

BOYS AND GIRLS INDOOR TRACK COMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 6, 2017

Members present: Bill Baron, Brian Collins, Rich Kosta, Brian LaFontaine, Anna Mahon, Doug Sharples, Tammy Schondelmayer, Dave Tetlow, Steve Wysowski, Donn Friedman (Chair) and Joe Tonelli (CIAC)

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Donn Friedman at 3:35 p.m.

Update Committee and Contact Information – It was noted that Corey Bernier is no longer coaching. Rich Kosta will let us know the name of his replacement on the committee.

Minutes – On a motion by Steve Wysowski, the minutes of March 7, 2017 were approved.

Financial Report – Joe reviewed the financial report that indicated that there was a slight decrease in revenue for 2016-17 as compared to 2015-16, and a minimal increase in expenses. Joe stated that the bottom line profit was good, considering we had weather issues that caused the rescheduling of some meets. Given the uncertainty of school budgets, there will not be a fee increase for schools for the 2017-18 school year.

Correspondence – None since the fall meeting.

Old Business – The following items from the March meeting were discussed and finalized:

1. Scratch Rule – This remains problematic, especially with the 3200 meter event, where reseeding may be necessary. Coaches are asked to make scratches prior to the meet. However, some coaches don't scratch for "gamesmanship reasons" which negatively affects the seeding of heats and overall efficiency of the meet. Tom Haley, one of the meet directors, did an analysis of the scratches and found that the better teams that had a chance to be one of the top finishers were more inclined to delay a decision to scratch kids for strategy purposes. A discussion of the options took place, and rather than take drastic action at this time, which would result in disqualifications, it was decided that we will not make any changes in the current procedure and follow NFHS rules, as required. Instead, once again, we will appeal to the coaches and emphasized in the packet and at the pre-meet coaches' meetings, that coaches must scratch to serve the best interest of the sport and enhance meet management. We will see how it goes this year and re-evaluate.
2. Functional Starting Blocks – It was decided to continue to respect the policy of the facility and not allow competitors to use their own starting blocks. Joe Tonelli discussed the concern expressed that some of the blocks were not functional with Bob Davis. Bob stated that they purchased a couple of new starting blocks and he assured us that the blocks would be in good shape and there will be back-ups.

New Business

2017-18 Rule Changes – The new rule changes for 2017-18 were unavailable at this time. All new rule changes will be included in the packet.

NFHS Online Rule Interpreters Meeting – Joe invited interested committee members and meet directors to join him at CIAC to participate in the online meeting to be held on January 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Another option for people to participate is to register with the info provided by Joe and take part in the meeting from their work or home computer.

2017-18 Indoor Track Tournament Packet – The remainder of the meeting was used to review the indoor track packet and make the necessary additions, deletions and revisions. This included the divisions, which were established based upon the data from last year's meet provided by Dave Tetlow. As always, Dave did an outstanding job to expedite this important aspect of the meeting and the divisions will be posted on the Indoor Track page on the [www.ciacsports.com](http://www.ciacsports.com) website. Dave also pointed out that the number of boys and girls competing in the CIAC State meetings continues to increase. In addition, the committee reviewed the qualifying standards and decided to make no changes at this time. Bill Baron suggested that we emphasize to coaches that it would be advantageous to list all four alternates on the relay declaration sheets, so all these athletes are eligible to run in the event, if needed. The wording in the packet was revised to make that point.

The Class state meet schedule was rotated in accordance with past practice, and therefore, the schedule is as follows:

Thursday, February 8, 2018 – Class L at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, February 9 – Class M at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10 – Class LL at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 10 – Class S at 4:30 p.m.

Open Championship – Saturday, February 17 at 12:00 Noon

NE Championships – Saturday, March 3 at the Reggie Lewis Center, Boston, MA

After discussion, and on a motion by Anna Mahon, the 2017-18 indoor packet, with the agreed upon changes, was unanimously approved.

Other Business – Rich Kosta suggested that the concept of eliminating hand held times for qualifying for state meets be considered for the future. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

With no further business, and on a motion by Doug Sharples, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, March 6, 2018.