

MSTCA E-Board Meeting Notes
Monday September 14, 2015 6:30 p.m. @ RLC

Present: Frank Mooney, Rick Kates, Jim Hoar, Charlie Butterfield, Nicole O'Neil, Michael Budd, John Carroll, Jack Lang, Joe LeMar, Mike Meagher, Bill O'Connor, Al Porter, Linda Rowbotham, Jayson Sylvain, Lou Tozzi (No Quorum)

- 1) Review of the June meeting Minutes
 - a) Motion to accept (Rick) 2nd (Mike B) Accepted
- 2) MIAA Summer Meeting Update
 - a) Sportsmanship Awards: The XC and Indoor Awards are named in honor of specific individuals, but not the Outdoor Award. Let's get a name.
 - i) Rick will put out an email to the membership listing several potential individuals and ask that they vote.
 - b) Frank, once again, spoke out against Franklin Park with the usual complaints, safety, accessibility, parking, etc.
 - c) Suggestions but not yet voted on:
 - i) Teams vs. individual advancement to State meet: proposed to use the current process for now
 - ii) Coaches Box: approved to try it for the outdoor jumping events
 - (1) Same issues of policing the policy-parents vs. coaches
 - iii) If an athlete does not scratch but also doesn't run he/she is DQ'd from the remainder of the meet.
- 3) XC Committee Update:
 - a) XC Meeting hasn't happened yet.
- 4) Indoor Committee Update:
 - a) Meeting is scheduled for 10/14 at which point they will select their chair, co-chair, and secretary.
- 5) By-Laws Questions:
 - a) E-Board terms are up. In order to be considered, one must be an active coach and active member of the MSTCA.
 - i) Nominations go to Charlie Butterfield, you may nominate yourself
 - ii) Nominations must be in by March-there is a 30 day turnaround
 - iii) 2 at-large members will be voted in at the June meeting
- 6) Update on Equipment Purchases:
 - a) Rick reported that the trailer and MyLaps system has been purchased. MyLaps has been used and works great.
 - i) Sim cards used for mile splits provided by AT&T pay per session system
 - ii) Meet Mobile is a downloadable app that can be purchased by spectators for \$1.99/month or \$5.99/year. It allows instant access to results (1-2 minutes).

We will advertise to the membership in an upcoming e-mail blast. It has received great feedback and reviews.

- iii) Lap counter: not yet purchased
 - iv) Scoreboard for the finish line. Will have to be purchased by us to be reimbursed by Marathon Sports. (About \$7,000)
- 7) Chip Timing:
- a) Working on getting MIAA on board. Price has dropped from 99 cents to 67 cents
 - b) Hoping to draw up a contract for MIAA-only charge for numbers used.
 - c) MIAA-approved chip timing
 - i) MSTCA will pay and be reimbursed by MIAA due to account registration
- 8) RLC Celebration
- a) Lou (on the board for the gala) reported that they are getting great donations from sponsors, organizations, individuals etc. for the endowment. It will protect the money allotted to the facility from state take-over as has previously happened.
 - b) Handed out packets for tickets and donations
- 9) XC Sites:
- a) Stanley Park-are there hotels around and can we arrange team rates with the local hotels.
 - i) A list of the hotels will go out to the membership
 - b) Wrentham 9/26 reviewed worker assignments
- 10) Frank Mooney Award
- a) The Committee chairs from each season will come up with the top female and male performers from each season (6 athletes all together)
 - b) When the committees are completely set up we will form a committee to come up with the process
 - i) A great way for our membership to be more involved-nominations
- 11) XC Meet Results-HyTek Active Network-
- a) All taken care of
- 12) Annual Meeting with RCC
- a) Will be set up soon
 - i) Slightly off timing due to the Gala
- 13) Renewal Project
- a) DCAM froze all existing state programs (including RLC)
 - i) We are stuck in Phase I
 - ii) Phase II is on hold until they release the money/restart the project
- 14) How are we (MSTCA) doing?
- a) Always good to review the organization, how are we doing? Too much, too little, anything new/different?

- b) As of now, doing well. Continue reaching out to western MA
 - i) Have officers attend their pre-season meetings

15) Coach of the Year adjustments:

- a) Lou presented a proposal to handle the issue of the length of the awards banquet. The primary focus should be on the HOF inductees, but by the time the HOF is up, everyone is tapped out from all the COY awards.
 - i) Reduce bio time by putting it in the program
- b) We will review the proposal and digest it before making a determination

New Business:

Frank: September 25 we will be marking the Wrentham Course. Will have a landscaper come in and do it. Want to have them come in a few times a year to maintain it.

-metal barriers will be at the finish line to keep spectators back

-clean up is not a problem

We need to devise a way to keep the Cricket players off the lower field

Fitchburg State University has opened their course (Doyle Conservation Area in Leominster). It is booked this year but they hope to open it to HS's in the future.

B.C High is interested in hosting an outdoor meet at their brand new facility. Rick will check out the site.

Attorney General's Office is looking for 4 years of our financial reports. The first 2 are in. We now have a professional bookkeeper and have a new code system to determine where things fall in the budget.

Twilight Meet is October 24th. They will be running through the barn this year and we need workers to monitor the site.

Catastrophe Plan:

-AED must be in the meet director's possession

-Our waiver form must be specific in stating that athletes warming up outside of the RLC do so at their own risk and that the MSTCA is not liable.

-vests for meet directors, trainers, and other meet management positions for identifying purposes

-Meet directors- must introduce oneself to the trainer, security, and police details.

Suggestions: utilize the binder system from XC during the indoor/outdoor seasons as well.

Next Meeting will be October 19, 2015 6:30 at Reggie Lewis.