

# WISTCA MEETING

November 4th, 2018 - 10:00 AM

WIAA Offices - Stevens Point



**Members Present - In Person:** Joe Hackbarth, John Masanz, Kevin Streveler, Mark Hoffman Cody Olson, Tom Hoogester, Jerome Missian, Vince Lease, Paul Raley, Bill Richards, Mark Maas, Kevin Kravik, Mike Jones, Pat Reichling, Lauren Waller, Mike Price, Geoff Steinbach, Mike Mulrooney, Denny Meyer, Matt Buchman, Jon Schwantz, Chrisie Wright, Jim Stephany, Kari Krakow

**Virtually:** Robyn Adair

1. Call Meeting to Order - Start time 10:00 AM by President Joe Hackbarth
2. Introduction of new members
  - a. New Official's Rep - Dennis Meyer
  - b. New Diversity Rep - Mike Jones - Sparta HS
3. Review July Summer Meeting Minutes - (Revisions and Motion to Accept)
  - a. Revisions: Will add back in Hall of Fame names prior to posting
    - i. Dennis Meyer: There is an aenonmeter running at all times by PT Timing.
  - b. Motion to approve minutes: Mike Price
  - c. Second: Pat Reichling
4. Treasurer's Reports - Hoffman
  - a. A full report is given in March
  - b. As of 10/31 - we have a current balance of \$35,500 (double check with Mark)
  - c. We are in pretty good shape, about where we usually are maybe even just a little better
  - d. Mark Maas - have we explore sponsorship opportunities?
    - i. Mark H - Mike Price is in constant talks with vendors, Middleton, etc. about ongoing sponsorships.
5. WISTCA By-Laws - Masanz
  - a. John suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to review the current by laws and make suggestions for improvements and update the bylaws based on how we currently do business.
  - b. [Proposed Changes](#)
  - c. We have done some defining on who the officers are, who the president should appoint, what comprises the executive committee
  - d. There are also three additions to the bylaws:
    - i. Officers unable to perform duties
    - ii. Dissolution of WISTCA
    - iii. Removal from Hall of Fame
  - e. It was determined that there were too many changes to the current proposed changes.
  - f. By-laws will be cleaned up and sent back to the committee for voting in February.
6. Spotlight Meet Discussion
  - a. Joe Hacbarth has been in contact with both the Iowa and Illinois coaches association in the last month.

- b. Illinois - has opted to not participate in the Senior Meet. They felt that their athletes are committed in other running clubs/teams, etc that they would be unable to fill a meet.
- c. Iowa - they are in if Wisconsin is in. Iowa is meeting today to make a decision.
- d. Bill DeVoe - he indicated that he will support whatever the committee decides.
- e. Jerome - why do we even have this? Is it to highlight one more meet? Should we look at another avenue - such as a state team meet? (similar to wrestling).
- f. Paul Raley - do rules still apply that all star meets still need to be seniors? Is having anyone that is not a senior interfere with their eligibility?
- g. Geoff Steinbach gave us some background information on how/why the meet got started.
- h. Robyn Adair: I agree. With the number of running clubs and elite meets that are available, maybe this meet has run its course.
- i. John Masanz made a motion for WISTCA to conclude its involvement in the Senior Spotlight meet
- j. Matt Buchman seconded the motion.
  - i. (closely followed by Mark Hoffman and Jim Stephany).

#### 7. 2019 Clinic - Hoffmann

- a. Last week Mark signed the contract for 2020. Same contract with just a \$1.00 increase in the room rate. There are some other options out there for locations which we will continue to investigate moving forward.
- b. Joe Thomas is our keynote (Brookfield Central)
- c. There are a lot of possibilities and moving parts as discussions are ramping up with headline speakers.
- d. Dane Miller - High School coach. Last year had the #1 female shotputter in the nation. Threw at Penn State.
- e. MIPC - Geoff is in talks with Rick McGuire, Dr. Amber Selking, Brian and Ed Nuttybomb will join in to partner in on that. There has been no commitment from Aaron and Christie J(SP?) as of yet to determine if they will be sponsoring.
- f. Facilities: we are back at the UW Shell. It is not the entire facility but the majority of it. (cheers from the crowd).
- g. Also toying with moving the Keynote and Social to the other side of the hotel.
- h. Needs:
  - i. District reps - please get your COY nominations in ASAP
  - ii. Everyone - recommendations for beginning coaching series. Send to the event chairs.
  - iii. President Elect - you will be inviting all of the Past Presidents.
  - iv. Event Chairs - get your BCS names into Mark as soon as you can.
- i. Catering at the moment is the toughest thing to manage at the clinic. It is really hard to guess at how many will come to both the Anniversary Dinner and Hall of Fame.
- j. Paul Raley suggested an incentive to possibly allow those that attend the caucus meeting first entrance to the Anniversary Dinner.
- k. Session idea: Are you a new head coach? What to expect as a new head coach.
- l. Mayor of Middleton will again be giving an address prior to the Anniversary Dinner

#### 8. Summary of WIAA Coaches Advisory Items - Hackbarth

- a. State T&F meet will flip gender within Division as it relates to field events. This passed. It will go to caucus as to whether this should be at regional or sectional.
- b. All times will move up 30 minutes on Saturday aside from discuss. This passed.
- c. Recommend when one-gender school creates a discrepancy between the gender totals for a division, the gender with the greatest number of schools shall determine the cutoff. This passed.
- d. In emergency situations meets would only need one licensed official. In the event that you only had one official, a coach could fill in for the second official. This would only be if all other possibilities had been exhausted. This failed at the advisory counsel and board of control. Concerns: liability standard point at using un-licensed officials. A disincentive for finding licensed

officials. Negating the importance of becoming a licensed official. The fact that coaches that not all coaches take and pass the rules test.

- e. Recommend to remove the “oringal” in WIAA Tournament Procedures (3-j-2) “The best original performance will be recorded and used for seeding or determining extra qualifiers when a jump off/run off is conducted”. This failed.
- f. Recommend to change the language in Tournamenet Procedures (4-e-6-g-1-d) to read “it is required that a minimum of four manual timers be used for backup”. This failed.

9. WISTCA Academic All-State Award - Kravik

- a. Kevin brought up to the committee that Track & Field is one of the only sports in Wisconsin that does not have an Academic All-State Award.
- b. Which model would we want to follow? 3.5 like softball or 3.75 like football. Should there be other requirements like having to qualify for state? Varsity letter winner.
- c. Kevin is proposing that we use 3.75 (cumulative) GPA or higher
- d. Others are questioning should it be a varsity letter winner or a state qualifier?
- e. A motion was made by Mark Hoffman to empower Kevin Kravik to come up with the specific language for Academic All State Criteria to be presented to the committee in December 2018 for approval. Paul Raley seconded it.

10. End of Season Freshman Meet - Steinbach

- a. This topic was moved to immediately follow the Spotlight conversation
- b. Geoff Steinbach presented information on a proposal for WISTCA to move forward and sponsor an annual Freshman State Championship on the Saturday after the WIAA State Track & Field Championships.
- c. The sub committee consisted of Geoff Steinbach, Vince Lease, Chris Herriot, Mike Mulrooney
- d. Purpose:
  - i. To promote our sport of T&F at the freshman level and give all of our freshman athletes a chance to compete with other freshman from throughout the state
  - ii. As T&F has evolved in our state there are fewer and fewer opportunities for freshman to compete with other freshman athletes. More often than not, our freshman are competing with all other grade levels of track athletes at the JV and Varsity levels of competition.
  - iii. For many freshman, their freshman year is their first exposure to T&F and because there are so few freshman only meets they have a skewed perspective as to how they compare with their freshman peers
  - iv. As this meet will take place at the end of the season all of our freshman will have experienced a full freshman season of training and coaching and now have a chance to compete at their grade level.
  - v. It is the hope that this meet will motivate freshman athletes to continue participating in T&F in subsequent years.
- e. Who can participate:
  - i. This meet is open to all freshman athletes regardless of their ability level
  - ii. There are NO qualifying standards
  - iii. WIAA approved this concept. A WIAA school could have this meet on their schedule and support athletes from their school to participate. The only requirements are that the meet must be open to any and all freshman and the meet must count as one of the coach contact days for the summer.
  - iv. Coaches can coach their athletes, transport their athletes, help pay registration, wear uniforms, etc.
- f. Date:
  - i. We believe the first Saturday after the WIAA state track championships the best date for the following reasons:

1. Close to regular season so coaches still have contact with freshman and this meet would fit into their training and rest schedule
2. Coaches can make this meet a part of their season
3. Many other sports have not yet started their summer opportunities
4. Doesn't conflict with USA T&F summer meet series

g. Location:

- i. We have verbal support from coaches at UW Madison, UW La Crosse, Carroll College and are waiting to hear back from other UW State schools that are heavily interested in hosting this meet annually.
- ii. We do have a problem with Saturday June 8th 2019 as both UW Madison and UW La Crosse facilities will be under construction during the month of June 2019 as their infields are being replaced.
- iii. Carroll College is interested in hosting this meet, but they are scheduled to host the USA T&F senior multi nationals. They are interested in working out the schedule so the freshman meet would be hosted in conjunction with the senior multi meet and simply work out the event schedule to filter senior multi events between freshman heats and flights.

h. Feedback:

- i. Lauren Waller - this is a great way to keep those freshman involved. Many times they have meets in the beginning of the year but often get canceled and then not rescheduled.
  - ii. Pat Recihling - is it fesaible to allow for all three other grade levels this year?
  - iii. Robyn Adair - I think the freshman meet idea is great. So many schools are not big enough to field freshman, jv and varsity meets. JV meets get canceled because of weather, etc. so these younger kids never get a chance to compete.
- i. A motion was made by Mike Mulrooney to move forward with the planning of this meet. Bill Richards seconded it.

11. Honor Roll - Krakow and Hackbarth

12. National Senate/USATF/USATFCCCA - Hoffman

- a. President Joe Hackbarth, President Elect Tom Hoogester and Secretary/WISTCA W4W coordinator Kari Krakow will be attending the USATFCCCA in San Antonio.

13. Hall of Fame/Awards - Stephany

14. Power Rankings - Polzin

- a. A final reminder was sent

15. Officials Rep. - Meyer

- a. Dan was the head of the WISTOA. Dennis Meyer was listed as Vice Preseident. John Hegge, Jim Steinberg and Dennis Meyer sent out communication to all official members to ensure that thwy want to move the officials association forward.
- b. He will be reaching out for guidance to schedule some sessions at the clinic to get more education to the officials as it relates to field events.
- c. There are some rule changes coming out in 2019. The biggest one being foundational garmets.

16. W4W Rep. - Krakow

17. Diversity Rep. - Jones

- a. We welcomed Mike Jones from Sparta to his first WISTCA meeting.

18. Motion to Adjourn

- a. John Masanz motioned to join the meeting at 1:23 PM
- b. Jim Stephany seconded it.

19. Next Meeting: - Thursday, January 31st at Time TBD - Madison Marriott West in Middleton (Clinic Location)

