



Central Penn Chapter

Track & Field Officials

March 20, 2016 -- Camp Hill High School

A. **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by President Charlie Hartman at 7:00

B. **Minutes**

The reading of the minutes from the meeting of March 13 was dispensed with since the minutes are now posted on the chapter website. The minutes were approved as posted.

C. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dave Eavenson reported a balance of \$2897.17 with two members still owing dues. Dave planned to speak to those members privately.

D. **Announcements**

1. Bill Gallagher announced that Gettysburg College was seeking a PV judge for meets on April 2 and April 16. Bill planned to send a follow-up email to members, who should contact the coach directly.
2. Bill also announced that we were searching for our second HJ measuring bar. Jim Ellingsworth suggested that it may be stored at Shippensburg U.
3. Charlie Hartman announced that schedules for the Mid-Penn Conference Meet were available.
4. Fred Smith pointed out that members making presentations would be given access to the PIAA guide to all events as well as the NFHS officials manual. Jim Ellingsworth added that the PIAA manual ("Suggested Techniques for Track and Field Officiating") is posted on the PIAA website and available for download. A link is also available on the chapter website at <http://www.centralpenntack.org/forms/>.

E. **Presentation on Officiating the High Jump** - by Fred Smith

Fred explained the following sequential points to officiating the high jump:

- Know the differences between high school and college rules
- Check the venue (covering any hard surfaces around pit; pit sections held together, etc)
- Standards positions need to be marked in case they are moved (also keep pit in position if moved)
- Mark the front of the crossbar so it is positioned the same way after each displacement
- Know the starting height and increments and know how to equate between metric and English versions
- Know the time schedule and sign everyone in prior to announced start
- Accommodate competitors excused for other events by taking them out of order
- Bar is raised when everyone present has made or is out at height; if a person is excused and does not return, the bar may be raised to avoid making others wait
- Clearly call who is "up" along with next two jumpers
- Check to make sure bar is placed correctly then start watch for time
- In HS, if a person passes three consecutive heights, then one warm-up jump w/o bar can be made at height change
- Make "makes" with an "O", misses with an "X"; passes can be marked "P" or with a "-"
- A competitor is out after making three consecutive misses, which may be at different heights

- The bar should not be lowered – except in breaking ties for first place
- Several different rule violations can lead to a “miss” – see page 56 of rule book
- There was some discussion on shoes with springs (illegal); consensus is they would probably be identifiable from outside, but could be inspected
- Tie-breaking rules were reviewed and explained; follow procedure in rule and case books

A question was raised about how to handle tie in a double (triple) dual meet if best jumpers from Teams B and C are tied at a lower height while best jumper from Team A continues. There was no clear cut answer but consensus seemed to land on allowing the event to continue with best jumper until done then going back and breaking the tie for the other two.

F. **Other Officiating Points**

1. Fred stressed that at least three (3) entries must be allowed by all teams in dual meets, with as many as conference guidelines or local schools will allow for each event. Under no circumstances can there be an exhibition entries.
2. Schools from out of state must follow PIAA rules and modifications (e.g – jewelry)

G. **“You Make the Call”**

The answers to the four questions were:

- A. Correct; (CB 6.4.2g – p. 62)
- B. Incorrect (no modified XC scoring in PA)
- C. Incorrect (CB 7.2.if)
- D. Correct (RB – 3.2.8a)

H. **Old Business and Other Reminders**

- **Breaking Ties in meet results is MANDATORY**
- All members should complete and update calendars with Larry Moser
- President Hartman gave out Mid-Penn Assignments
- Officials are needed for Tim Cook Invitational at Chambersburg on April 16

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
 Bill Gallagher
 Recording Secretary Pro Tem