



# David B. Eavenson

## Chapter

### *Track & Field Officials*

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April 11, 2021  
Date

Zoom, et al  
Location

- A. Call to Order:** The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of our Chapter was called to order by President Hudson at 6:00PM.
- B. President's/VP's Report:** President Hudson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their hard work and support during his tenure as Chapter President. He noted that the ballot for the upcoming Chapter elections is almost complete and will be out for voting soon. President Hudson was pleased that “everyone who has been approached to come forward and consider serving as an officer has done so”. Nominations for officers will close tomorrow, after which the ballot will be finalized. He was also proud to say that Chapter members take the role of being a T & F official and serving the schools and athletes seriously. And further, regarding the elections, some candidates may be running in two separate categories—the Executive Committee and as a member of the Chapter Committee at Large. Obviously someone cannot hold both positions at the same time, but the ballots will be adjusted to enable a second vote if needed in the situation where a candidate has been nominated for a second position and did not successfully make the first. President Hudson hoped that there would continue to be as much representation as possible on the Executive Committee from a broad spectrum of Chapter members. In a final note President Hudson reminded members that after the unexpected year long delay in the T & F season due to the Pandemic, all members should strive to be prepared when returning to their duties as officials. There was no report from the V. P. this evening.
- C. Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Bill Gallagher reminded members that Chapter equipment is still available for use, contact Bill in advance when needed. Outstanding dues and insurance premiums should be sent to Skip, his address is listed on the Chapter website in the Roster Section. The website has been updated to include information on how to decide a Tie in meets. Also, members working Collegiate meets should be aware that much information and updates about officiating collegiate T & F events can be found on the NCAA website. The entire rulebook is available for downloading. The website is a valuable resource for Officials.
- D. Treasurer's Report:** Skip reported the current balance of the Chapter's bank account to be at \$2,105.98. He also mention that there are still 3 or 4 members who need to submit their dues.
- E. Announcements:** Covered in other sections.

**F. Presentation # 5: Brad Cashmen & Cherie Ramsey**

Cherie led tonight's presentation-Officiating the High Jump  
The Information is on pages 47-48 in the PIAA Suggested  
Techniques for T & F Officiating, Updated 2020

Rules for the High Jump are covered in the NFHS T & F  
Rules Book 2020, and are covered from pages 45-47.

An in-depth discussion accompanied Cherie's presentation  
of Case Book Situations - listed in Zoom Handout #5.

Brad followed Cherie w/ "You Make the Call"

1. D. Rule 3-6, Art.1, pgs. 15&16.
2. B. Rule 4-3, Art. 3, pg. 24
3. A. Rule 6-4, Art. 13, pg. 46
4. A. Rule 4-1, Art. 3, pg. 21
5. D. Rule 5-10, Articles 6 & 7, pg. 38.

Numerous questions and a spirited discussion followed on  
the heels of Brad's presentation. All of the questions and the  
variety of answers point to the fact that having the Rule  
Book handy at meets is always a good idea. Remain  
professional and attempt to reasonably educate others.

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

**H. New Business: Assignor's Updates:**

Larry Moser-Larry commented about some of the regular dual meets being re-scheduled due to COVID issues at some schools. He reminded officials that if a meet is re-scheduled to a day to which an official has already been previously assigned and accepted a meet, then that meet takes priority over the re-scheduled meet. In other words if your meet is re-scheduled to a day that is open in your schedule, then you can work the meet, but you'll still have to go on ZebraWeb and accept it. Questions about payment have come up—it usually takes from 3-4 weeks to get paid. After that, check in with Larry about concerns. The Mid-Penn Conference is on for May 15<sup>th</sup>. Athlete numbers will be limited to 32 per event. That number will then allow for spectators to attend. Assignments for Mid-Penn will be out by the end of this coming week.  
Larry still needs 1 official for the Mustang Meet on 4/24.

Tim Sanville-Tim still needs several officials to work collegiate meets on May 1 & 8..

Bill Owens- All assignments filled for Stan Morgan Meet. Anyone who has not yet been paid for the Bruce Dallas Meet should contact Bill.

John Heycock- Messiah Invitational went well. All assignments for Juniata on 4/24 are filled.

Jim Ellingsworth- Jim reviewed some recent news from PIAA and commented on the State Meet, May 28 & 29. Officials are still needed, most likely to be called from our area , as it is anticipated that overnight lodging will not be provided this year. The schedule will probably be set up to have Double A schools compete on Friday and Triple A schools on Saturday. And his final comment had to do with there being no plans for PIAA to become the “Shoe Police”--an issue that has arisen due to some recent developments in shoe technology.

Brad Cashman reported that all assignments for the District III Meet on May 21-22 have been made. He further remarked that Lunch on Saturday will not be provided as in previous years.

- I. Issues/Items from the Floor:** These matters were covered in depth by questions and discussion that took place during the “You Make the Call” part of tonight’s meeting. One major point that was made clear was that no one, not an official, not meet management, not administrators, and so on, has the right to change any rule from the NFHS rule book in the course of a contest. There is an established procedure and protocol for pursuing such an issue. Nothing can be changed “on the spot” as a matter of convenience for anyone.
  
- J. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by a jovial President Hudson at 7:32 PM.
  
- K. Next Meeting:** Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.