an estimated \$350,000 to replace the track which is due next year. If the money does not come over, we'll initiate legal action.

7. Reggie Lewis Center Project:

- Frank reported that we've had a guy come in to give us an estimate for a new sign/logo on the back wall. Concerns over current safety.
- Keith McDermott is trying to get a new scoreboard if the estimate is affordable. Frank said he may be coming back to ask the board to allow a donation to make it possible. There is no ball-park figure for a donation at this time.

8. Review of Meet Director's Responsibilities:

- Frank reported that there is a lot on his plate that could/should be taken care of by the meet director.
- Also if there are altercations involving coaches, trainers, athletes, parents, etc., the Meet Director should be informed about it. Maybe have some sort of incident report for the files.
- There is a list of responsibilities included in the draft of the Policies/Procedures, but has not been distributed in recent years. Livvy will update it.

9. Request from NDA-Worcester for the Indoor Relays

- John reported that NDA-W has a scheduling conflict and would like to move up a division in order to allow his team to compete in the Relays. (A school function is taking place on that Friday evening and is not allowing any students to attend any extra-curricular activity/athletic event whether attending the function or not.) The question to the board is should we allow it?
- Discussion ensued. First time we've held the meet on a Friday night due to extra division. Fairness to D1 schools? If a D1 school wanted to move down could they since there is no way to move up?

Motion: (Rick) Allow NDA-Worcester to move up and compete in the Division 4 Relays, for this year only, with the knowledge that the team is not allowed to medal or score and no records set will be recorded or acknowledged. A written statement is required from the school stating they understand the provisions of the agreement and must be signed by the school principal. State meet qualifying performances will be accepted. 2nd (Jim) 19 For-1 Against Motion granted.

10. Relay Entry Forms- Paper or DA

- Rick reported that a test run was carried out and the DA system is ready and able to be used for entry purposes. There will be no times, distances, or athlete names entered. For the Field events, to circumvent the DA system requiring names, coaches will select the field event and in the Last name space will enter the school name. In the first name space, the coach will enter Boys or Girls. He reminded us that DA provides accountability to coaches
- Lucia would like to keep the deadlines early since there is still so much work to set up all three meets for the first weekend. Discussion ensued and it was decided to keep the dates the same and see what happens.

11. New Business:

- Bill (Chairman of Indoor Track Committee) reported on their first meeting and brought the recommendations to the board.
Recommendations:
 1. For the Freshman/Sophomore meet, keep the Dash/HH finals as 2 sections on time. The sub-committee was unanimous. E-Board: Passed unanimously.
 2. For the Freshman/Sophomore meet, have standards for all events. Allow coaches to petition the Meet Director to add a 3rd athlete to the 55 dash or hurdles and 300 if all three of the athletes have met the standard. Qualifying performances must be proved. E-Board: Passed 17 for, 3 against.
 3. For the MTCA Elite Meet, revise the order of events. Put the Girls Mile between the dash/HH trials and finals and have the Boys Mile go off upon completion of the dash/HH finals. This will allow for more time for the dash/HH athletes to recover between trials and finals. E-Board: Passed unanimously.
- New Check-in Procedure: John brought up the idea of having coaches check-in athletes on the wall to reduce clerking time and time spent by athletes in the gym before competition. Frank pointed out that in the past; people were purposely scratching other athletes that were supposed to compete. Discussion ensued: have clerks supervise a closed area-coaches only. Final idea is to attach a declaration sheet to the front of every school's packet. The coach arrives at Packet Pick-up, receives the declaration sheet only. Uses the sheet to check-in all his athletes and returns it to the table in exchange for the packet. Declarations sheets will go directly to the 2 computer people (G-in the gym, B-on the track).
- Bill and Western Mass recruiting membership: Bill reported that upon asking why Western Mass coaches do not join the association he found that most coaches think of MSTCA as a "Boston" organization for E-Mass only. He recommends hosting 3 MSTCA meets per year out in Western Mass to help them feel included. Response was to go for it.

Motion to adjourn. 2nd. Meeting adjourned 1:29 pm.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday January 28, 2014 6:30 pm @ NDA-Hingham

Respectfully Submitted 11/4/13