

BOYS AND GIRLS INDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2017

Members present: Bill Baron, Corey Bernier, Brian Collins, Rich Kosta, Brian LaFontaine, Betty Remigino-Knapp, Anna Mahon, Kurt Ogren, Tammy Schondelmayer, Doug Sharples, Dave Tetlow, Donn Friedman, Steve Wysowski and Joe Tonelli. Tom Haley (meet director) and Jeremy Renninghoff (Northeast Timing) also attended.

Call to Order – Steve Wysowski called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes – On a motion by Corey Bernier the minutes of September 7, 2016 were approved.

Correspondence – The CIAC staff did not receive any correspondence, but committee member Brian Collins shared an email from Mike Cohen from Simsbury. Mike mentioned that a few of the starting blocks were broken and his athlete in the girls' hurdle final had to scramble to find a functional starting block. His concern is that if schools are not allowed to bring their own blocks, then it is important to be sure that all blocks are functional. The condition of the long jump boards was also mentioned. We will check with Bob Davis regarding these concerns.

Review of State Meets – The meets went very well. The weather issues caused changes in the schedule, which slightly affected the attendance in the class meets. The three event limit, which carries over to the Open was also clearly understood and adhered to by all participants. Using the outdoor language in the indoor packet was an excellent suggestion.

Officials – Practically all of the officials at the state meets were certified. We want to identify any quality officials who have worked state meets in the past, and other interested prospects, to provide additional opportunities to obtain certification. As a result of the communication between the assignor and meet directors, the process of the assignment of officials will serve us well. Special thanks to Steve Wysowski, Yvonne, Barbara and the meet directors for their efforts.

Other Concerns – Coaches that intentionally don't scratch create unnecessary challenges in setting up heats. A review of the scratches by Tom Haley seemed to indicate the most scratches come from teams that are the top finishers in the meet. One suggestion was that "scratches" be a point of emphasis at the pre-meet coaches meeting. Another suggestion was to make a positive declaration by the last call, which could require an additional clerk.

Financial Report Preview – All of the data was not available at the time of the meeting to provide a complete financial report, but we do know that we held our own, despite the weather issues. The decision to hold the State Open at 4:00 p.m. on President's Day, because of previously postponed class meets, proved to be a wise decision because working people were able to attend and Yvonne was able to secure more officials at that time. Coincidentally, the attendance for the Open was identical to previous years, when the meet was held on a Saturday which saved us. Gate income was down a little over \$2,000.

Preliminary Review of 2017-18 Packet – Steve Wysowski noted some of the date changes, the usual class meet rotation and other revisions. The 2017-18 packet will be finalized at the fall meeting.

New Business – Confirmed the dates for 2017-18 the September and March meetings ... Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Other Business – Rich Kosta shared a proposal that the coaches on the indoor track committee submitted to Joe Canzanella, President of the CT High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) relative to the season limitations calendar. The indoor track committee, through a straw vote, unanimously supported the concept of the proposal that Rich Kosta presented to Joe Canzanella. The current season limitations calendar, which was approved by the CIAC Board of Control has been in effect as part of a two-year trial (2015-16 and 2016-17), which concludes after the spring 2017 season. The committee was informed that Dr. Karissa Niehoff, on behalf of the CIAC Board, asked the CAAD Board to evaluate the current calendar and solicit feedback through their league reps so it can be discussed by the central office staff and the season limitations committee. It should be noted that Joe Canzanella is also a long-time member of the CAAD Board, and

the coaches' association and the athletic director's association also have representation on the season limitations committee. Feedback through the vetting process from CHSCA or CAAD will be presented to the Season Limitations committee when they convene in May, 2017. It was reiterated that no changes will be made to the 2017-18 calendar. Any formal proposal regarding the 2018-19 calendar would be formulated by the CIAC Season Limitations committee and must be approved by the CIAC Board by December 2017 at the latest to be implemented for 2018-19.

Adjournment – With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.