



NJTFOA
New Jersey Track & Field Officials Association
Southern Chapter

President: Ed McGowan
2nd Vice President: Fran Harwell
Recording Sec: Bill Kile III

1st Vice President: Kathy Hunter
Corresponding Sec: Kristi Hunter-Ryan
Treasurer: John McFall

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The president called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the flag salute.

Recording Secretary's Report: Tabled by president Ed McGowan due to late start of meeting.

Correspondence Report: Tabled by president Ed McGowan due to late start of meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled by president Ed McGowan due to late start of meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership-** Cadet supervisor Bob Delambily introduced the 2019 Cadet Class and said all 13 people who took the class passed the test. Bob announced each class member, who came up and stood at the front. They were: George Calhoun, Christopher Conyer, Gavin Cook, Dennis Deal, Chris Geissler, Joe Gillespie, Darien Ingalls, David Layton, Shawn Leonard, Casey McAler, John Pinkard Jr. Mike Probasco and Ononka Resenly. Bob also recognized the guest speakers who volunteered their time and expertise during the course, including Tom Concannon, Bill Scott, Deb Scott, Fran Farwell, Kathy Hunter, Mike Brown, David Harris and Ed McGowan.
- **Awards** – Gene Hertz recognized members with 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service with George Wilson (25 years) and Clifford Burke (30 years) having the longest years of service. Gene presented past president Russ Williams with a distinguished award. Kathy Hunter was announced as the recipient of the 2019 Woodbury Relays Official of the Year. Gene Hertz thanked the membership after being named the recipient of the Richard Johnson-Martin Pocius NJTFOA Service Award. NJTFOA Southern District Official of the Year Tom Concannon said he was “honored and humbled to be included on the list of officials” on the back of the program.
- **Ethics-** None.

Assignors Report: Linda Rosbert reported there are fewer meets this spring due to the Olympic Conference going to “batch meets”. Linda said members should have a contact phone number in Arbiter. April 16 is a date where officials are needed. Linda said members should check “notes” section in Arbiter to find out detailed information about assignments. Burlington County League assignor Ed Myers said he needs officials on April 30 and help in the Bordentown area. Ed also said members need to go onto Arbiter and block the days they’re not available to officiate. Championship meet assignor Bart Cranston reported that Ed Colona is no longer meet director of the Danser Relays, Burlington County Division Meet and Burlington County Open and that might pose some challenges. Bart said meet directors are hiring fewer officials. That being said, Bart said he’s always looking for new people to work on the weekends. Ed McGowan said he would contact Scott Agnew, who is in charge of the Olympic batch meets, and find out more information on the batch meets in terms of number of athletes participating, etc.

1st Vice President's Comments: None.

2nd Vice Present's Comments: None.

President's Comments: Ed McGowan commented that those members who have not turned in their concussion course certificates need to do so by March 25 to Kathy Hunter. Ed also said members need to pay dues and complete the 100-question T/F test by March 31 deadline or they won't be given any assignments this spring. Members must meet the meeting attendance requirement as well.

New people wishing to work the sectional and state championships should contact director Ed Colona via email and the assignments are for BOTH days on BOTH weekends. No split assignments will be given.

Training Activities:

Ed Menold discussed the rule changes for 2019 and stressed the first priority for officials in any track meet is safety for the athletes, as well as the spectators, especially on Saturday meets with regards to the throwing events.

1. 4-3-1 Eliminates redundant language and expands definition of foundation garments.
2. 4-3-2 Clarifies uniform language for relay and cross country team members.
3. 6-6-11, 6-8-12 Records measurement in discus and javelin to the nearest lesser inch or centimeter.
4. 6-9-4, 6-9-5 Clarifies pit measurements for long jump and triple jump.
5. 8-1-1, 8-1-2, 8-1-3 Clarifies legal course layout.
6. 8-3-2, 8-3-3, 8-3-4, 8-3-5 Clarifies order of finish based on torso.

Ed also spent a good part of his training session discussing various scenarios from the 2019 case book.

Q & A:

Ed McGowan asked the membership to vote via a show of hands on whether they wanted to have the mandatory meeting return to a Saturday breakfast meeting or remain the way it is during the week at night as it has been the last couple of years. The membership voted to keep it as it is now.

Ed also recognized members with awards outside the association, including Duane Shilling (inducted into the 2019 New Jersey Football Association Coaches Hall of Fame) and Dick Wolff, who will be inducted into the South Jersey Track Hall of Fame on March 24 at Lucien's in Berlin. Those interested in tickets to the event should contact Bill Collins or Ed McGowan.

Adjournment by president at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
William H. Kile III