



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- May 14, 2018

The meeting was brought to order with the flag salute. Comments for the Good of the Chapter were made by the President. Tracy Taylor lost her mother last week and earlier this year lost her grandmother. You can check her address on Arbiter to share supportive sentiments. A note was read from Kenneth Schoudt, the A.D. from Delsea Regional School District complimenting our chapter officials on conducting the April Unified Meet at Delsea School District. The officials are John McFall, Lew Paynter, John Whetstone, Al McFaull and Gary Pilling. Additional good news was the announcement that congratulations go to Russ Williams who will receive the NJTFOA Executive Committee Award as the Official of the Year and to Linda Rosbert for the Life Time Achievement Award.

Attendance: As per the sign in sheet

Recording Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed electronically prior to tonight's meeting for review and were approved.

Correspondence Report: Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and check that email is correct. National cards, brochures and old official patches were available.

Treasurer's Report: The previous balance was \$11,950.18; monthly expenses of \$1221.46 leaves the current balance at \$10,728.72.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership- Online registration dates have been modified by NJSIAA.** You can register online starting April 2018; registration ends June 15th with Track/Field being a Spring Sport. A late fee will be assessed after June 15, 2018. Details on registering can be found at the association website; click on Notices/Updates and look for April 20, 2018> 2018-2019 Online Registration Instructions; <https://njtfoasouthern.weebly.com>
- **Ethics- No report; Fran Harwell** will be giving up the chair of this committee as she assumes her new position as 2nd VP as of July 1st.
- **Grievance – No report**

Assignors Report:

Linda noted that the season is just about over; she thanked officials for their work. Fortunately, There were not too many rain outs. Please check Arbiter and add your correct phone number if it is Incorrect or missing.

Ed sent thanks also and asked for officials to recruit more folks to work in Burlington County. Carl is finishing assignments for sectionals and championship meets. If you are interested in working contact Ed Colona in case a position opens.

President's Comments:

Tonight is our final meeting. 16 emails were sent out to officials who had to make this meeting or attend another chapter's meeting for make-up.

A few Incident Reports have been turned in; there is still a problem with officials leaving meets early. In one meet where the starter had to leave early, the situation was handled very well. He communicated with his assignor before the meet. Once at the meet, he communicated with all officials and named the starter who would replace him when he had to leave close to the end of the meet. In another situation the starter did not handle the situation as well. There was a lack of communication with involved parties. Incident reports may sometimes be written about the starter.

Shells: 22 shells power loads are available at Home Depot. If you see shells, purchase them right away. They disappear fast.

A reminder.... Frequently check all updates, emails, Arbiter and website notices. Be informed. Keep in mind that there is a 5 varsity participation rule with no exceptions. Extra participants must compete as JV.

Students are never to be used to mark in the pits. Coaches can assist.

Sectionals/Championship Updates- Ed Colona: Sectional State Meets have been set. There are 750 officials assigned. The Non-public meets are at Monsignor Donovan HS in Toms River, Monday, May 21st and Tuesday, May 22nd. Report time is 3:30pm on both days.

Make sure you check the site where you are assigned. Sites have changed this year.

For Public meets - Friday, May 25th report time is 3pm and Saturday, May 26th report time is 9am. Meets will be held at Washington Twp and Delsea Regional.

Group Meets: Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd are at Central and Franklin School Districts.

Meet of Champions- Saturday, June 9th at Northern Burlington.

A letter from Mabel "DOLLY" Staton was read by the president- As a former 1952 Olympian and after 36 years as an official and at the age of 85, I am requesting Honorary membership from the Association. There was a standing ovation. A motion was made and carried and there was another standing ovation indicating the respect and admiration our association has for **Dolly**.

In addition... Ed Colona announced the close of his service to the executive committee and was met with a round of applause.

And in addition to that It was announced that tonight was Russ's last meeting as president of the association and he, too received a round of applause. (Russ has served 2 years).

Rules Interpretation: Ed Menold and Carl: The starter/referee decides if headgear is functional or not, and makes the call. An example would be the determination if head gear is keeping hair in place. There can be **no logo on the head gear.**

Training Activities and Q & A:

Unified Track Meets: (follow-up from January 2018 Training) Rita Bivans

Some points from the January Training were reviewed and updated. News about the first South Jersey Unified Meet, officiated by Southern Officials was published in the Philadelphia Inquirer. The meet held at Delsea Regional HS was touted by the district AD in a personal email. The officials were named and received applause and were giving time to share their perspective on the meet. There is still work to be done to improve these meets.

Come to Meets Prepared: Kathy Hunter - Necessities to have on site at meets were reviewed; their importance was also given

- Be in proper uniform, have rain gear and layers of clothing in your bag
- 2 stop watches that do multiple times; have a back up and a printable if possible
- Whistle (Fox 40)
- Marking stick and 3 tapes- a short, a long and a regular retractable tape (HJ)
- Clip board with plastic cover and scoring sheets (they are available on our website)
- Have your current rule book; pens, pencils, sharpener,
- Have wisk broom, rubber bands, bungee cord, clips, screw driver and zip ties

Meeting Dates for 2018-2019:

The following dates for 2018-2019 meetings are **TENTATIVE pending approval by the Glenn Landing MS.**

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Wednesday, November 1, 2018

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – Mandatory Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Monday, May 13, 2019

Adjournment by president at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Bivans