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Chapter

Track & Field Officials

April 25, 2021

Date

Zoom, et al

Location

A. Call to Order: The 6th Meeting of our Chapter was called to order by incumbent President Hudson at 6:00 PM.

B. President's/VP's Report: President Hudson greeted the members and commented on how busy yesterday was for most officials due to the heavy meet schedule that fell on the last Saturday in April. Many officials were not home until late last evening, including President Hudson. He further remarked that he had been very excited about the recent Chapter election and was very pleased that things had gone so well with maximum involvement from all. As he is soon stepping down from his position of President after 2 years, Jim wanted all to know that "It was a pleasure serving the Chapter" and he has "learned much from being involved". He further remarked that we have many knowledgeable and talented members in this Chapter and can benefit from continuing to work together for the good of our sport. President Hudson has volunteered to be the official "equipment keeper" for the Chapter and (with the Executive Committee's approval) looks forward to continuing to serve in that capacity.

The Election Results for the New Term of Officers are:

President: Katlin Lerew

Vice President: Mark Stremmel

Executive Board: Gary Bricker, Heather Castle, and Bill Owens

Congratulations to our new officers and members!

No VP's report this evening.

C. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Bill Gallagher reported that all members have attended the required number of Chapter meetings necessary to keep their PIAA certification. Everyone is "OK" on that issue. Anyone wishing to double check their attendance record can do so by logging into the PIAA website. Bill also thanked everyone for their cooperation with the elections. Bill mentioned that he has the pole vault bar if anyone is looking for it. Bill speculated that our venture into the world of ZOOM for this season has been successful and wondered should we continue you with it in the future if the PIAA is okay with it. Given the state of affairs with the Pandemic, ZOOM may well be the preferred meeting venue for sometime to come. Bill also reminded officials, especially those working college meets, to access the NCAA website to check the rule book and be up to date on any changes.

D. Treasurer's Report: Skip reported a treasury balance of \$2,230.98.

E. Announcements: Jim Ellingsworth reminded members about the schedule for the State meet, with the daily break-down of events between Double A and Triple A schools as the main factor. Jim also announced that there will be no “Live” officials convention again this year. The convention will instead be held via video/ZOOM and will qualify those participating in a 3 year instead of 5 year availability for working the State meet, if assigned.

F. Presentation #6: Brad Cashmen & Cherie Ramsey

Cherie prefaced her part of tonight’s meeting by strongly reminding/encouraging all Officials to dress the part when participating at meets. We are professionals and should conduct ourselves accordingly, the uniform being part of that duty.

Cherie then covered the “Officiating the Event” materials from the #6 Handout-the scoring of meets when multiple schools are involved, covered in the 2020 NFHS Rule Book
Meet Scoring-Rule 2-1-2, pg 9
Scoring of Ties-Rules 2-2-1, 2 ,3, &4, pg 10
Entry Limitations-Rules 4-2-4 a, b, c, & d, pg 22

Cherie continued with a review of several situations using Examples from the 2020 NFHS Case Book
Scoring of Ties-Situation 2.2.1, pg 7
Number of Competitors-Situation 4.2.4 A, pg 26,
Situation 4.2.4. B pg 26, & Situation 4.2.4 C, pg 26.

Brad then solicited answers from various members for the “You Make the Call” portion of tonight’s meeting.

1. D. pgs 15-16, Rule 3, Sec. 6, Art. 1.
2. D. pg 23, Rule 4, Sec. 3, Art. 1-b6.
3. B. pg 33, Rule 5, Sec, 4, Art 4.
4. B. pg 38, Rule 5, Sec, 10, Art 7-note.
5. D. pg 47, Rule 6, Sec 5, Art 2.
6. B. ***Brad really fired the starting gun on this one, which led into a massive discussion of almost 30 minutes. It became clear from hearing the various questions and responses to this answer that a more definitive recommendation/rule is needed to clarify the best procedure for addressing the heart of the question- as to “How many competitors advance from preliminary trials to finals in the throws & horizontal jumps in a “Double Dual Meet”? The questions is not addressed in the NFHS Rule Book. The most recommended answer was Top seven and ties, but it was still an issue of concern to many officials participating in the discussion. It will most likely be further addressed at a meeting of the Chapter’s Executive Committee and taken up with the league.

G. Old Business: No old business was noted.

H. New Business: Assignor Reports:

Larry Moser-All assignments for the Mid-Penn Conference Meet on May 15th at Chambersburg have been filled. Payment for the day may be a bit more than expected, but that is a work in progress. There are 2 weeks left in the regular season and COVID issues at several schools have led to a number of postponements and cancellations. But we are moving forward and handling things as needed. Larry will be starting early to assign starters for the Fall Cross-country season. Anyone interested who has not been a starter in previous seasons should email Larry and let him know. Officials will need to be enrolled in the new Arbitor system, ZebraWeb's replacement scheduling tool, in order to be assigned. There will be more information coming on that process, Larry will be involved in a training for Arbitor soon.

Tim Sanville-All assignments for the Centennial Meet on May 1-2 and the Landmark Meet on May 8th have been filled. Tim will be looking for officials for winter indoor meets as that time of year approaches.

Bill Owens- The Stan Morgan Meet is a go on May 8th. All assignments filled, officials will be contacted when information is finalized.

John Heycock-Thanked all officials who took assignments at Messiah & Juniata. All went well.

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

J. Adjournment: Outgoing (and vivacious) President Hudson thanked all members and adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

K. Next Meeting: Tonight's meeting concludes our schedule for the 2021 Spring Track and Field Season. Any additional announcements or matters of importance for the Chapter will be addressed via email. Please make sure to check your email and the Chapter website for frequent messages and/or updates. The Officers and Board Members of the Chapter wish to Thank everyone for their support, hard work, and participation, especially in these unusual times of the Pandemic!