

WISTCA MEETING

July 12th

10:00 am @ Deerfield High School IMC



Virtual Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89142227018>

Members Present: Mike Price, Tom Hoogester, John Masanz, Mark Hoffman, Mark Ekiss, Denny Meyer, Joel Block, Chrisie Wright, Vince Lease, Jerome Missiaen, Sean Currie

Members Virtual: Marlin Hensler, Kate Peterson-Abiad, Ryan Ewing, Joe Hackbarth, Mark Maas, Nadine Rovang, Randy Skellenger, Joshua Zill, Owen Jarette, James Houdek, Jon Schwantz, Josh Zill, Bill Richards

The meeting was called to order at: 10:02am

- Review [March 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - a. Motion made to approve the meeting minutes by: Tom Hoogester
 - b. Second: Sean Currie
 - c. Minutes have been posted to the WISTCA Website
- WIAA Updates - Kate Peterson Abiad
 - a. State Meet Survey
 - i. Communication: Looking at ways to improve
 - ii. Packets: Mostly thought it was good
 - iii. Implement Weigh Ins: Some discussion on moving the weigh in to the new building
 - iv. Meet Apparel: Comments on how costly it was;
 - v. Competition Areas: Coaches too far away from the athletes (really the only complaints); some complaints on moving the pole vault; some missed flags on the curves
 - vi. Miscellaneous: Some want more clerk tent; lots of athletic trainers; positives on the volunteers: overall pretty good comments
 - b. Discussion on what happens when teams don't show up for the tournament series. An issue comes into play when they "say" they are going to be part of it and then the breakdown happens however they don't show up.
 - i. Skellenger: concerns with D2 and alignments with charter schools coming in; moving more schools in from quite a distance.
 - c. Lease: A coach had a disc not pass inspection (diameter); came from M-F Athletics.
 - d. Discussion sectionals and extra qualifiers. When delays happen.
 - e. Melissa Gehring will be taking over track and field. Candice will move with her to still be assistant to track and field.
 - f. Meyer: Clerk tent issues can't easily be resolved. Clothing and no place to go with it was a problem with more in the tent area. Can't manage the extra clothing and athletes. It takes a lot of people to help move clothing around.
 - g. Missiaen: Asked if official video could be used to "review" infractions during the state meet. Mostly related to the 4x400M Relay and issues that happen during finals of that race. Meyer: will work with other officials to clarify expectations and make sure it's better communicated. Skellenger: other running events would benefit from video replays.
- Tournament Series/State Meet Survey Results/Discussion- Price
 - a. WISTCA Board discussion on how the state meet tournament series went.
 - b. Meeting w/ Josh Bucholtz-ideas for State Meet
 - i. Move implement weigh- in to the throws area in the new fieldhouse area. Need to make sure coaches can get in and do this on time.
 - ii. Shared the website UWL has put together for the state meet.
 - iii. Discussed having a throwing ring for wheelchair competition. Looking at options to do this and funding for another chair, etc. Start times would be factored into this.
 - iv. Meyer: Wheelchair athletes are competing in alternating lanes. Should we have better guidelines for this? What are other states doing? Lane assignments and gender need to be looked at.

1. Hackbarth: What about not doing all wheelchair events on Saturday and split some to do them on Friday? Would be nice to get other wheelchair coaches' thoughts on this. Once we get info back, get a proposal for coaches advisory.
 - v. Hoogester: Find a better solution for long and triple jump coaches boxes. Not monitored as much in throwing events. More coaches in the LJ/TJ area than should be. Coaches want to be by their athletes but many stay for other flights, etc. There were a lot of coaches in the shot put area that didn't need to be there. Making sure the volunteers understand there should be one coach for each athlete (max 1 per team / per gender) and the athlete should check in with the coach to get the wristband.
 - vi. Hoffman: WIAA is now taking 55% at the tournament meets; hard to find help and pay them. It's hard to get schools to host but making them cover more costs. Hard to hear about costs and what it costs at the state meet, etc. This needs to be discussed.
- c. Implement weigh-in issue at Sectional Meet
- Possible WIAA Coaches Advisory Discussion Items (Discussion)
 - a. Division Realignment -Masanz/Goede
 - i. Data compiled in terms of regional entries by Jason Goede (Wisconsin Lutheran):
 - ii. [2022 Regional Entry Update](#)
 - iii. [WIAA Division Realignment Report](#)
 - iv. Masanz: Put together an Ad Hoc to start the process to bring back to WISTCA and then to advisory. Recommendation on data, not on emotion. After the proposal is discussed; would still want to survey coaches. Question to WIAA is yet to clarify what repercussions for saying they are going to have track and field but do not?? Really not any repercussions for not showing up but THIS DOES factor into the tournament series. Jason Goede provided the data.
 - v. **Recommendation:** To keep the current division alignment with 128 in Division 1, 136 in Division 2 and the remaining in Division 3. Survey coaches. Motion: Hoffman; 2nd: Schwantz Yes:21 No: 2
 - vi. Would be beneficial to create a committee to look at 4 divisions. Table for now and talk at the fall meeting and possibly bring to caucus meetings.
 - vii. What does it actually cost for the state meet? We hear it's a lot of money but what does it actually cost?
 - b. Extra Qualifier Rule - Price
 - i. Weather and travel distance have had an impact on continuing a meet during inclement weather, some motivation is the extra qualifier rule.
 - ii. Extra qualifier standard still includes performances that come from postponed meets?
 - iii. What are other states doing?
 - c. 1600 Meter Relay- WI is the only state running lane 1 as preferred lane. Move to middle lane?
 - d. Regional/Sectional filler
 - Treasurer's Reports - Hoffman
 - a. Freshman Meet-Credit \$1,142.13
 - 2023 Clinic Information - Hoffman
 - a. February 2nd-4th @ Middleton Marriott
 - i. If anyone has speaker ideas shoot them to Mark.
 1. Put a spreadsheet together with names to start the chain of contacts.
 - ii. Always complaints about the meal on Friday night. There is really not much we can do about it unless we get rid of it altogether.
 - iii. LBD-how to proceed w/athletes or as a camp
 1. Always a struggle to get people to do it; last minute to get athletes to do it; it's become a headache. The product is really good but is it worth it with the number of people in attendance for it?
 2. Make Saturday a "camp". Other states do this. But then we have athletes register, coaches, etc. It's a lot of work to make this option happen.
 - iv. Maybe the "coach of the year" session needs to be done?
 - v. Video: Do we want to keep doing this? Look at doing this at a smaller scale?
 - 2022 Freshman Meet Results/Summary
 - a. Highest numbers yet. Great meet and experience for the kids.
 - b. Reminder to just keep passing the information about the meet to more coaches.
 - All State Team - Wright

- a. This has been posted on the [WISTCA Website](#)
 - b. As always this is the top 6 performances in all three divisions (these performances had to occur at the state meet and in the finals if applicable).
- All Time Honor Roll- Price
 - a. Craig Shepard provided the all-time list up to 2016. Looking for someone to take this on and update it. Hoogester will take this on.
- Athletes of the Year - Wright
 - a. Female: Roisin Willis-Stevens Point
 - b. Male: Nathan Cumberbatch-Shorewood
 - c. Female Wheelchair: Rachel Cleaver-Beloit Turner
 - d. Male Wheelchair: Travis Beckler-Wisconsin Luthern
- National Senate/USATF/USTFCCCA - Hoffman
 - a. Recommended to keep sending people.
- Hall of Fame & Awards - Hackbarth
 - a. Committee will be meeting tomorrow. Service recognized on Friday night and the Merrit on Saturday. Should we ask the recipients what night? Getting recognized in front of the membership for service is very nice.
 - b. Should we look at recognizing college coaches? Having its own category for this.
- [Academic All State](#) - KK
- Power Rankings - Polzin/Hensler
- Officials - Meyer
 - a. Nothing for updates yet.
 - b. Keep encouraging officials to do so!
- women4women - Krakow
 - a. Starting book club with Rachel Steil maybe August.
- Diversity Rep - Jones
- Next Meeting
 - a. November 6
 - b. Location: WIAA Offices Stevens Point
- Anything else?
 - a. Masanz: Discussion on how to “draw” circles when we do not know divisions???
 - b. NFHS sent surveys on events to 4 events total instead of 3-1. Could this be a discussion for the fall meeting and possibly bring up for caucus meetings? Yes, table to fall meeting.
 - c. Discussion on trials.
- Motion to Adjourn
 - a. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 Tom Hoogester
 - b. seconded Dennis Meyer