

WISTCA MEETING

July 13th

4:00pm @ Badger Middle School, West Bend

Room 212

Virtual Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94915007017?pwd=aGZZcUtEN3BGRnV4VFhrS1U3T3VNUT09>



Meeting ID: 949 1500 7017 - Passcode: WISTCA

Members Present: Mike Price, Joe Hackbarth, Geoff Steinbach, Mark Hoffman, Kari Krakow, Tom Hoogester, Jerome Missiaen, Dennis Meyer, Kate Peterson-Abiad, Lauren Waller, Pat Reichling, Jim Stephany, Mike Jones, Mike Mulrooney

The meeting was called to order at:

1. Review [Winter Meeting Minutes](#)
 - a. Motion made to approve the meeting minutes by: Pat Reichling
 - b. Second: Mike Price
 - c. Minutes have been posted to the WISTCA Website
2. WIAA Updates - Kate Peterson Abiad
 - a. Kate thanked the association for the communication leading up to the state meet.
 - b. The WIAA welcomed in a new hire LeVar Ridgeway, he will be the new Stephanie Hauser and will oversee Cross Country, Hockey, Soccer, Softball as well as Coach/Athlete Conduct, WIAA Middle Level & Sports Advisory Committees. Stephanie Hauser has begun her duties as the executive director. Interviews are underway for Wade Labecki's position.
 - c. Kate will only have one spring sport - that being Track & Field. Soccer was reassigned. Track and Cross Country will be overseen by two different assistant WIAA directors. Kate for Track and LeVar will do cross country.
 - d. There is a new rule - if a proposal item does not pass coaches advisory it will not ever make it to the WIAA board of control.
3. [Tournament Series/State Meet Survey Results/Discussion](#) (Hoogester)
 - a. Not sure if a survey has been sent yet. - Will be sent out by Kate shortly.
 - b. WISTCA Board discussion on how the state meet went.
 - i. Joe Hackbarth: Let's start with a positive. Having the food truck / trailer worked great for having the athletes pick up their numbers.
 - ii. Dennis Meyer also agreed that the trailer worked great. Also the clerks walked the athletes up to the start line - they also brought them back which kept the finish line less congested. Bringing the athletes back allowed the award winners to go right to the awards stand and the rest could be dismissed.
 - iii. Mark Hoffman - the procedure for 5 alive is not stated in our rule book. 9 or fewer you would not use it. I think for clarification it should be clearly stated (even though it is already part of the rules). The rule is NFHS Rule 6-2 Art 21.
 - iv. Jerome Missiaen - is there a plan for inclement weather? If so, could it be made known?
 1. Kate - yes there was a plan. Not everyone would have known it before but there was a highly thought about plan in place ready to be implemented if needed.
 2. Jerome - as a head coach it would be nice to know what that plan is (if possible).
 - v. Jerome Missiaen - On Saturday we were unable to set up a tent outside of the stadium. On Thursday and Friday teams were allowed.

1. Kate - We have a designated tent area and tents should not be set up outside of tent city.
2. Lauren - We have never set up inside of tent city. We always set up outside and it hasn't been an issue. It was muddy and unfortunate.
3. Kate - no changes to tent city were communicated to me. I will ask the University of La Crosse and determine tent guidelines moving forward.

4. Possible WIAA Coaches Advisory Discussion Items (Discussion)

- a. Future of the Sunset Clause/Division Realignment - Hoogester
 - i. Data compiled in terms of regional entries by Jason Goede (Wisconsin Lutheran): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1g_whofbJI3VykZDfkgH5hgWzWSo3hie8/view
 - ii. Entries were down significantly from 2019.
 - iii. Nadine: I received the following from one of my constituents. With the additional schools in D2 and D3, why does D1 still get the higher number of qualifiers compared to D2 and D3?
 - iv. Geoff: Historically the process evolved based on the percentage of student athletes represented in the sport in each division. That was historical - I cannot say that is accurate at this time.
 - v. Pat Reichling made a motion to extend the sunset clause for an additional year in order to gather the necessary data to make an informed decision as well as allow for additional discussion with our constituents.
 - vi. Mark Hoffman seconded it.
 - vii. The motion carries. We will propose this to the advisory group.
- b. Email about Sectionals - Hoogester
 - i. There were some strong feelings about having a very specific cut off time (such as 11:00 PM) in the tournament series. We do (or should) have a pretty good weather policy in place, host schools need to implement it.
 - ii. There were several concerns about travel to regional and sectional meets. We will always have some of that but as an association we need to encourage more schools to host so the WIAA has more options in order to draw the regional / sectional circles.
- c. Proposal for Sectionals - Mike Mulrooney
 - i. Mike Mulrooney presented to those present that we should consider as an association to fill all sectional qualifying spots. Example - in D1 where there are 2 regional (per sectional) if one regional has only 1 pole vault the other regional will get 7 qualifiers. The goal is to fill all sectional spots. This applies to all 3 divisions.
 1. Mike made the motion.
 2. Jerome seconded the motion.
 3. Hoogester will get this out to everyone and will get a vote from the WISTCA Committee.
- d. Joe Hackbarth - there was an issue at their conference meet. The tournament procedures caused this issue. There was a school that did not fill their entries for the meet. Due to a loophole, 3D4 and 3F3.
 - i. 3-D-4: (4) A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the Friday (June 11) entry form deadline.
 - ii. 3-F-3: Schools submitting forms after the deadline date or time will be permitted to compete, but will not receive consideration for seeds, lanes, heats, sections, etc.
 - iii. This coach claimed that he could still get his / her entries in - and only pay a monetary fine.

5. Treasurer's Reports - Hoffman

- a. This is not an official report, that will be given in March.
- b. We are currently at \$68,785.81 in the clinic account as of today. A year ago we had about \$48K and some change. The virtual clinic and lack of overhead was positive for our balance.

6. 2022 Clinic Information - Hoffman

- a. February 4th & 5th @ Middleton Marriot
 - i. We are going back to (as much as possible) our normal clinic in June. This is as far as COVID restrictions are concerned. We will plan on having our normal Thursday night.
 - ii. If anyone has speaker ideas shoot them to Mark.
 - iii. We will need to find a new pole vault chair. Any one that has ideas or is interested should contact President Hoogester.
- b. Registration Fees
 - i. We are going to wait to open registration until a later date as we hear more from Mark and some research he is doing on membership as it relates to benefits of being members, etc. .
- c. Membership Benifits
 - i. There is no proposal at this time as it relates to changing the membership fees. Mark would like to generate a list of questions that need to be vetted prior to making this decision for the committee. We strive to get more involved and that starts with having more coaches as members.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Is it possible to add coaches after registration?
 - 2. How hard will this be to do online registration?
 - 3. Can we cut back on what information we collect?
 - 4. How can we ensure we get separate data elements for each coach (instead of the same email, etc.) for every coach registered?

7. 2021 Freshman Meet Results/Summary

- a. Meet was hosted on June 30th at Arrowhead.
- b. There were more participants this year than in 2019.
- c. The committee was very pleased with the turn out and happy with the success.
- d. Thank you so much to the committee that assisted in making this meet successful.
- e. There was a professional aspect to the meet that was outstanding.
- f. "Kids left feeling like they were on cloud nine and feeling great about track"
- g. The association came out in the positive and is sitting roughly at \$938.31.

8. All State Team - Price

- 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).

9. Athletes of the Year - Price

- a. Female: Roisin Willis (Stevens Point)
- b. Josh Truschon (West Allis Hale)

10. National Senate/USATF/USTFCCCA - Hoffman

- a. As far as Mark knows all conventions are back on and recommends that we send representatives to both conventions.
- b. Mark Hoffman made a motion (to vote) that we send representatives to both conventions.
- c. It passed unanimously

11. Hall of Fame & Awards - Stephany

- a. Saturday July 17
- b. 3:30 - 6:00pm
- c. Brookfield Conference Center
 - i. If any committee members can assist with the banquet, please let Jim know.

12. [Academic All State](#) - KK

- a. This has been updated for 2021. Huge thank you to Jerome Missiaen for creating the Google form.

13. Power Rankings -

- a. Email - will be coming out shortly.

14. Officials - Meyer

- a. Dennis had his hands full this season with track
- b. In terms of the 4x4 for regionals and sectionals we need to have a plan in place on how to stage the exchange zones and what rules should surround that.
- c. 2021 Rule changes (per NFHS)
<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/track-field-and-cross-country-rules-changes-2022/>

15. women4women - Krakow

- a. July 27th and 28th three of our WISTCA committee members are attending a virtual conference for female high school coaches. This is being sponsored by WeCoach.
- b. KK is in the planning stages now for the 2022 Clinic Thursday night. If you have speaker ideas - please send them her way!

16. Diversity Rep - Jones

17. Next Meeting

- a. November
- b. Location: WIAA Offices Stevens Point

18. Anything else?

19. Motion to Adjourn

- a. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at
- b. seconded.