

## David B. Eavenson Chapter

## Track & Field/Cross Country Officials

Monday, February 26, 2024

Live- Mountain View MS

Location

- A. Call to Order: President Lerew called the first meeting of the 2024 Track & Field Season to order at 8:15 PM. We immediately went into the Interpreters' Lesson.
- B. President's/VP's Report: President Lerew strongly encouraged all members to present themselves as professionals at all meets, especially as regards the wearing of the required articles of clothing for each specific officiating capacity- white shirt & navy blue pants/shorts/hat for FJ and orange shirt/hat & navy blue pants/shorts for starters. Brad Cashman reinforced this message with a visual display of the garments required. President Lerew also reminded officials to do their utmost to be aware of rules and procedures for professional officiating in our sport.

No V.P. report tonight.

- C. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Ginger Zimmerman welcomed all members to this evening's initial meeting of the season. She then introduced our two newest chapter members-Lisa Marie Smith and David Brady. Both individuals have an extensive background and involvement in the sport of Track & Field and are a welcome addition to our Chapter!
- D. Treasurer's Report: Skip reported a treasury balance of \$2278.93, which does not yet reflect the additional amount from member dues received this evening.
- E. Assignor Report/Arbiter Updates: Larry Moser reviewed the issue of staffing/assigning the large number of dual meets this year. All starter positions have been filled. There will be some meets lacking a FJ and Larry cautioned that starters may need to provide help in that capacity at some meets. Shells for starter pistols may be an issue at some schools. Discrepancies between .32 caliber and .22 caliber pistols and ammunition could also arise. Starters need to be aware of this potential situation. A list of schools using Arbiter Pay has been sent out to all members vis email. Officials also need to be aware of blocking their unavailable dates on Arbiter. Larry briefly reviewed the new DBE Officials group on Arbiter which has been established by Tim Sanville for the staffing of mostly collegiate meets/invitationals. More on this fro Tim at future meetings.

President Lerew ran a quick check with members who assign the other invitationals throughout The season. Most are filled or are in the process of being assigned.

F. Presentation # 1: Brad Cashman & Cherie Ramsey-(Please refer to emails and handouts that were provided for specifics of tonight's lesson.)

Brad and Cherie shared the presentation of introducing and commenting on the 2024 NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rule Changes, which was also the focus of the general Session Which preceded tonight's Chapter meeting. They also presented and commented on the PIAA modifications, editorial changes, and points of emphasis for the 2024 season.

- G. Old Business: No old business was noted.
- H. New Business: Brad Cashman presented changes to the Chapter's By Laws, which were voted on and accepted.
- I. Issues/Items from the Floor: None tonight.
- J. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.
- K. Next Meeting: The next Chapter meeting will be via Zoom-Sunday, March 17, 2024 @ 6:00 PM.