

Chapter

Track & Field Officials

March 21, 2021

Date

Zoom, et al

Location

- A. Call to Order:** The 3rd meeting of our Chapter was called to order by President Hudson at 6:00PM. President Hudson greeted everyone and spoke briefly about the upcoming season and reminded everyone of the importance of the upcoming elections. The floor was then turned over to Bill Gallagher.
- B. President's/VP's Report:** No V.P. report this evening as the president was in attendance and offered some short remarks after the call to order.
- C. Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Bill Gallagher reminded members that the sign up survey email for the District III meet had gone out last week and was due back by tomorrow, March 22nd. Members were asked to let Bill know of any equipment that belonged to the Chapter that they might have in their possession in order to compile a complete and accurate list of said equipment. That list would then enable the Chapter to loan out the various items to members as needed. Members were encouraged to plan ahead when requesting to use equipment in order to make all items available in an equitable manner. Members were asked to make certain that each had posted a photo on the website roster. It was a helpful tool for members to become familiar with each other's identity. Bill also addressed the issue of the upcoming election of Chapter Officers and referred members to the recent emails with the description of the various duties and the timeline for nominations and voting. The minutes for Chapter meetings are posted on the website a day or so after each meeting should anyone need to review each meeting's details. Each meeting is also recorded and may be accessed in that manner by contacting Bill Gallagher. Bill also reminded members that the new Rule about "running backwards" in the jumps and javelin has also been addressed by the NCAA in a slightly different way than the National Federation. Officials working collegiate meets should be aware of the specifics.
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- D. Treasurer's Report:** Skip reported the current treasury balance to be \$1,760.98. Some members still owe dues and insurance costs. Skip asked anyone with questions to please contact him individually.
- E. Announcements:** Covered in other sections.
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F. Presentation # 2: Brad Cashmen & Cherie Ramsey

Brad opened the Interpreters Part of tonight's meeting by presenting extensive coverage of Rules Infractions & Penalties from the 2020 NFHS T&F/CC Rule Book (Due to the Pandemic & the non-season last Spring, Rule Books for 2021 were not issued, the 2020 books are in use instead.)

The Zoom email of this information is accurate and inclusive and should be kept for future reference.

Cherie followed Brad with the "You Make the Call" Session for this evening. She reviewed the 15 situations from the 2020 NFHS Casebook and went over each resolution with some input from members. Again, the Zoom email covers each situation in depth.

G. Old Business: No old business was noted.

H. New Business: Larry Moser made a strong recommendation that officials contact the host school prior to a scheduled meet to find out if there are any changes to be aware of, but also to ask about any particular COVID protocols that might be in place as well. As was noted last week, different schools may well have different policies. We cannot assume there is consistency in place across the whole area in which we work as officials. Be proactive and make an inquiry before you arrive at the venue.

Larry cited the guidelines that the Colonial Division of the Mid-Penn Conference has put in place for all meets held at Colonial Division schools. He expected that the other 3 Mid-Penn Divisions were likely to follow, but that Officials should still contact schools as not every Division may or may not publish their guidelines ahead of time.

The Tim Cook Meet at Chambersburg on March 27th is staffed and set to go.

The Mid-Penn Conference is scheduled for May 15th, but the set-up is "still to be determined".

Larry also encouraged members to go ahead and register with Arbiter Sports, the ZebraWeb replacement, as per the email from Larry Umbarger.

Tim Sanville's assignor report suffered from technical problems. It is expected that Tim will contact officials individually.

Bill Owens emphatically reported that "all was good" with his meet assignments.

John Heycock reported that the March 19th meet at Messiah went well despite the chilly temps.

All assignments for the Messiah Invitational on April 8, 9, & 10 are filled. John still needs 4 officials for the Juniata Invitational on April 24th. Positions to be filled are 1 official for the Shot/Discus, 1 official for the Pole Vault, and 2 officials for the Long Jump/Triple Jump. Please contact John if interested/available.

I. Issues/Items from the Floor: None tonight.

J. Adjournment: President Hudson adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM

K. Next Meeting: Sunday, March 28th, 2021 @ 6:00 PM via Zoom.

