



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

**President:** Ed McGowan  
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**Recording Sec:** Rita Bivans

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Kathy Hunter  
**Corresponding Sec:** Kristi Hunter  
**Treasurer:** Charles Carroll

**Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:00pm; the flag salute followed.

**Attendance-** as per sign-in sheet

**Recording Secretary's Report:** Minutes from May 14, 2018 were sent electronically and were approved.

**Correspondence Report:** Officials were reminded to sign in appropriately.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance on hand after expenses is \$3160.23. Charles reported that an error has been made with several officials that have 30+ years of service. These members have had dues waived; state dues cannot be waived. We must change that to waiving chapter dues only. Every member will have to pay state dues directly through Arbiter. A constitution change is needed.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership** - 1<sup>st</sup> VP -The motion to approve honorary membership for Warren Martin and Paul Armstrong was approved. A certificate citing honorary membership was presented to Dolly Staton.
- **Ethics** - No report
- **Grievance** – No report

**Assignors Report:** Carl reported that the number of officials for the upcoming cross country meet at Dream Park will be reduced. He also reported that this is a beautiful facility with plenty parking areas.

**Special Presentation:** Bill Bruno, NJSIAA Assistant Director reviewed state news and policy updates. A handout was available.

- **Drone policy** – If drones are not being run by the school, they should be grounded. All insurance issues are on the school district and drone use must be school district approved to operate. If drone is sighted NJSIAA and the district AD should be notified. Drones are not to be used at state meets.
- **Transgender policy** – once declared by school an athlete's gender is accepted; they compete as per school's declaration. There is an appeal process that can be instituted by opponent from another school.
- **Heat policy** – for best practices visit the NJSIAA website. Beginning with 2019 spring track, the 3200m will be the first event at a meet.
- **Official registration** – state dues will increase next year; background checks will occur every year (\$10)
- **Sportsmanship statement** must be read prior to the start of the meet minimally to coach and team captains.
- **General discussions** - There has been a large number of eligibility decisions made at state level.

Al Stumpf plans to extend Unified Meets; at state level only relays will be open at Unified Meets. Unified Meets are planned for winter and spring sectionals during mid-week competition; the top 6 will advance to the weekend competition.  
NJSIAA is putting language together for rules for winter track regarding venue being moved if not in acceptable condition.

**Additional report from Carl:** 46 letters were sent to association members regarding three issues; (1) failure to meet NJSIAA attendance requirements, (2) non-payment of assessment fees and (3) incomplete registration. Problems with registration were reviewed; issues must be reconciled by January 2019 or you cannot officiate.

**Announcements:**

**SJ Track Coaches Association:** Bill Collins announced plans for the SJ Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame event. He asked if you know of a candidate who should be considered please contact him at [wcollins@gmail.com](mailto:wcollins@gmail.com).

**Equipment:** Gene Hertz announced that he will be conducting an inventory of the association's equipment. Contact Gene if you have scales, paper print timers, tapes, etc.

**Breast Cancer Month:** October is Breast Cancer month; athletes can wear pink.

**Training Activities:** Dan Tyler Presented Duties and Responsibilities of Officials Working Cross Country Chutes

Dan reviewed Rule 8-4 Art. 9-14 including graphics.

Topics covered: Placement of officials, Illness (what officials should do and who to call), Transponders/chips, Attentiveness to competitors and importance of keeping athletes in order at the end of race.

**Adjournment by president.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Bivans