



# David B. Eavenson

## Chapter

### *Track & Field Officials*

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March 28, 2021  
Date

Zoom, et al  
Location

- A. Call to Order:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of our Chapter was called to order by President Hudson at 6:01 PM.
- B. President's/VP's Report:** President Hudson spoke about the Spring T&F season as “finally happening”, in reference to the long delay which started in the Spring of 2020 with the advent of the worldwide Pandemic. President Hudson reminded members about the upcoming election of new officers and asked that all nominations be in by Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Ballots would then be compiled and sent out to members by April 16<sup>th</sup>. All ballots should then be returned electronically by April 24<sup>th</sup> with the results announced to the Chapter at our meeting of Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Bill Gallagher reminded members that it was a good practice to have some extra copies of the “Officiating Guide for Schools” (available on the Chapter website) along to give to meet workers when working at Mid-Penn schools. Such a move goes a long way to helping assure that meets run more smoothly. Bill thanked members for getting the information about availability for working at the District III meet in to him. He also asked that members keep him updated if any of that information changes. Bill went on to mention that Chapter equipment is available for use as needed by Officials, but should be requested a few days in advance to assure its not being “already earmarked for another destination on the same date”. Members also need to make sure that they send dues and insurance premiums in to Skip ASAP. Bill mentioned (in response to ongoing questions throughout this evening’s meeting) that members should review the “Return to Officiating” bulletin on the PIAA website which addresses many issues related to concerns raised about COVID protocols as regards the Spring sports season. A final note was a reminder that, if possible, members should submit questions or issues related to meet officiating to our interpreters by the Friday before the next scheduled meeting, thus allowing Brad and Cherie some time to research a response if needed.
- D. Treasurer's Report:** Skip reported the treasury balance to be at \$1975.98. He also reminded members (fewer than 10) that some dues and insurance payments were still outstanding.
- E. Announcements:** From the Assignors-  
Larry Moser-Larry reported that the Tim Cook Meet went well. Regular meets start this coming week and everything should be set to go. He again reminded Officials to contact the A.D. at the host school to confirm meet details and to inquire about any COVID related guidelines that a school may have initiated. The Mid-Penn meet assignments will be a work in progress for the next 2 weeks and Larry expects to start contacting officials as to who will be working which event, etc. shortly after that. As far as the specifics of the conference meet—numbers of participants, spectators, etc.—“the details are still unknown”.  
Tim Sanville- Most meets are slowly being filled.  
Bill Owens- Bruce Dallas (4/3), Bill reports that it is “good to go”, all positions filled, there may

be some time changes as far as when officials need to arrive, Bill will contact officials to update them. Bill also mentioned that he will be meeting tomorrow with the organizers of the Stan Morgan Meet (5/8), and a decision about the meet should be forthcoming. Bill announced that if any official is interested in helping mentor Carlisle H.S. meet workers about the correct way to run the various T & F events to please contact him. Those same workers could then potentially move on to become PIAA certified officials.

John Heycock-Messiah Invitational (4/8, 4/9, & 4/10), All assignments filled. Juniata Invitational (4/24), still looking for 3 officials-1 for Shot/Javelin, 1 for LJ/TJ, and 1 for Pole Vault. Please contact John if available.

**F. Presentation #4 : Brad Cashmen & Cherie Ramsey**

Brad's presentation this evening covered the role of the Umpire, covered from pgs. 17-28 in the PIAA Suggested Techniques for T&A Officiating, specifically Hurdle races. The Umpire's position, reporting hurdle infractions, and general rules for umpiring track events. A number of situations involving hurdles were then reviewed from the casebook. Specifics are found in the Zoom email.

Cherie presented the "You Make the Call" part of tonight's Lesson. The answers and references are listed as follows.

1. D- RB pg. 41, Article 2 d.
2. A -RB pg. 54. Note 3
3. C- RB pg. 55 Article 9 g
4. C- RB pg. 10 Rule 2 Article 3
5. A- RB pg. 24 Rule 2 Section 3, Article 1 Section 7

**G Old Business: No old business was noted.**

**H. New Business: Covered in Section I.**

- I. Issues/Items from the Floor:** Jim Ellingsworth reminded officials working the throws, especially discus and javelin, about the correct procedure for using the flags. Officials should review the rule and be up-to-date on what is expected.
- Many questions were raised about masks, wiping down implements, starting blocks, hurdles, and other "Track Meets in the time of COVID" issues. The answers were varied and seemed dependant on how each host school was handling matters. Bottom line, we as officials are not responsible for policing mask policies, etc. Use common sense and set a positive example by your conduct and demeanor at the meet. Some "preventative officiating" may come into play in some situations, but our role is to work as the people in charge of seeing that a meet is run fairly and by the rules. These

are difficult times in many respects, our job is to know the rules of Track & Field and, by enforcing them, to assure that the student athletes have a positive experience at the event.

A final question was raised by Bill Gallagher about how members were doing with signing up with Arbitor, the replacement online tool for ZebraWeb. Some discussion ensued with the final result seeming to be that it would eventually be worked out to everyone's benefit a bit further on.

**J. Adjournment:** President Hudson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

**K. Next Meeting:** 2 weeks—Sunday, April 11, 2021 @ 6:00PM via Zoom.