

WISTCA MEETING
March 8, 2020 TIME: 7:00pm
Virtual:



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Members Present: Thomas Hoogester, Lauren Waller, Denis Meyer, Mike Price, Bill Richards, Chrisie Wright, Jon Schwantz, Mark Hoffman, Jim Stephany, Jerome Missian, Mark Maas, Nadine Rovang, Patrick Reichling, Sean Currie, Geoff Steinbach, John Masanz, Mike Mulrooney, Paul Raley, Matt Buchman, Kari Krakow, Joe Hackbarth

Call meeting to order at: 7:05 PM

1. Review Clinic Minutes from [Clinic Meeting](#)

- a. Motion: Sean Currie
- b. Second: Matt Buchman

2. WIAA Updates (Kate):

a. [WIAA Spring Guidelines](#)

- i. Now posted on WIAA website (under “Health”)
 - 1. It’s not going to be listed as a separate document for each spring sport because things are changing all the time.
- ii. Masks must be worn indoor/outdoors for coaches, officials, and spectators. Athletes can pull the mask down to compete but must be worn otherwise.
- iii. Conversation on the equipment and implements. Disinfecting is necessary along with wearing gloves. It might not be feasible for only one person to be in charge of setting up.
- iv. Team limits: 8 schools for invitationals. Recommending dual meets and limiting interaction with extra teams (i.e. varsity competing separate from non-varsity). Need clarification that when bringing boys/girls teams it would really be 16 teams. A lot of discussion on teams and what that looks like and questions on this guideline.
- v. Clerking: this was brought up as another discussion point. What to do with the kids and do we set up a clerking area?
- b. Members will be notified of any changes from WIAA. Recommendations for tournament can’t be made until 30 days prior to the tournament series.
 - i. Any recommendations/thoughts along the way should go to Kate to start planning; as far as things we notice, ideas and/or other details to prepare for the tournament.
 - ii. Plans for the structure of state, specifically and other meet situations that may occur to help in planning.
- c. More questions have been put out to Sport Med but no responses yet. Kate is waiting to hear back and have more information moving forward. Also, trying to answer some of the questions and uncertainties clarified.

3. Review Caucus Note Highlights (District Reps)

- a. Review caucus proposal for further action:
 - i. There is not a lot of left over from the caucus meetings.

- ii. District 7 - many coaches were mentioning that adding extra qualifiers makes things more confusing. Are you in? Are you out? It seems to be more work than it is worth. (Per district 7 coaches). Mike Mulrooney: "With proper record keeping, I think it can be done".

4. WISTCA W4W (KK):

- a. Marci Kornegay - WeCoach has sent a discount code for any females that attended the 2021 WISTCA clinic. I (KK) just need to get a list of female attendees from the clinic from Mark and I will send it out. Code is good through April.
- b. WeCoach is also sponsoring a [High School Coaches Women Leadership Academy](#) in July (July 27th & 28th). This is the first ever High School Academy sponsored by WeCoach.
- c. From Mark Hoffman: Once we know the details of this event, I would like to ask WISTCA to help sponsor some of our female leadership team members to attend.

5. Notes from clinic and for next year's clinic (Hoffman):

- a. Final Attendance?
 - i. As of 3/8/2021 - we are at 599.
- b. Registration
 - i. Registration is open until April 1st.
 - ii. Access to all
 - iii. Each committee member was encouraged to send a positive and or a negative about the virtual clinic. We will transcript all comments and review at a later time.
 - iv. [WHY WISTCA](#)? We need to remember why we become members of this great association.

6. Financial Report (Hoffman):

- a. Every line item is split into categories.
- b. Our financials follow the calendar year.
- c. Our 2020 Expenditures was \$ 103,051.57
- d. Our 2020 Revenue was \$ 106,767.68
- e. Net 2020 was \$ 3,716.11 (3 year avg is \$ 3,511.28)
- f. Motion to Approve
 - i. Bill Richrads made the motion
 - ii. Jerome Missian seconded the motion

7. Door Prizes (Price):

- a. Door prizes were picked using a random name generator.
- b. Congratulations to all winners!

8. 2021 WISTCA Freshman Championships (Steinbach/Committee)

- a. Three options to host the meet at Arrowhead: June 12th, June 19th and June 30th
 - i. June 12th - it is a date but it is problematic. Saturday prior to regional.
 - ii. June 19th - a great option however, there might be athletes with a conflict. Those are the freshman athletes that will be headed to state. (First date choice by committee)
 - iii. June 30th - we can still pull it off before July 4th weekend. Is a Wednesday ok? Parents off work, etc. (Second date choice by committee)
- b. Guidelines will be taken from the WIAA and their medical experts.
- c. The association will need to make a decision as the season unfolds.

9. Hall of Fame (Jim Stephany)

- a. Male - Bryan Culver Waukesha South 2004
- b. Male - Phil Vetterkind Eleva-Strum 1994
- c. Female - Claire Maduza Shorewood 2006
- d. Female - Hannah Gronning Shell Lake 2007
- e. Coach - Dan Benson Homestead 1980-2013
- f. Coach - Ed Leonard Cadott 1978-1997
- g. Merit Award - Robert Kern Milwaukee
- h. Officials Merit Award - Richard Lambrecht (Janesville)
- i. Service Award - Mike Chapes (Tomah)

10. 2021 Milesplit/Honor Roll (Hoffman)

- a. There will be an opportunity to upgrade and get premium accounts as coaches. This could change how much WISCTA could get back from Milesplit
- b. They will be posting out Wisconsin Honor Roll
- c. We will be locating directions for Milesplit

11. Website/Social Media (KK)

- a. If anyone ever comes across news articles/stories/pictures - send them my way! (Tag or @mention WISTCA) so I get notified.

12. Motion to Adjourn Motion:

- a. Motion to adjourn:
 - i. Mike Price made a motion to adjourn
 - ii. Dennis Meyer seconded

13. Next Meeting

- a. July 13th (tentative)

Caucus Notes:

District 1 (Buchman)

12 or so attend.

Everyone was pretty positive.

I didn't have any suggestions or concerns raised with any of the items.

Seems like most conferences in our district are just scheduling smaller events within their conference and not attempting invitationals yet.

District 2 (Wright)

- Discussion about planning for upcoming meets. Many track coaches are asking members of WISTCA about scheduling meets. Unfortunately the WIAA has not released their COVID guidelines as of yet.

Our suggestion is to schedule the meets as you would normally. However, our suggestion is also to work with your District Administrators and Local Health Officials (departments) for any regulations that may be put in place. Once the WIAA releases their information then you can adjust as needed.

- No extra discussion; Tom clarified the rules exam & video is not complete yet either.
- Just a reminder that the WIAA has extended the “sunset clause” in relation to the Track & Field Division realignment. The reason for this decision is the verbiage in the sunset clause called for two years of data prior to making a recommendation for realignment. Since the 2020 Spring season was canceled and that was to be year two of data. The 2021 season will now be the second year. Also, please note that when a recommendation is given to the WIAA it will not take effect until the 2023 season.
 - No discussion
- Freshman Meet is being looked into. The Freshman Meet committee will be looking into possible dates and regulations for the upcoming year. They will be meeting soon and will bring information to the WISTCA Executive board.
 - No discussion
- For the 2021 season only any track coach who completed the WIAA Track and Field Coaches Exam may serve as an “Emergency” official at a meet when needed. This would only be in emergency situations such as last minute cancellations, official is ill/injured or rain date official, etc.
 - John Masanz explained how this had been in the works for some time prior to COVID-19 with meets being cancelled due to weather conditions and then everyone trying to get meets at the same time. We talked about how the Advisory Board shot it down. Everyone was happy to see this. One comment was if it was just the Rules test or if they had to take the officials test. Need clarification...
- Proposal from a Coach (Discussion): When there are less than 4 qualifiers from a regional, then additional qualifiers would come from the other regional(s) to ensure that there are 16 participants in D2 & D3 and 8 participants in D1 in the sectional meet. If there are ties for filling the qualified positions entries could not exceed 8 (D1) or 16 (D2 and D3) qualifiers. In the event of an injury or illness and a qualifier not being able to compete the above process would also apply.
 - Data: In the 2019 season there were less than 4 qualifiers per event from regional to sectional: 16 times in D3; 11 times in D2; 11 times in D1.
 - Rational: Any time that there are 4 or less entries in a regional event, the participants in that event all get a bye to go on to the sectional meet. The intent presently is for the sectional meet to have 8 participants in D1 and 16 in D2 and D3. This proposal would give more athletes (who actually are competing in their regional for a sectional opportunity) the chance to participate in the sectional meet. The sectional meet is the 2nd highest level that a track athlete can aspire to compete in and as such, we should afford athletes the opportunity to compete there.
 - Data from 2019:
 - Of the 16 events from D3 without full lineup there were 10 events in girls (3x 4x8 relay, 2x 4x4 relay, 4x pole vault, 1x 4x2 relay) and boys 6 events (5x pole vault, 1x high hurdles). In the 11 events in D2 without full lineup there were 8 events in girls (3x 4x8 relay, 1x 4x1 relay, 1x 4x2 relay, 1x 4x4 relay, 2x 3200) and boys 3 events (2x 4x1 relay, 1x 4x4 relay). In the 11 events in D1 without there were 6 events in girls (2x 4x8 relay, 2x 4x4 relay, 1x pole vault, 1x high jump) and boys 5 events (2x high hurdles, 1x 4x8 relay, 1x 4x4 relay, triple jump).

- Quite a bit of discussion on this. The entire group that was at the meeting agreed to keep the proposal going but need more information. For instance, what does happen if there is a tie? They ALL would get to move on? That could be a lot of athletes for instance in the pole vault or high jump at a meet that already runs late.
 - Many suggestions came that maybe the times of sectionals needs to be looked at. Not being able to start before 3, especially in D2& D3 the meets still go really late and bringing this in could mean even later. Safety: lights, mostly talking about the pole vault. Yes, there are lights but it's not the greatest situation for those athletes. Why can't Sectionals start before 3:00??
- Great discussion points but everyone really agreed that they want the best opportunities for our athletes!
- Nominations for District 2 Representative
 - Chrisie was nominated and voted back in! :)
- Any other items to be brought back to the committee?
 - Just the discussion on Sectional start time.

District 3 (Rovang)

Virtual attendance by 10 coaches.

Notice was sent with 2 reminders and Zoom link

Agenda from WISTCA was followed.

Scheduling – a request for a google doc for District 3 only for meets

A reminder about the rules test, video and update for emergency officials

Updated the group that this year would be year 2 for data on the division realignments

Coach from Immanuel Lutheran shared the information from the WIAA on the 15 contact days available to spring sports.

Much discussion on the extra qualifiers from regional to sectional.

-Some VERY much in favor stating opportunity and some VERY much against feeling it dilutes the integrity of the tournament series.

-The voice of reason between the two said they would like data to see how often and how many would have moved up to fill spots in past years.

-The line about injury and illness was questioned and the group felt it would be too hard to regulate. Who would make the decisions, etc.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

District 4 (Schwantz)

Attended: Jon Schwantz (Omro), James Finster (Freedom Girls), Thain Jones (Freedom Boys), Craig Zellner (West Depere), Joy Bastian (Gibraltar), Tom Hoogster, Kurt Krueger (Neenah), Bill Richards (Ozuakee)

1. **The following topic was a discussion at the WISTCA meeting on January, 20.**
Please read the following potential recommendation and I will take notes regarding your input.

- a. Discussion: Breaking Ties? Weather? Decision up to who ?
- b. As a whole - the coaches in the meeting think it is a good idea. Concerns with the questions above were discussed

District 5 (Reichling)

- Information for the upcoming season.
 - For the 2021 season only any track coach who completed the WIAA Track and Field Coaches Exam may serve as an “Emergency” official at a meet when needed. This would only be in emergency situations such as last minute cancellations, official is ill/injured or rain date official, etc.
 - Concern was expressed with the number of officials that would be available in the month of June.
- Possible Rule changes for future season
 - **The sectional qualifier proposal would be as follows.**
 - Took a vote and it was approved unanimously by the caucus to pursue this. There were many questions about it but I reiterated that this is just a proposal that people are looking to get more information on.
- Solicit other items from constituents
 - There were many questions about what the WIAA guidelines were going to be and how they were going to be handled.
 - Many people asked about the size and location of the state meet.

District 6 (Currie)

1. Sean Currie (current District 6 rep) asked for any agenda additions. There were none.
2. **Proposal for extra qualifiers from Regionals to Sectionals:** District 6 supported this. Although it doesn't seem to be a major issue everywhere, no harm in letting some kids get an extra meet if there are spots to fill.
3. **District 6 rep election:** Matt Polzin nominated Sean Currie for a second term as District rep. Nobody else was nominated. Sean becomes District rep for another year

4. **Contact Days discussion:** Seems like everyone is wanting to use the additional contact days afforded to us by the WIAA
5. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

District 7 (Missiaen)

- Discussion about planning for upcoming meets. Many track coaches are asking members of WISTCA about scheduling meets. Unfortunately the WIAA has not released their COVID guidelines as of yet. Our suggestion is to schedule the meets as you would normally. However, our suggestion is also to work with your District Administrators and Local Health Officials (departments) for any regulations that may be put in place. Once the WIAA releases their information then you can adjust as needed.

Discussion - will WIAA change up Divisions or Keep them as they are during normal a year?

-Concern: Are the smaller schools competing with Large Schools?

- Check in if lower numbers will qualify for State. (CC had less qualifiers in fall 2020)

- Suggestion: What about keeping Division cut offs at a certain school population so large schools are actually with large schools, etc.... (example all schools with 1000 or more students are division 1 and make the number of Regionals and Sectionals based on the number of schools that fit in this cut off mark...) --- if and keep the ratio of qualifiers???

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 - **Discussion:----**
 - Jason G. -- has the new data and 3-4 previous years of data for aligning the Divisions
 - We will try to collect data for this year
- Freshman Meet is being looked into. The Freshman Meet committee will be looking into possible dates and regulations for the upcoming year. They will be meeting soon and will bring information to the WISTCA Executive board.
 - **Discussion -----**
 - Frosh Meet - Jason - longer you wait, the less kids you will see - schedule it before the WIAA state meet
 - Outside meets can be competed before the WIAA Tournament Meets
 - What would be an ideal time to run this meet??? (Sunday after state? Wed. after state?)
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 - **Discussion-----**
 - Official License -- get a member on staff with their officiating license
 - Get a person in your school to get their track officiating license

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 - **Discussion:**
 - Jason - not too keen on this - it cheapens the success of the 1-4 places at the meet
 - How is it applied (with DQ?, less than 3?, injury?, etc....) -- possibly too many variables
 - Kristin -- what time do they need to get in possibly -- should there be a qualifying bar to go from Regionals to Sectionals
 - Joe - likes simplicity -- so much confusion (possibly too many variables)
 - Communicate ahead of time (3 entered only in this one so 5 come out of the other one)
 - Where do we break for ties.....?
 - Maybe revamp how to qualify from Regional to Sectional (Do we create qualifying time / distance / height standards and only those that meet those standards and are 5th place or lower get the opportunity to move on to Sectionals????)
 - Southeastern WI thing (consistently schools with very low numbers) a few D1 regionals and the 1 or 2 - D2 / D3 regionals ... the data has shown this (from Jason)
 - WIAA - need to rearrange the regionals according to past amount of entries from schools