



NJTFOA
New Jersey Track & Field Officials Association
Southern Chapter

President: Russ Williams
2nd Vice President: Kathy Hunter
Recording Sec: Rita Bivans

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting- April 5, 2018

The meeting was opened with the flag salute at 7:55pm. A letter of thanks was read from George Wilson for Official of the Year award selection by the association.

Recording Secretary's Report: Minutes from 2-27-18 were sent electronically for review and were approved.

Correspondence Report: A reminder was given to sign in and be aware of attendance records and accurate contact information.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$11,950.18. Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership-** Members with dues issues must see Charles Carroll
- **Ethics-** No report

Vice President's: Some officials are leaving meets without checking with the referee. This is unacceptable. Incident reports will follow this kind of action. You must check in with the referee/starter regarding being released from a meet.

Announcements:

Information on Sectionals: Contact Ed Colona for information or interest in the sectionals. There are 10 openings in North Jersey. Must work 2 days for sectionals; no exceptions. Make sure you check in and check out at meets.

Awards follow-up: Gene Hertz completed the distribution of awards from 2-27-18 meeting to Scott Medaugh (40 years), Charlie Carroll (30), Pat Yurko (20) and Dwight Thomas (25).

Assignors Report:

Linda: Thanked everyone for their cooperation with the many changes made due to weather. Please keep checking Arbiter, especially when weather is an issue. If you decline a meet you are blocked from that date; you must call if you become available and want an assignment on that date.

Ed: There are 5 positions open for April 11th; 13 positions are open for April 24th; 8 positions for May 1st and 6 positions for May 8th. Keep all of Linda's comments in mind, especially be sure to check Arbiter.

Bart: The Camburn Meet has been moved to April 6th; the Don Danser Meet has been cancelled.

President's Comments:

Information Points-

- The definition for inactive membership is one who has paid all assessments, dues and passed the annual test. There are no assignments given and no meeting requirements. One must request inactive status in writing and you still gain seniority.
- If you have not paid dues, you must handle it directly with the state, NJSIAA. Background checks are still planned. If you officiate multiple sports, you pay one fee- \$10.

- The last meeting is May 14th for attendance requirements.
- In February, the president met with starters regarding the incident report forms. If there is a problem at a meet the form(s) will be completed. Multiple forms given to an official means meets will be taken away.
- If at a meet when the national anthem is played, an athlete takes a knee, officials are to do nothing. This action is a school issue.
- There is limited availability of shells. If you see shells, buy them because they get purchased quickly and are difficult to locate.
- When you report for a meet, bring equipment needed to officiate any and all events, including a whistle!!! If you lack equipment, you are not ready to officiate.
- Make sure you outline standards placement with chalk. Mark the LJ and TJ from the toe board whatever is closest to pit and then mark whatever lands closest to the toe board. Use chalk not tape- it is a safety issue if there is no toe board.
- There are 5 athletes in an event; if they want to run more, they are JV and must pay for the extra competitor.

Nominations: The slate for 2nd VP has been completed. Each candidate was asked to give a brief statement about their candidacy. The candidates were:
Fran Harwell, John McFall, Jim Mohan and Billy Wright. Voting took place and the results were given at the end of the meeting. Fran Harwell was voted the 2nd VP.

Training Activity: Pat Yurko conducted Officiating Pole Vault Training. PV priorities include:

1. Safety – have legal facilities and equipment that is in good condition
2. Fairness – know the rules and enforce the rules- have your current rule book and equipment to officiate
3. Efficiency – be prepared, solicit help and use good time management

Additional tips – Check the mats, poles (certification, wrapped tape[fr the bottom to the top only] and weight), runway. If there is no certification, no warm ups. The tape must be smooth and have uniform thickness.

Make sure you know who is up, who passes (boys and girls can compete together). It is not a trial if the pole crosses the plane and does not touch equipment.

See the 2 page handout for additional information.

Q&As were fielded during the training.

Adjournment: 9:18 pm.

Adjournment by president.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rita Bivans