

# WISTCA MEETING

July 25th 2018 - 5:00 PM

La Crosse Logan High School



**Members Present - In Person:** Geoff Steinbach, Jon Schwantz, Mike Price, Pat Reichling, Tom Hoogester, Mark Hoffman, John Masanz, Joe Hackbarth, Kari Krakow

**Virtually:** Chad Gunnelson - UD (Guest), Jim Stephany, Owen Jarrette, Lauren Waller, Bill DeVoe, Bill Richards, Jerome Missian

1. Review February Meeting Minutes.
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:13 by President Joe Hackbarth.
  - b. Mike Price approved the February minutes and Kevin Kravik seconded it.
2. Spotlight Meet - Chad Gunnelson, Univ of Dubuque (Virtual Participant)
3. Treasurer's Reports-Hoffman
  - a. Mark gave us an abbreviated version of the treasurers report, specifically as it related to the All-Star Meet.
4. Spotlight Meet Discussion
  - a. Feedback from the Meet:
    - i. Kevin Kravik - Is there a number of athletes we are shooting for?
    - ii. Price - it has been across the board since Washburn left.
    - iii. John Masanz - How was the meet?
    - iv. Jon Schwantz - Email from Jared Sanchez. A couple of positive/negative thoughts. Overall it was a great meet. Great competition. Happy kids. Chad did a great job. Lack of distance cost us the team trophy.
    - v. Kevin Kravik - Communication can be improved. We can improve the check in process by being very clear about the schedule. Should we have a Wisconsin table at check in? Should we have coaches be the "welcoming crew"? Dinner was tough - not enough places to eat. How do we ensure that everyone is on the same page?
    - vi. Mark Hoffman - Opening the meet to the non-seniors. We will have to pull back on things as we cannot fund items for athletes without ruining their eligibility. Are we getting out of the meet what we are putting into it? (Coaches). Communication and Organization. They go hand in hand. We have or are losing some quality people from our organization because they are burnt out on this meet.
    - vii. Geoff - There are a lot of things that are really foggy with this. We have to remember the purpose of this meet. Three state associations coming together to get Iowa and Illinois in the National Senate. Why are we spending money on the seniors instead of the future? The group we are missing is the freshman level group. We are serving the best of the best.
    - viii. Mark - One more thing about the financial report. We had to pay for the awards this year. I feel that this should be paid for by the meet earnings. This goes back to the point that this was about bringing the association together.
    - ix. Mike Price - We have seen the quality of athletes and performances increase over the last decade at the state meet. This is due to the dedication we have to Coaches education which is the purpose of the clinic.

- x. Geoff - we are losing the freshman. If we do not hook them as freshman we don't have them as seniors.
- xi. Kari Krakow - For the record (I am not offended) but I did what I could to communicate the information to the athletes and coaches. It was in their inbox - it really was.
- xii. Mike - we are making an investment. What is Wisconsin's return on that benefit.
- xiii. Hackbarth - the hardest thing for a Campus is to get students there.
- xiv. Jon - I appreciate what Geoff said. As a smaller D2 I would like to see a greater emphasis on MS programs.
- xv. Bill Richards - We have to hold up our end of the bargain. These athletes/parents are entrusting us. We have to hold up our end of the bargain.
- xvi. Geoff - Liability. How/are we liable for athletes traveling to the meet? What about at the meet?
- xvii. Mark - we just have a liability policy. Mark needs to check on the details of the policy.

5. WIAA 2018 Tournament/State Meet Comments - Hackbarth (Handout)

- a. President Hackbarth shared with us a summary of 2018 WIAA State Track and Field Head Coach Survey.
- b. There were 165 total respondents. President Hackbarth feels this is very low.
- c. 100% of the survey were either Excellent or Acceptable.
- d. There are some areas that are just out of our control such as Athletic Training Services or State Meet Apparel.
- e. Comments:
  - i. Tom Hoogester - coaches brought it to my attention that the field events on the infield (LJ, TJ, HJ, PV) do not have a restroom nearby.
  - ii. John Masanz - we are our own worst enemies. We break the rules. We are abusing the coaching boxes at the state meet.
  - iii. Mark Hoffman - from Stan Druckery. Performances at our state meet cannot be used at national qualifying meets because we do not have an anemometer. It was suggested that we purchase one. It was also suggested that we talk about putting the curb back up so it can become a national qualifying meet.
  - iv. Jerome - High Jump. They were not able to use a bungee cord during warm up. As it turned out it depended on what pit they were on. Also at least at D1 girls they were not allowed to use a lower height during warm up. Boys long jump (D1) was very slow. The measuring device was questionable. Should we make a recommendation about using similar measurements tool at sectionals.

6. 2018 All-State Team - Hoogester

- a. Tom indicated that it was done. It has been passed on to KK. It will be posted in the next two weeks.

7. Athletes of the Year-Masanz - Voting on these awards should take place today

- a. Historian/Past President John Masanz gave us a two page document highlighting the athletes in contention for athlete of the year. Please note that there is also wheelchair competitors on the list.
- b. Athletes of the Year:
  - i. Kenny Bednarek - Rice Lake (Unanimous)
  - ii. Brooke Jaworski - Wausau West

8. WISTCA By Laws - Masanz

- a. John was asked by President Masanz to look at the constitution in terms of the members and their titles and roles within the committee. See details below.

# WISTCA Constitution Amendments for consideration:

July 25, 2018 - Summer Meeting, La Crosse, WI

## Article IV

Revise sentence 1st Sentence:

*“The officers of this organization shall be the President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, District Representatives (1-7), woman4woman,, Minority Representative, Middle School Representative and any position deemed necessary and voted on by the Executive Committee for the benefit of the Association.”*

Insert the following line after the 3rd or 4th sentence:

*“Nominations for District Representatives and President-Elect Position may be taken via electronic communication in advance of the Annual Clinic. Voting for District Reps and President-Elect may occur via electronic communication prior to and/or at the Annual Clinic.”*

## Executive Committee

Revise the 1st sentence:

*“The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers the immediate Past President and the District Representatives.”*

Revise the 2nd sentence: (Careful)

*“A quorum for a duly called Executive Committee shall exist of those members present and voting.”*

### 9. 2019 Clinic - Hoffmann

- a. Site: Madison Marriott West (Middleton). We have been making site visits to other locations. Appleton Paper Valley and Brookfield Convention Center. Benefits of staying in Madison - access to the Shell when it is available. A plus with Brookfield is that it is closest to MKE. History has proven that we had our highest numbers when we were in MKE.
- b. Attendance: Last year we had a slight drop in attendance. It was one year so it is not concerning yet. We as a committee need to emphasize the positives of the clinic and all of the benefits that come with it.
- c. W4W: From Mark: it was a great success last year and we can build off of it.
- d. Costs:
  - i. The biggest two costs are catering and AV.
  - ii. The food portion size suffered when we put a hard limit on the food.
  - iii. The cost of what the hotel charges for everything adds up quickly.
  - iv. Mike Chapes offered to do a cost analysis in terms of the WISTCA association purchase some items.
  - v. Mike Price: Should we add in a 3rd person to assist with AV?
  - vi. Mark: I will talk with Mike.
- e. Speaker Targets:
  - i. Mark is proposing that we do not have the headliners teach so many sessions (6 or 7) we are burning them out.
  - ii. Another idea. Send out an email to all of the state championship teams that they are invited to speak on any topic of their choice (or can assign it to a assistant).
- f. BCS speakers:
  - i. Should we re-brand this? Instead of calling it Beginner Coaches series.
  - ii. Dane Miller - Pennsylvania.

- iii. Christian Taylors Coach (Raina Reader)
- iv. National Jumps coach
- v. We would like to bring in as many dignitaries as possible.
- g. Learn by Demonstration
  - i. The attendance was very poor at the hotel. The Keva center was well attended. We either have to figure out a way to get them to stay or recognize that this is the behavior of our coaches.
- h. Saturday Morning Breakfast
  - i. Will be sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Top job Mike Price.

## 10. WIAA Coaches Advisory Discussion Items - Hackbarth

Potential 2018 Coaches Advisory Meeting Items. Two items that went to caucus at the 2018 Clinic and recieved strong support across the board were the proposals to (A) rotate field events at state (within divisions) on a yearly basis and (B) proposal to move up the start time of the state meet on Saturday by 30 Minutes.

1 - Are we at the point where we do not need to have trials in the 200 at the Regional anymore? (How about the Sectional in Divisions 2 and 3?) Is this simply a vestige of the hand-held timing days? The few regular season meets that still have trials in the 200 may only have them to help prepare kids for the Regional/Sectional. In Divisions 2 and 3 where there are 16 qualifiers at the Sectional - could we just have a slow section and a fast section of the 200 final - similar to what is done in the 400?

2 - Coaches feel that it is inappropriate for opposing/visiting coaches to watch exchange zones at Tournament Series meets. While it is always difficult to find help covering all event areas for hosting schools, to ask opposing coaches to watch at these meets in a difficult and awkward position should they have to make a disqualification call.

3 - There were many reports of HS athletes/students marking the discus, shot put, long jump and triple jump at Regionals and Sectionals. The workers were not always paying attention and the precision of their work has repeatedly come into question. When a fraction of an inch can make the difference between advancing or your season coming to an end, it's kind of a big deal.

4 - Robert O. Kern (jumps lead official) brought up a "concern" at the State Meet. He said that right now the way the Tournament Series language is written, coaches for athletes in a 2nd event on a runway (one example: Division 2 Boys LJ after the completion of Division 3 Boys in Plt #4) are not allowed back out to the runways during the "general warm-up time". He saw no reason why we couldn't let the coaches out there - watch steps, etc....then when the general warm-up time was completed, send them back to the bleachers and/or coaching benches.

5 - I was given a "pre-emptive warning" that we and the WIAA need to have a discussion on bladed runners and how we will handle their situation when (not if) we have our first one. While they are at this point not incredibly common, they are certainly more bladed runners now than just a few years ago. This might be another situation we might want to be "out in front" of.

6 - Can we put the WISTCA warm-up procedures into the Tournament Series info on the WIAA site and also into the Meet Program?

## 11. Honor Roll

- a. It was the group consensus that our current method for honor roll is not sustainable.
- b. Dave Figi is on his last leg.
- c. Basically we need a new solution.
- d. KK suggested that we send out an RFP to solicit a company to do our honor roll for us.

12. National Senate/USATF/USATFCCCA - Hoffman

- a. Mark made the recommendation that the WISTCA committee send attendees to the National Senate.

13. Hall of Fame & Awards - Stephany

- a. Coaches to be Inducted:
- b. Athletes to be Inducted:
- c. Officials Merit Award - We will be honoring the late Dan Friege.
- d. Merit Award - Shelia Schulfer (WIAA)
- e. Mike Price -

14. Officials - Hackbarth

- a.

15. Power Rankings - Polzin (No Report)

- a. Blast was sent out in June. Will do another in the Fall.

16. Minority

- a. No update at this time
- b. We talked about possibly finding a line of communication with MPS.
- c. Robert Kern would be the resource to help us find that person.

17. Academics (Kevin Kravik)

- a. Kevin brought up the fact that we are one of the only sports that do not recognize Academics.
- b. He proposed that we have an Academic All State Award as an individual and as a team.
- c. Kevin will be creating a proposal for this and presenting it at the November meeting.

18. Motion to Adjourn

- a. The meeting was motioned to adjourn at 8:44 AM by Pat Reichling.
- b. Seconded it Mark Hoffman.

19. Next Meeting: TENTATIVE - Sunday, November 4th at Location TBD - 10am Start

(Packers play home on 11/11, 11/18 is Deer Hunting, 11/25 is Thanksgiving Weekend)