



NJTFOA
New Jersey Track & Field Officials Association
Southern Chapter

President: Ed Colona
2nd Vice President: Ed McGowan
Recording Sec: Rita Bivans

1st Vice President: Russ Williams
Corresponding Sec: Carol Haworth
Treasurer: Charles Carroll

Minutes of Regular Meeting- April 7, 2016

President called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 PM.

Attendees: As per sign-in sheet

Recording Secretary's Report: Minutes were submitted electronically to each member. There was a seconded motion to approve the 2-24-16 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The balance forward from 1-20-16 was \$4981.39; after revenues (20,163.00) and expenses (2005.35) the current balance is \$23,139.04. There was a seconded motion to approve this report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The corresponding secretary announced that each official is responsible for maintaining their attendance status. No calls should be made for updates. Be sure you are checking your contact information on the attendance sheet and arbiter.

Assignors report: Linda reminded everyone to check arbiter regularly for reassignments, since they are frequently being changed. Do not use cell phones to accept reassignments; you must use the computer to assure your response is received/recorded.

Bart announced that there are 4 meets scheduled and 2 of the 4 are being rescheduled. The Lenape Girls' Meet has been moved to April 30th. Please watch arbiter for other meets that are being rescheduled, i.e., W. Deptford and Moorestown Boys Invitational. If you are interested in the N. Burlington Meet go on NJSIAA Track and sign up with Ed Colona. Starting in September, Pennsville will use Arbiter Pay

Testing Results: Carl reports that 837 officials took the test; in our association, 70% scored 90% or better. There were no failures.

President's Comments: Some officials are in need of tonight's meeting or tonight and the May meeting. You can check your status with exec committee after tonight's meeting. The current slate for elections in May was – Russ Williams (Pres); Ed McGowan (1st VP); Kathy Hunter (2nd VP); the floor for nominations was opened for additional candidates. There being none, nominations were closed.

Several issues have come up during the past few weeks of meets. Reminders:

- When you are assigned to the finish line, make sure you have a working stopwatch
- When working field events, make sure your handwriting is clear and the content is accurate
- When you receive clerk cards make sure there is a name, school and number. Check with Tomahawk to be sure they are handling total field results. Check with field referee for this; do not hold cards.
- Meet report time is 30minutes before the start of the meet; check with the director before leaving
- If there is a question about event, listen to the coach; know when to go to the head referee
- Document any injury; document the how, when, where what etc. Take pictures and keep this information
- Any questions about an athlete competing stop the meet and talk with the coach
- The uniform for officials includes black shoes, dark blue pants (jeans and fleece sweat pants are not acceptable) and authorized shirt
- Remember in NJ athletes cannot wear watches

1st Vice President's Comments: There are some folks that need two meetings to remain in good standing; of course if they are not here they are "members not in good standing." An inactive member is still a member of the association but will not get meet assignments. For example if one is sick/or having problem, you must pay dues (\$72), take the test, must attend mandatory meeting, take the concussion class and notify the president, the corresponding secretary and the treasurer. When you are ready to return, notify these same officers. You can be inactive for a total of two years. If you do not follow this process you must attend the cadet classes and start over.

Help cadets when they are assigned events at meets; do not assume they are experts. Mentor them.

2nd Vice President's Comments: Gene and Ed Menold have done a tremendous amount of work on the constitution; the draft will be emailed to each member for final review; we will vote on it at the May meeting.

Training Activities and Q/A on Rules:

Gene: A Review of Five Alive – When you report for a meet, come prepared to do any event. Remember that an athlete can only pass 2 heights. Athletes that pass heights, get a warm up without the bar. With 5 alive, your goal is to have 5 athletes competing all the time (have many paper clips for cards). If athlete leaves through front of pit, it is a foul. Keep in mind the verbage for LJ,TJ, shot and discus is fair or foul. Fair only- not "mark".

Ed McGowan: Starter's Review – Once "set" is uttered there can be no movement at all; for distance starts, all runners must be still. If an athlete steps on the line, it's a DQ. This should be emphasized at dual meets. The command for distance events is "on your mark"- not a whistle.

Announcements:

At the Woodbury Relays, a gentleman who won the Medal of Honor will be recognized. All events will be stopped at this time; the medal will be transferred to the city of Woodbury.

Carol Haworth- asked for volunteers for a non-profit track event at RVHS on 4-16 and 5-7-16. See her if you are interested in helping out.

Motion to adjourn was seconded at 9:00 pm.

Respectively submitted

Rita Bivans, Recording Secretary