

WISTCA MEETING

November 9th 2014



Members Present: Dan Schettler, Bill Richards, Mark Hoffman, Vince Lease, Geoff Steinbach, Paul Heigel, Matt Polzin, Mark Maas, Marcy Thurwachter, Brad Meixner, Chris Herriot, Mike Mulrooney, Craig Shepard, John Masanz, Jason McMahon, Kurt VandenHeuvel and Kari Krakow

1. Call meeting to order- Start time 10:20 by President Bill Richards
2. Review March Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Vince Komar and seconded by Dan Schettler.
3. 2015 Clinic – Hoffman/Steinbach
 - Mark Hoffman presented us a mock schedule of the 2015 clinic
 - UW Track Coaches are going to be our headliners for the 2015 clinic with the exception of horizontal and vertical jumps
 - High Jump - Mike Holman
 - Triple Jump - Jeremy Fischer, head jumps coach with USATF and he will be bringing with him Brittany Reese, a silver medalist long jumper
 - We will be having an opening keynote speaker by Rick McGuire on “Positive Coaching” .
 - We reviewed both the mock schedule as well as the room layout
 - We will also be adding two additional sessions on Saturday, some will take place at the Shell.
 - We will be offering a shuttle to and from the shell as parking will be VERY limited.
 - We will need to police the doors at the shell ensuring that we are letting in the proper
 - Event chairs - get your names and topics to Mark H ASAP so he can start filling in the schedule
 - All clinic notes must be to Mark Hoffman by January 16th.
 - Geoff is working heavily with the Waukesha State Bank.
 - First timers - District reps - get their names. Each district can have two free entries. Which includes a membership.
 - Mark - what is the earliest we can start our meeting on Thursday? Can we start our meeting at 6:00 PM? or 5:30?
4. WIAA Updates- Marcy
 - Quick Congrats to State Cross Country qualifiers
 - Carla - Marathon Volleyball runners up in D3
 - Bill Richards is being inducted into the Sheboygan North HOF
 - Geoff will be inducted into the Arrowhead HOF
 - Recommendations from coaches advisory that passed:
 - 1-1-1 in the throws. Continue to recommend it but not make it required.
 - Adding a 4th official to each sectional. Running referee and a field referee.
 - The wheelchair language was tweaked.
 - Competitive Equity Committee came out with their recommendation last week and it was sent to AD’s. This only affects TRUE team sports. The recommendation is to have a success factor. You accrue points over a three year time frame and if you get to a certain point threshold you may move up a division. This is not being well received based on the comments on the website. There are questions as to why this is not being applied to individual sports like track. The final draft will go to the WIAA BOC in December.

- Wheelchair update. Marcy gave us an update on the wheelchair incident in cross country recently. The issue with the specific incident was that the athlete was not self propelled. Marcy was concerned with how this may carry over to track. We cannot allow wheelchair athletes to be pushed by anyone - the athlete needs to be the competitor and propelling them-self.
 - Ohio's association had an OCR complain filed against them because they were not allowing a MS participate in track. OCR looked solely at this individual and said that wheeling is not a disadvantage and it is not a danger (even though they stray from their lanes occasionally) This is not finished.
 - UW LAX:
 - Passed a referendum to fund a new field house. It will have an 8 Lane 200 M track with seating for 1,000.
 - There will be a new artificial turf soccer field to start in May 2016. It will be parallel to Reuter Hall.
 - The new field house will start in 2017. Mitchell Hall will be renovated into 3 major areas: gymnastics, wrestling and general use.
 - WIAA still needs two division 1 regional sites.
5. Review By-Laws and Organization Structure.
- Bill Richards gave us a color coded handout on items to be removed and added to our bylaws.
 - i. Carla motioned to approve the changes. Chris Herriot seconded it.
6. Honor Roll Update.
- At this point we have three options.
 - i. Dave Figi
 - ii. Richard Smalls
 - iii. Another message that Bill Richards has been unsuccessful in contacting back.
 - We feel that Dave will continue doing this as long as we ask him too - but the question came up should we? We don't want to interfere with any of his personal life.
 - It was decided we will contact Richard Smalls to ask if he
7. Attending WISTCA Meetings
- We had low attendance at the July meeting. So low we couldn't vote on some important items.
 - How can we make this better? At one time we wanted a district rep to send a replacement - but is this effective?
 - What about voting electronically.
8. Website Needs/Plans - Richards
- Updated photos and bio for each member of the Board, Clinic, and Spotlight group
 - HOF – Have a plan at this point to update information on site
 - Other areas of the site that need to be addressed or updated
 - Team will meet to determine needs / updates and responsibilities.
9. Spotlight meet- DeVoe
- In Bill's initial discussion with WASH, he put out a feeler to see if the Iowa coaches would be interested in making any changes to the format of the meet.
 - Bill DeVoe indicated that Wash would like to keep it as is, he feels like this is what it needs to be and it is using our money in a well spent way.
 - Mark Hoffman indicated that it is not detrimental to our finances.
10. National Senate/ USATF/USTFCCCA – Hoffman
- J. Hallberg who is our chair right now is currently setting up a document on how to run an organization such as WISTCA. We have provided him our by-laws.
 - Mark Maas will be going to USATFCCA conventionn. Geoff was invited to present at the same conference, we are not sure if he is going to Phoenix yet.

- Bill Richards will be taking Mark Hoffman's place at the conference this year because of a change in the days. (Wednesday instead of Friday).

11. Hall of Fame and Awards- Shep

- Ethan Moene is at Arkansas and Bonnie Draxler is at San Diego, so we are not planning on having them being there.

12. Officials / Gender Rep / Minority Rep

- There was no representation from the officials, gender or minority reps.

13. Motion to Adjourn .

- Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 by John Maas and seconded by Vince Komar. The next Meeting will be February 5^h at 6:00 PM at Madison Marriot West.