

MSTCA Executive Committee Meeting -- 3/16/19 -- Minutes

Present - Frank Mooney, Rick Kates, Jim Hoar, Linda Rowbotham, Kent Taylor, Joe LeMar, Zach Creeden, Jayson Sylvain, Tim Cimeno, Hatim Jean-Louis, Charlie O'Rourke, Matt Wilson, Charles Butterfield, Ian Butterfield, Steve Nugent, Zach Lankow, Michael Budd, Matt Griffin, Sotirios Pintzopoulos, Mark Thornhill, Jeff Sousa, Bill Tilden

1. Jim called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Review of February 19, 2019 Minutes
 - a. Linda provided a small correction
 - b. **Motion** to accept (Rick); passed unanimously
3. Review of 2019 Indoor Meets
 - a. Zach C. provided an update from the recent Indoor Track and Field Committee meeting and forwarded motions which were approved by the seasonal committee
 - b. Distance Classic
 - i. **Motion** (Indoor Committee): Add the following races: 800m, 5000m, DMR; Discussion: the 5K needs to be the first race of the meet and a standard must be created with a max field of 20 and approval by the meet director; passed unanimously
 - c. Auerbach Freshman/Sophomore
 - i. **Motion** (IC): If more than one athlete per team has met the superstandard, then all athletes who have met the standard may be entered (change from just 1); Discussion: Frank mentioned this is already a long meet and is this change making the meet even longer?; motion was tabled to next meeting
 - ii. **Motion** (IC): Hold seeded sections consisting of the top 12 entries for all running events and then separate remaining heats into freshman/sophomore specific; motion failed unanimously
 - d. Coaches Invitational
 - i. **Motion** (IC): Lower the boys shot put standard to 40' with a maximum of 48 entries, and allow both genders to throw in the cage; passed unanimously.
 - ii. **Motion** (IC): Make the High Jump meet standards equal to the lowest MIAA divisional qualifying mark; passed unanimously.

- e. State Relays
 - i. **Motion** (IC): Eliminate the Shuttle Relays & Dash and replace them with composite 55m dash/hurdles (i.e. normal heats with all 4 athletes running simultaneously and then total times); motion failed
 - ii. **Motion** (IC): Change the order of the Sprint Medley Relay to 200-200-400-800 to comply with the National Meet; Yes: 15, No: 1, Abstain: 4; motion passed
 - iii. **Motion** (IC): Meet directors shall scan the field event individual results and post them on the MSTCA's website; passed unanimously
 - iv. **Motion** (IC): Hold all 5 relays on one weekend (1 on Friday, 2 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday) and use the 2nd relay weekend for a 'No Limit, No Standard' meet (in the same style as Yale); Discussion: Frank stated this would be a huge stress on meet management; Tim stated we hold multiple meets for our elite athletes in January, but no individual meets in January for our non-elite athletes, and this meet would give many athletes a chance to race in Reggie; Yes: 5, No: 11, Abstain: 3; motion failed
- f. Frank gave an update on a potential elite meet for the top 18 to 24 athletes which would run in connection with the New Balance meet; everything is still being discussed
- g. Last Chance Meet
 - i. **Motion** (Joe) - Add the following races to the meet: 200m, 400m, 800m; passed unanimously
- h. Individual Pentathlon
 - i. Ian reported there was a good showing for both days, even with the threat of inclement weather on the 2nd day -- 141 boys and 131 girls competed in all
 - ii. Ian thanked the workers and stated both meets were completed by 7:15 p.m. with no concerns brought to him by any coaches or officials

4. Awards Banquet Update

- a. Jim stated he had received two nominations for the Bill O'Connor award and 11 nominations for the Frank Kelley award;
 - i. Jim also stated he has reached out to Mike Lynch looking for these athletes to be featured on a High 5 special;
 - ii. Jim will also make sure each of the seniors who will be receiving the Frank Kelley award can apply for a scholarship
- b. On Lou's behalf, Rick gave an update on the Coaches HOF voting
 - i. There were two nominees for the Veterans Division
 - ii. Each nominee was discussed; the Committee unanimously voted in one of the nominees
 - iii. Voting results from the regular ballot were released; three members will be inducted into the HOF this year; Lou is contacting the honorees now
- c. The committee finalized the award status for Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement

5. 2019 Elections
 - a. Rick stated a final call for nominees (both for the Executive Committee and the Seasonal Committees) will be given at the general membership meeting later today. Ballots will be sent out in the near future.

6. 2019 Outdoor Season
 - a. Frank is finalizing the list of workers for our spring meets
 - b. In order to alleviate financial issues, Frank had Jayson create a financial record to be distributed to all host sites in order to better account for all expenditures

7. 2019 MSTCA Grant Applications
 - a. Kent reported he received 5 applications and provided details to the Committee on each of the five.
 - b. **Motion** (Rick): Accept the applications from Kamilah Rowe (John D. O'Bryant HS), Matt Griffin (West Springfield HS), and Jim Hoar (Dennis-Yarmouth HS) and pass these applications up to the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees; second (Kent); passed unanimously
 - c. Unapproved applications will be returned to the applicants with suggested modifications for potential approval in the future

8. New England Clinic
 - a. Rick reported that seven first- or second-year coaches received scholarships (free clinic registrations) this year.
 - b. Mark gave an update on the overall clinic process and reported on a contract he signed to return the clinic to the Best Western in Marlborough for the next 3 to 5 years.

9. RCC & Mooney/McIntyre Fund Update
 - a. There is still some questions over the amount of money in the fund
 - b. The Foundation's board has quit, so the Attorney General's office is now overseeing the situation
 - c. The only people who can now make a move on the money are the director of the RLC and the director of the MSTCA
 - d. The judge will be getting back to Frank shortly.

10. RLTA Update
 - a. With the trainer being let go, the trainer's room was a mess
 - b. The HVAC was not good for New Englands and the center "felt like a furnace"
 - c. Frank is sending letters to multiple people to get the situation fixed

11. MIAA Update

- a. Tim, Jim, Chuck and others went to MIAA FinCom meeting
- b. Two members of the MIAA Board of Directors asked the MSTCA to come up with an executive proposal to manage the MIAA meets
- c. The Chair of the Finance Committee asked Bill Gaine if he would turn over the meets to the MSTCA.
- d. Mr. Gaine replied no, and the XC/TF Committee needs to approve any intent to have the MSTCA run the meets
- e. The XC/TF Committee will now have an emergency meeting on Monday, March 18th at 10 a.m. to vote.
- f. At this point, it is not an MSTCA issue, rather an issue of Superintendents & Principals against the MIAA

12. New Business

- a. Jayson reported the appendices to our updated bylaws will soon be on our website
- b. Rick gave an update on our FAT Qualifying Meets
 - i. There are currently two meets set up in the east and two in the central; he is trying to get one set up in the west
- c. The Individual Pentathlon (East) will be moved up to North Andover and held on the same day as the Ottaviani Meet
- d. Michael Budd brought up issues with COY voting, especially with Western Mass coaches, and is looking to revise the overall process; he will give notes to Frank and Rick and the issue will be revisited at the June meeting
- e. Hatim asked about a potential 'Boot Camp' for teaching new coaches some skills to improve their programs; Frank stated a previous mentoring program he ran in the past didn't work; Rick plans to offer additional CPR courses in Canton in the future, and perhaps he could bring in other coaches to discuss additional topics?

13. Motion to adjourn at 10:31 a.m.

- a. Next meeting TBA

Respectfully submitted,
Jayson Sylvain, Secretary