

MSTCA Executive Committee Meeting -- 1/21/19 -- Minutes

Present - Mike Meagher, Mike O'Malley, Zach Creedon, Matt Wilson, Matt Griffin, Linda Rowbotham, Mike Budd, Joe LeMar, Bill Jennings, Charlie O'Rourke, Kent Taylor, Jayson Sylvain, Tim Cimeno, Frank Mooney, Mike Miller, Lou Tozzi, Charlie Butterfield, Aaron Ladd, Rick Kates, Sotirios Pintzopoulos, Ian Butterfield, Chuck Martin, Hatim Jean-Louis

1. Charlie called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. 2018/19 Preliminary Indoor Meet Reports
 - a. Winterfests -- Linda and Mike O. reported no issues for either Small or Large meets; the coaching box near the HJ mats was a success; having the emergency forms and waivers completed prior to the meet worked well for check-in
 - b. Freshman/Sophomore -- Lou mentioned running the unseeded 2 miles during the hurdles/dash worked very well and should be continued in the future; seeded 2 mile races (top 18) should continue after 300m; there was an unfair discrepancy between large and small schools in the long jump; for 2020 the MSTCA should change the minimum distance to 12' for the large girls; change the number of attempts back to 3 instead of 2; need to make sure officials enforce the no runback rule; should the no measure line be altered?
 - c. Relays - In the Dash and Relays, many DQs should have been called but were not; discussion ensued on how this problem can be fixed; the entry form needs to state the length of the zone for the dash/relays; prior to the meet, an email blast should be made to the coaches about the exchange zone; we need as many officials looking as possible; our meets should be the same as the NFHS standard zone; at the D4 relays, the 5-alive rule was not used by the official for HJ for girls but was for boys
3. Athletes Hall of Fame
 - a. Bob L'Homme is all set to go for the presentations during the Coaches Small Invitational;
 - b. The 7 inductees combined will be bringing approximately 75 guests;
 - c. Frank mentioned he will make sure the latest inductees' plaques are installed on the wall in the RLTA
4. 2019 XC Bay State Invitational
 - a. Frank got in touch with the supervisor of the Gardner Golf Course and the only day they will open up to us for a meet to preview the CMass & State Meet course is October 19;
 - b. The Twilight Meet is already scheduled for October 18 & 19, and the CC Fairgrounds are already booked for the prior weekend;
 - c. A discussion of our options ensued: should the MSTCA run both meets on the same day, or not hold a Bay State Invitational at Gardner in 2019;
 - d. **Motion** (Rick): The MSTCA should host both the Twilight and Gardner meets on the same day; second (Tim); Vote: Yes (10); No (6); Abstain (2)

- e. Further discussion: this would now mean 4 major invitationals (Bay State, Twilight, Brown, and CMI) are all taking place on the same day
 - f. **Motion** (Mike Mi.): The MSTCA should a) rescind the previous motion, b) hold a meet on October 12 at the Wrentham Development Center, and c) keep the Twilight Meet on October 18 & 19; second (Linda); passed unanimously
5. Annual Awards Update
- a. Lou distributed the lists of a) Coaches Hall of Fame nominees (Regular and Veterans), b) Distinguished Service Award nominees, c) O'Connor Adversity Award Nominees;
 - b. Lou stated more nominees are welcome for both the Distinguished Service and O'Connor Adversity Awards
6. Board of Trustees Update
- a. Lou gave a brief recap of all of the changes which have been made over the past year regarding MSTCA leadership;
 - b. The Board of Trustees will be meeting with the Executive and Assistant Executive Directors within the next month for evaluation purposes;
 - c. Lou mentioned he will be re-evaluating the MSTCA's List of Job Stipends with the Board;
 - d. The MSTCA needs to continue to improve its communication process, and Lou asked Chuck to speak briefly;
 - e. Chuck mentioned the website is being completely updated; he gave a brief history regarding BayStateRunning.com; the desired site requires professional programmers/developers, and Chuck has been working with 3 developers to get this done; the plan is to switch the MSTCA's site over prior to the start of XC 2019;
 - f. Chuck finished by stating if there's something the organization wants to add to the site then now is the time to add it
7. Membership
- a. Lou asked for the Committee's input in regards to how the MSTCA can give back to its membership;
 - b. Kent distributed the Grant Application form which he created;
 - c. **Motion** (Kent): To approve the application form and to give the Finance Committee the right to approve the requests received; second (Rick); approved unanimously
 - d. Charlie gave an update that 2018-19 Membership is currently at 569 which is ahead of our 2017-18 record pace; Charlie sends an updated list for posting on the website every Friday;
 - e. **Motion** (Mike Mi.): The New England Clinic Director should become an ad-hoc member of the Executive Committee; second (multiple); passed unanimously;
 - f. Frank informed the Committee of the recent passing of two long-time coaches: Don Burgess and Dudley O'Leary
 - g. Frank updated the Committee that he held a "Cabinet" Meeting last week in Canton with Rick, Tim, Jay and Kent; Lou was in attendance as well; he will

continue to hold them to increase communication between the MSTCA's paid employees

8. MIAA Update

- a. The MIAA has begun to meet with individuals in regards to ongoing concerns about additional fees being charged to its XC/TF members;
- b. **Motion** (Tim): The MSTCA gives its full support to Pete Rittenburg at his meeting with the MIAA on January 30; second (multiple); passed unanimously
- c. MSTCA Outdoor Track and Field Committee added a meeting on December 26 to begin to prepare for the possibility of hosting a championship meet in 2019; the next MSTCA Outdoor T/F meeting will be held on February 19 in Canton at 4 pm; entry forms for all of the MSTCA's spring meets will be completed at this meeting;
- d. **Motion** (Mike Mi.): The Outdoor Coaches Invitational Boys and Girls meets shall combine into a single, one-day invitational; second (Kent); passed unanimously
- e. This combined Coaches meet will now be held at Sharon HS; some sub-varsity events will need to be eliminated:
- f. **Motion** (Mike Mi.): The MSTCA will have a meet on its 2019 Outdoor Track and Field calendar on the last weekend in May and the first weekend in June; second (Tim); passed unanimously

9. New Business

- a. Spring Elections
 - i. An open call for nominations for the Executive Committee and all three seasonal Committees will be going out shortly;
 - ii. The New England Clinic will be the last call for nominations;
 - iii. Charlie will then verify the nominees and create the ballots for the elections;
 - iv. Voting will be done by district;
- b. Rick thanked all of the Meet Directors, staff and trainers for their work so far at all of the Indoor T/F meets at the RLC; the meets have been going very well this season.
- c. Lou confirmed the 2019 MSTCA Awards Banquet will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 9.

10. Motion to Adjourn at 2:19 p.m.

- a. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 6:30 on February 19 at the Canton office. The following meeting will be held on during the morning of Saturday, March 16 at the New England Clinic.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayson Sylvain, Secretary