



**NJTFOA**  
**New Jersey Track & Field Officials Association**  
**Southern Chapter**

**President:** Russ Williams  
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**Recording Sec:** Rita Bivans

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Ed McGowan  
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**Treasurer:** Charles Carroll

**Minutes of Regular Meeting - September 19, 2017**

The president called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm with the flag salute. There was a moment of remembrance to pay tribute to the four members we have lost this year: John Reiners, Hal Miller, Paul Hilton and Bob Samuels.

**Our guest speakers tonight are Larry White and Bill Bruno from NJSIAA.**

**Larry White, the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Director** announced that as of July 2018 officials in all associations will go through background checks through a company "People Trail". In most cases background checks can cost up to \$100. This company will charge \$10 per person. All assignors will be trained to register our group via NJSIAA.

**Bill Bruno** announced that Larry White's former position has been posted. Other news and announcements followed. Anyone working the Thompson Park sectional meet be aware that there are new starting times. \$170,000 was spent to refurbish the Toms River facility; it has been restriped, painted, etc., to get the bubble complex the way it needs to be. In spring (2 year cycle) an RFP is put out; 15 sites will be considered- the decision is based on safety and the condition of the facility. Unified Sports-NJ is not expanding at this time. You can go to NJSIAA or NJSCA for more information.

**Hall of Fame Awards Event** is scheduled for April 7, 2018 for coaches, assistant coaches, and deceased coaches. Applications are in Bill's packet.

**Attendance:** As per sign in sheet

**Recording Secretary's Report:** Minutes were sent electronically; they were reviewed and approved by the association.

**Treasurer's Report:** The starting balance was \$24,858 with income of \$250.96. After expenses of membership fees, assignors fees, donations for deceased members, supplies, etc., the current balance is \$18,607.46

**A letter from Bill Thompson** was read to the association. Due to health issues and after 30 years in the association, he is resigning. Bill's resignation was not accepted; instead, Russ directed him to our website for information regarding honorary membership. This is a step that must be voted on.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership-** 1<sup>st</sup> VP- We will no longer conduct Concussion Training. Each official must take the training and test online. Certificate of passing the test must be turned in to the association. The book about Browning Ross was introduced and is available online via Amazon.
- **Ethics-** Fran's remarks were made to remind all of us, if we see something say something. As officials we should help each other out in becoming better at what we do.
- **Grievance – no report**

**Assignors Report: Carl-** For cross country, we will have batch meets only. There will no longer be dual meets in the varsity program. During spring, there will be fewer folks at the finish line. FAT will be used. For Cross Country, remember to have the proper hat, shirt, pants and shoes. Have your rule book. Marshalls should not be sitting when the athletes come by. The meet is 6 hours, so have chairs available between events. Report 30 minutes before the meet begins; have a cell phone-get meet director, AD and referee's phone number. If working October 1<sup>st</sup>, paper work can be filled out tonight.

**President's Comments:**

This is a reminder to all members regarding attendance; you must attend 2 regular and one mandatory meeting. Attendance at a cadet class can serve as a make-up of a regular meeting; make sure you have attendance verified by your signature.

Check the Arbiter website and emails regularly for information. Too many people are missing meetings and important information.

NJSIAA award nominees are: Gene Hertz (Boys track); Bart Cranston (Cross Country); Rita Bivans (Girls Track) and Dan Morse (Girls Cross Country)

**Training Activities and Q & A: Ed Menold**

**Cross Country Rule Changes:** Hosting School can post directional signs; teams must have uniform attire.

**Adjournment by president at 8:50PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rita Bivans