



David B. Eavenson

Chapter

Track & Field Officials

March 14, 2021
Date

Zoom, et al
Location

- A. Call to Order:** The 2nd Chapter meeting was called to order by President Hudson at 6:02 PM. President Hudson made some opening remarks about the recent Assignors meeting and the new procedure by which officials will make their availability know for week end meets and invitationals via the newly developed “Availability Survey”. It is intended to have that survey go out earlier to members next year, as it was not developed previous to the current T & F season. The survey was given favorable reviews by all and will serve as a valuable tool for assignors in the future. President Hudson reminded members of the upcoming Chapter elections and encouraged everyone to consider nominations, even self-nominating, in order to have at least 2 candidates for every position. Submit that information to Bill Owens who will be coordinating the election ballots and process. President Hudson further noted that he has enjoyed his experience as Chapter President and has come “to appreciate the work that other people do” as regards the overall goals and duties of the Chapter.
- B. President’s/VP’s Report:** Nothing to report this evening.
- C. Corresponding Secretary’s Report:** Bill Gallagher reported that most all members have been able to sign in for the meeting without any problem. He briefly reviewed the procedure and addressed how to make sure that each member receives credit for attendance. Bill noted that all schools and A.D.s have received copies of the rules/rule changes for the current season. He also encouraged members to make copies of the Officiating Procedures for Schools and have them available to hand out to school staff working at meets if necessary. The sign-up sheets for District III will be coming out via email this week. Officials should note their availability as well as 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice of events to work. Members are reminded that they can access the PIAA website and check their meeting attendance online. Bill further explained some issues relating to the Liability Insurance policy currently held by the Chapter.
- D. Treasurer’s Report:** Skip reported the current Treasury balance to be \$1680.98. Members should check with Skip about dues or questions about payment of the \$20.00 insurance premium, where applicable.
- E. Announcements:** Covered in the Issues/Items from the Floor section.

- F. Presentation # 1: Brad Cashman & Cherie Ramsey**
Brad Cashman covered “Officiating the Event”-Pre-meet & Inspection Duties as noted in the Zoom handout and covered in the PIAA “Suggested Techniques for T & F Officiating” Booklet. Brad also covered “terms and conditions”, the Official’s role with inspection duties, and a general review of steps to take in order to conduct a well-run meet. Brad also reminded officials about making sure that benches and other obstructions were moved at least 1 meter back from the inside lane of the track.

Cherie Ramsey covered the “You Make the Call” part of the Presentation. The 5 Questions for tonight are also in the Zoom email. The answers are as follows- (from Rules Book)

- 1.-A, pg. 50, Art. 17
- 2.-D, pg. 26
- 3.-C, pg. 13, Art. 8
- 4.-C, pg. 12, Art. 3-section “O.”
- 5.-A, pg. 18, Art. 8

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

- H. New Business:** Larry Moser noted that all ZebraWeb assignments had been filled for Dual Meets. He further noted that there were more assignments coming from some schools but that all Chapter Officials were assigned and schedules were full. No specific news on Mid-Penn, the date is still May 15th. Larry also stated that Mid-Penn would be changing from ZebraWeb to another online site, but that clarification and more information would be forthcoming in future weeks.

Other assignors reported that schedules and meets were being filled, some details were still uncertain due mostly to issues with the Pandemic.

- I. Issues/Items from the Floor:** There were a number of questions from officials this evening regarding COVID protocols. One obvious fact is that Masks will be required everywhere. However, as the discussion went on it became clear that consistent procedures for managing COVID concerns varied from school district to school district. It was recommended that officials contact the host school several days prior to each meet and ask about specific COVID protocols in place at that school. It is not the role of the Official to enforce COVID related safety issues. Hopefully, common sense and respect will be the reigning wisdom for the upcoming season, along with the usual practices associated with personal hygiene and safety.

- J. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President Hudson at 7:16PM.

- K. Next Meeting:** Sunday, March 21st, 2021 at 6:00 PM, via ZOOM.