



Cross-Country Post-Season Meeting Agenda November 28, 2023 @ 10:00am

- Welcome and introductions- Committee members present-**T. Briggs- Freehold Twp., M.Rafferty- Ft. Lee, M.Mazzacaro- CBA, M. Holleran, Metuchen, K. Lavender, St.Rose, M. Decarlo, Garfield, V. Wu- N I Sectional Director, P. Zimmerman, Pennsauken.**
Guest – Brian Gould – NJ XC and Track Coaches Association
- Review of 2022 Post Season Minutes-
 - **#4 lack of real time results- Holmdel is in the process of getting a portable hotspot for next year which should help**
 - **# 6 – logistics of identifying non team runners at the MOC – committee felt it was not a major issue.**
 - **Motion to approve last years minutes - Victor Wu, Second – K Lavender- Motion approved**
- Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - **Timely posting of the classifications and tournament regulations.- Classifications will be re-done for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons after we receive the numbers from the NJDOE. Goal is to have them published by start of practice.**
- Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - **Format for Wildcards for MOC- Feeling was that it was much cleared this year and no issues.**
 - **Report on Sectional Sites by Sectional Directors-All sectional sites had no issues other than the unusual heat that day. Sectional Directors will be urged to secure a make up day if needed for next year.**
 - **Addition of 5 runners moving on from Sectionals to Groups from each Sectional group. Went from 10 runners to 15 runners.- well received.**
 - **Coaches not meeting deadlines for entry. – Some coaches continue not to meet deadlines- schools that do not meet deadlines are fined a late entry fee.**
 - **Suggested that a coaches data base be established so that in addition to AD's being notified coaches would also be notified.**
- Review of dates for next season (See Handout)
 - **Sectional – November 2, 2024**
 - **Group – November 9, 2024**
 - **MOC – November 16, 2024**
All dates will be announced and confirmed after the December Executive Meeting.
- Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - **Clarification of wording for the Wildcard teams for MOC. – More precise and clear this year. Well received – no complaints**
- New Business- Correspondence received:

- Bishop Eustace – Chris Threston- First Place Team Medals should be awarded at Sectional and Group Meets. Some want for top 3 placing teams. **It was explained to the committee that the NJSIAA has been standardizing awards for all of our sports. The NJSIAA policy was and will continue to be followed.**
- Various Coaches- Increase medal count to top 15 in Sectional Races.- **Al Stumpf will look into getting the medal count increased.**
- Mike DiBernard – AD- Parsippany High School- warm weather impacting late races – alternatives- secure more sectional sites so all races could be run in the morning or split Sectional into a two- day meet – Saturday and Sunday – run early in the morning.- **Discussed – logistics and cost prohibitive. Weather this year was unusual and with the Sectionals being a week later in 2024 it should not be an issue.**
- Old Business-
- **Real Time information and scoring- request to look into a time board at Finish Line to help spectators keep track of what is going on with the understanding that what is posted are not official results. Al Stumpf will look into it with the timers for the Groups and MOC**
- **Starting Line- MOC- request to set up the starting line based on the team and individual racers seed times- Marty Holleran will devise a plan.**
- **Medal Ceremony- suggested to move tent to bottom of hill where vendors were located this year to give spectators a better view of the ceremony. Also suggested to have past “stars” of NJ XC be present to help with awards.**
- Good of the order.- **Congratulations to Marty Holleran for organizing and running a great Cross Country Championship Event for our student athletes!**

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am Motion by K. Lavender – Second by Mike Rafferty