WISTCA MEETING

Sunday February 26th - 10:00am WIAA Office-Stevens Point



Start Time- 10:02 a.m.

Members Present: Mike Price, Mark Hoffman, John Masanz, Mark Ekiss, Dennis Meyer, Jerome Missiaen, Nadine Rovang, Alonzo Fuller

Virtually: Joe Hackbarth, Lauren Waller, Mike Jones, Ryan Ewing, Matt Buchman, James Houdek, Chrisie Wright, Owen Jarrette, Randy Skellenger, Ted Schermetzler, Joel Block, Stan Druckrey, Kari Krakow.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome new reps/Introductions
- 2. Review November Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Mark Ekiss; Second by Dennis Meyer
- 3. 2022 Financial Report
 - a. Clinic-in terms of cost we were down from previous years. Trying to put as much back into the clinic.
 - b. January-December (may overlap clinic to clinic; because of it occurring in December, etc.)
 - c. \$6.495.14
 - d. Increase in revenue from 2021 to 2022 but costs increased from the previous.
 - e. 2023 expenses will be up (hotel is up, etc)
 - i. \$1900 membership paid (largely to USTFCCCA); some paid in 2023 for the 2022 bill
 - ii. \$10 per member goes
 - iii. Registration fees are down to \$60
 - f. Profit from Freshmen Meet
 - g. Basic costs for t-shirts at state, WISTCA meetings, and other items to keep WISTCA going
 - h. The CDs have money in case of emergencies; specifically if the clinic were to be canceled.
 - i. Motion approved by John Masanz and Second by Nadine Rovang
- 4. Clinic Business Financial Report- Mark Hoffman

Cannot sustain over time with the costs. Options?

- USTFCCCA is one area to focus on; what are the benefits? What happens if we are not members? Hoping they might meet us halfway...
 - Asking USTFCCCA to pay half the fee (no response yet)
 - If they say no; what do we want to do? Thinking they would still want us even if we were to pay half. If they won't let us pay half, then we don't pay the fees for this year.
 - We send the list taking off coaches that are not able to be members (out of state, officials?)
 - The Techniques Magazine is really the individual coach's benefit. The Coach of the Year recognition and funds paying

for that. Comments that the magazine may not be worth the costs.

- Clinic folder costs have gone up \$3.00 per folder; save money by not purchasing the notepad.
- Convention costs have increased. The networking and people we have brought to our clinic is really something we can't put a "price" on.

 Networking is very valuable and we would not get many of those otherwise.
- Registration price going up is something we strongly need to look at.
- Drive up membership yet for this year. Make a big push for those that did not register. Get district reps to do this. If we can get each district to get more members, it will help a lot!
 - Masanz: could we get flyers with QR code to click on at track meets to get more members.
 - Hackbarth: What if we don't do a team price, with them getting a "free" coach.
 - Trying to keep it to one fee for both days.
 - Rovang: two fees, one for virtual and one for in person
 - Jones: eliminate the "scholarship" for coaches to come to the clinic as a first timer.
 - Increase vendor fees.
 - Will look at raising the membership fees. Table this until summer meeting.
- Have looked at other hotel options but nothing is comparable, yet.
 - Right now our relationship with the Marriott is very good and getting a contract for the coming years.
 - Catering is really the biggest cost. Look at different options but we don't want to take away from what we are as WISTCA.
 - What we have been doing is WHY the clinic is so successful and truly represents the association and what we stand for!
- USTFCCCA membership-look at costs; membership/registration fees going up (wrap up of discussion)
- a. Clinic Survey results
 - Sent twice; better responses sending it again
 - Mostly positive
 - Sound, technology issues (usual things)
 - Can't please those that: want local beer, want coffee, etc.
 - Someone always has issues with speakers, etc.
 - Need more HS speakers that "speak our language".
 - Spread the word at meets, with other coaches, etc.
 - Bring in more middle school coaches
 - Find a better way to "label" those HS coaches that are speaking.

Logistics of the clinic weekend

- Setup went well
- Meeting time at 4:00PM worked
- W4W seems to work
- Need more to go through the vendor area
- 167 coaches at the business meeting (not going to happen where WIAA allows us to "waive" the video by attending the meeting)
- 349 of 350 Meals Friday night
- \$1000 less in raffle; look at other options
- Saturday seemed to go well

- b. Registration Numbers-1065
- c. Caucus Meeting Summaries- E Caucus Meeting Notes
 - i. District Rep Reports
 - Review notes for each
 - Having a paper copy of PV, WIAA is looking at liability (side discussion on this)
 - Discussion on the Coach of the Year (how to better recognize those coaches)
 - Might be helpful to have a specific time/location for the caucus meetings so that more coaches know where and to show up???
 - Slide to show the district coaches of the year and state coaches of the year
 - Discussion of "who should vote..." at the meeting? Head coaches only. Need to stress this.
 - Need to make sure that anything discussed or needs to be taken further is done so. Those speaking out each time think their voice is not heard. Reps are bringing it up but not enough to push it forward. What needs to go to advisory from caucus meetings? Anything we are missing?
 - Bring going to 8 medals at state back to advisory as a discussion point.
 - Common concern about the entire tournament series. A lot of discussion but needs a much closer look but needs more clarification.
 - Create an AdHoc for studying the tournament series- Mark Ekiss, Nadine Rovang, Randy Skellenger, Ted Schermetzler, Mark Hoffman
 - ii. Officials Caucus
 - Melissa came in with the group
 - There has been an officials meeting(s) to discuss topics and issues each month.
 - iii. Additional alternates for relays No: 5 Yes:2
 - iv. Adopt NFHS rules of 4 events vs. 3:1 Yes 5: No:2
 - v. District Athlete of the Year
 - Need more discussion on this and more to think about.
 - vi. Regional/Sectional Extra Qualifiers-table to summer, more info needed vii.Eliminate 200m prelims in Regional/Sectionals-reintroduce with new language for Coaches Advisory.
- d. Hall of Fame- Joe Hackbarth
 - Received many thank you's for the experience.
 - Some complaints on the time, but we are not going to stop people in the middle of their speeches! A lot gave really great speeches and many tears!
 - Hackbarth thanks everyone that helped or anything anyone did to help make the day so amazing!
 - Thinking about 120(ish) number wise.
 - How do we feel about the change of the set-up?
 - Last minute
 - Seemed to work well
 - Start it earlier?
 - Good idea

- Need to have the ENTIRE room available for the day so the setup can take place. Not just part of the room.
- Maybe need a different room? If we start earlier, more people might stay? Look at options.
- Other sports induct more but then it's not as "personal" and no one gets to speak.
- e. Women4Women- Kari
 - All went well
 - Coach Gibson kicked it off so nicely!
 - Look at one less breakout??
 - A few technical issues but nothing we couldn't solve!
- f. Next year- more high school coaches as speakers; more involvement from MPS and middle school coaches.
 - 5. Scholarship Committee
 - a. Funding sources
 - Put this into the letter for door prizes
 - Solicit from Hall of Fame
 - Other donors??
 - b. Dollar amounts
 - Need more details on how much?
 - Separate account for this
 - c. Needs to be a member of WISTCA but can be any member of the team that the coach nominates (athlete, manager, etc.). Could be a son/daughter of a coach that is a member.
 - D. Have this ready for the summer meeting to move forward.
 - 6. Milesplit
 - Trying new things to highlight Wisconsin kids.
 - Possibly something that could be sent out Sunday night with the Honor Roll. Would be a good way to spread the word.
 - 7. WIAA Updates-Melissa
 - a. New building needs to be in the contract with language of what it will be used for (liability, inclement weather, etc.)
 - b. Special Event of the co-ed relays; not in tournament language because it's not part of it
 - c. UW-L info- shot put circles will not have anchors in place as anticipated
 - i. Need anchors; looking into it
 - ii. Two chairs
 - iii. Joe Hackbarth and Mike Jones discussing options to bring anchors and chairs
 - d. Host sites still needed-Sectional hosts still needed in Milwaukee area (look for sure...)
 - e. Rule clarifications and will update Q&A online as needed
 - f. Questions from 2 different schools on a "guide runner" for visually impaired athletes.
 - g. Working on splitting the fees that WIAA and the host school hosts so that it's more appealing to host schools and not as much going to WIAA. It's hard to get schools to host and then to have so much going back to WIAA; not great for incentives to host.
 - h. Worried about timing systems and the number available during the tournament. Issues last year at Wausau West (quoted worse ever...) and

this timing system will be used again this year at another host school. Wondering how we can solve this to be proactive in the future.

- i. Coaches Advisory- June 22nd
- 8. Freshman Meet- Saturday, June 10th, Arrowhead High School
 - Promote to athletes
 - Need help; event chairs, anyone else...
- 9. Wisconsin USATF Regional Meet
 - a. July 13-16 @ UW-L
 - b. Workers and officials needed for all areas.
 - Promote the meet. Need workers and officials. Contact Alonzo Fuller-fmdd@msn.com or by phone (414) 550-3852
- 10. Need for a new Distance Chair
- 12. Next Meeting: Virtual Thursday, June 15th 5:00
 - Due to having state, end of school year, advisory, etc. This year it will be best to do it virtually to save on travel.
- 13. Adjourn Motion by Masanz and second by Meyer