



# David B. Eavenson

## Chapter

### *Track & Field Officials*

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February 28, 2022 #1  
Date

East Pennsboro M. S. LGI Room  
Location

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by President Katlin Lerew.
- B. **President's/VP's Report:** President Lerew welcomed everyone to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Chapter for the 2022 Spring Track & Field Season. New members Chris Brandt, Terry Engle, Stephen Koons, and Chris Wasko were introduced and welcomed to the Chapter. President Lerew reminded everyone that chapter dues-\$25, and the cost of liability insurance-\$20, were to be paid at this evening's meeting. There will be an additional \$5.00 fee for anyone not paying this evening. (NOTE: Some members will not need to pay the insurance fee if they already have such coverage in effect.) President Lerew then proceeded to review the Chapter Bylaws and explained the proposed changes. Copies of the updated Bylaws were distributed to all members. After the explanation of the proposed changes a vote was taken and the changes to the Bylaws were approved as presented.
- No V. P. report this evening.
- C. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Bill Gallagher reviewed meeting attendance requirements and the procedure for signing into Zoom meetings. The Chapter will hold 7 meetings this season, of which attendance at 4 meetings is the PIAA requirement. In addition to this evening's meeting, there will be 3 Zoom meetings and 3 more live meetings-all held at Carlisle High School's Large Group Meeting Room. All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:00 PM. Bill asked the members to review the Chapter website and let him know if anything should be added, changed, modified, etc. Of special importance on our website is making sure that each member's bio on the roster is correct and up to date with phone #'s, email address and such. Meeting notes are also available, usually the day following each Chapter meeting. Bill noted that Game fees will begin to increase annually starting in 2023. He also made an additional plea for each member to think about recruiting new officials, as we are clearly understaffed for the work at hand. A final note from Bill concerned Chapter member Frank Negro, who has had to withdraw from participation this season due to some personal issues. It was suggested that any notes to Frank would surely be appreciated.
- D. **Treasurer's Report:** Skip reported a current balance in the Chapter checking account of \$1,243.15.
- E. **Announcements:** Larry Moser took the floor to explain the intricacies and foibles of the Arbiter Assignment Process. Larry made several important points regarding Arbiter-
1. Members Must sign in to Arbiter in order to be receive meet assignments.
  2. Members need to familiarize themselves with navigating the Arbiter site. Arbiter offers help and support to anyone experiencing difficulty using the site.
  3. Arbiter is the chosen platform of the Mid Penn Conference for all sports assignments

(work/jobs) in Mid Penn Conference Schools. Not being involved with Arbiter basically translates to not being assigned to work at any meets.

4. Members need to Block dates that they are not available to work. Not doing so results in multiple level complications in the process of assigning officials to work the large number of Mid Penn meets that need to be staffed by registered PIAA officials.
5. Arbiter is also the means by which schools are informed of any insurance issues with an official. No insurance certification translates to Zero assignments.
6. Arbiter Pay is the up and coming means by which most schools will be paying officials. While not all Mid Penn Schools use Arbiter Pay currently, the number is increasing and we will most likely see the majority of schools using Arbiter Pay as we move through 2022 and into 2023. The Arbiter website has clear, step by step instructions as to how an official can sign onto Arbiter Pay. Additional support through Arbiter is also available if needed.

Larry stressed that we all need to work cooperatively to join the Arbiter network as it certainly appears to clearly be the way of the future.

**Invitational Meets/Assignments:**

Tim Sanville is in need of several officials for collegiate meets on April 15<sup>th</sup> & April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Tim if you are available to work either of those dates.

Jim Hudson noted that he expects to need some additional officials for the PanRam Meet on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Hud if you are available.

**F. Presentation # 1: Brad Cashman & Cherie Ramsey**

The material for this evening's presentation by our Interpreters was covered at length in the power-point presentation. The information was reviewed in the handouts as well. Cherie brought up the concern about the need to make certain that the Pole Vault Verification Forms are being reviewed by an official- the HFJ or the S/R if there is only one official assigned to the meet. That issue raised a number of questions and concerns by the members. A lengthy discussion took place with many valid and varied opinions presented. The expressed hope as a result of the discussion is that all officials will be aware of the importance of having coaches complete, sign, and present a PVV form to an official before the competition commences.

Please Note: Both Rules Changes & Points of Emphasis for 2022 can be found in the front of the New Rules Book & Interpretations on the 2022 Rules Changes can be found in the front of the 2022 Case Book.

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

**H. New Business: Cherie Ramsey presented several options to the members regarding clothing choices with the Chapter name and logo that can be made available through Cherie's family version of grass roots entrepreneurship. More info on this at future meetings.**

**President Lerew reminded the members that they need to attend at least one April meeting. She also announced that an end of the season social gathering is being planned for Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Gifford Pinchot State Park. More details to follow.**

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

**J. Adjournment: President Lerew adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM**

**K. Next Meeting: Our next Chapter meeting, via Zoom, will be on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.**