



NJTFOA
New Jersey Track & Field Officials Association
Southern Chapter

President: Russ Williams
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Recording Sec: Rita Bivans

1st Vice President: Ed McGowan
Corresponding Sec: Carol Haworth
Treasurer: Charles Carroll

Minutes of Regular Meeting - April 6, 2017

The president called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm with the flag salute.

Wellness Report: Bill Thompson is now home receiving rehab therapies; a fruit basket from the association was sent to his home. Al Siniscalchi is back in the hospital.

Recording Secretary's Report: Minutes were sent electronically; there were no comments or changes. Minutes were approved.

Correspondence Report: Continue to update your information on the attendance sheet and arbiter.

Treasurer's Report: Total amount on hand is \$25,755.21 after expenses. Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

- Membership- no report
- Ethics- no report
- Grievance- no report

Assignors Report:

Linda (not present but report was made on her behalf): Please check arbiter regularly, especially before an assigned meet for changes. There has been significant changes due to weather. Starters, when completing a meet report on time/uniforms/etc about officials include the meet location, boys or girls, dual tri-meets, JV-Varsity, etc. Put this information in the notes box.

Ed - no report

Bart - Check your email daily and look for changes, cancellations, etc., in regard to meet status. Weather has prompted changes over the last few weeks.

Carl – If there are messages/questions regarding sectionals, send email to Ed Colona. If you are assigned, you must accept within the timeline. There is a new process being used for clerking. It was used for winter track- Milesplit. Coaches must accept placement online; they were allowed 8. Sheets of all participants printed out, i.e., the 4x100; coaches identify the 4 who are running on site. The sheets are run and they go to the clerk who is giving out hip numbers, etc. Some sites are using running sheets for outdoor meets. Weather impacts on the success or failure of this process. Some sites will continue to use cards.

Testing- Carl; testing went well; deadline is April 7, 2017 at 11:59 pm. So far most scores are in the 90's.

President's Comments: One meeting remains for this year- 5-15-2017; next year's meetings will be in Gloucester Twp in Camden County.

Keep in mind, as an official you are required to attend one mandatory meeting and 2 other meetings; outermost clothing should be your yellow NJSIAA shirt, navy blue pants and navy blue NJSIAA hat or red hat for starter

1st Vice President's Comments: 19,000 student athletes participated in state winter meets; track and field is the #1 scholastic sport - 600,000 boys and 501,000 girls participate in our sport.

- Starters are having a problem with athletes knowing where they are supposed to be; umpires must let starters know when everyone is in place (4x100, other relay races); if there is a recall, umpire must stop the runners, especially if you hear 2-3 shots.
- Umpires should have a pen and note paper; head umpire should be visible in case there is a possible violation; there is a form on our website. You should have umpire violation sheets with you; you can find these forms on the website under Officials.

Training: Hurdles (Russ)

- Squared hurdles are safer; rounded hurdles fall down easier.
- You must be willing to help move hurdles; everyone does not have a good hurdle crew.
- Most hurdles have 5 settings-lowest setting is 30 IH; one up is 33 HH in high or girls; for boys 36 IH and 39 for HH.
- Make sure you set up the hurdles in the correct direction; there is a visual aide on the track to help you set them up correctly; the team logo should not be seen by the hurdler.
- There should be one finger width between each hurdle; crossbar should be over the markings.
- It is not illegal to knock down hurdle; foot, ankle, leg must be even with the top or higher; trail leg must be above plane of hurdle.
- It is a violation if an arm or leg interferes with another competitor.
- For shuttle hurdles- there is a starting line and a call line; there is 1m between the two; the 2nd runner can leave when the 1st runner gets to the call line (no batons are used in this relay).
- For freshmen hurdle heights change - girls 30HH and boys 36 HH.

General Questions/Comments:

- Delsea Sectionals: fields for the field events are not set up yet; 2 sectors are needed for shot, javelin and disk; completion is in their plans.
- NJSIAA patches are available in case you want to add the patch to sweatshirts or jackets at All American Sports Shop 482 Stuyvesant Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07001 201-438-4552

Adjournment by president.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rita Bivans