

Minutes: 5-2-21

Meeting began at: 12:15pm

30 present

Welcome: Jay White

Introductions: All Coaches

Minutes from February Meeting: Motion to Approve- Ron Raver; 2nd- Glen Brown

Financial Report- Julie Alano:

Membership and Technology- Julie Alano: Website will be transferred over to a new platform this summer. Looking for someone to help out with the website. If you know someone who would do it for free or cheap, please contact Julie Alano. Should we look into paying someone to maintain the website? We probably would want a company that could develop the website, but then would hand off to us to run it, but maybe they could update in five years or so. Le'gretta Smith might have someone who could help out.

2022 Track Clinic- The Clinic will be in person at the Sheraton. Currently looking at big name speakers since we already have the Feb 3-5 date set. We are considering looking at using Zoom again so that in-person speakers could be recorded and also allow attendees to join virtually. We could also get speakers that can't be in person to join via Zoom. So essentially a hybrid version of the clinic, but we would encourage people to attend in-person. The cost of Zoom for the month would be around \$300. The cost of the clinic would be the same whether an attendee was in person or virtual. The other issue discussed is would the Hall of Fame banquet move to Terre Haute permanently during the summer. If that happens for next year, we would have a meal or social since our contract requires a food & beverage minimum.

Hall of Fame: June 19th reception 2:00 at the Museum; Awards and Dinner at 5:00pm at Idle Creek Golf Course

Midwest Track Meet Report: The 2021 Meet will be in Michigan again this year on June 12th at Olivet College. Looking like a dual meet against Michigan with four athletes per event. Will get out a form to have athletes express interest in the meet. As a back up we could have a North vs South or East vs West meet for one year. Trying to confirm what COVID-related restrictions there might be at the meet up in Michigan. Would we want to request hotel rooms for athletes traveling from far away. We could use one person for each team taking on the responsibility of assigning hotel rooms. Would Olivet require athletes to have vaccines and/or a negative COVID test before competing and/or staying at the University? The meet should be returning to Indiana in 2022.

Midwest CC Meet Report: At this time it appears that the 2021 Meet will be back (on November 20th).

HSR Finals: March 26, 2022. Have been in contact with IU, but they are not writing anything for high schools at this point, but we like the chances for them opening things up again by the 2022 meets. We have the awards being held for next year. We contact people running indoor meets to make sure they know we are planning to be back on for next year.

Re-Establishing two sub committees: Jared Turner has put together a list of committee responsibilities for both a cross country and track committee. The cross country committee would consist of four coaches, hopefully one from each Semi-State and one from each class size (1A/2A, 3A/4A, 5A/6A). The track committee would consist of eight coaches, with at least one from each class size.

MileSplit Contract: MileSplit wants to partner with states. If we bought memberships it would be a contract, but it would be more of a partnership with them to help tie together social media platforms. Could they upload videos or other things from meets? Does the IHSAA have control over this? At this time, the IHSAA does not have control over this. We probably need to reach out to the IHSAA to see where all the tournament results will be posted for the State track tournament this year. State standards should still be there, as should the progressions on the vertical jumps. Also, we need to make sure that athletes can be entered in four events excluding relays (but they can only compete in four events). Also, we need to make sure we have a published time schedule for the Regional track meet (so the meet doesn't move too fast).

Grant for Small Schools to Increase Participation: Discussion of creating a grant for schools to apply for money to raise the numbers of their cross-country teams. Would having classes help increase participation at the smaller schools? Could we use the money to help people be mentors for new coaches. Could we use money to help more at a grassroots level? The money could be sent to areas to put on meets for younger kids to get them interested in running earlier.

XC Tournament Update: Nothing will change for the 2021 season.

Coach of the Year Classes: For All-State runners we have four classes, but for Coach of the Year we have three classes. Do we want to make them the same number of classes? We have added a class to Coach of the Year somewhat recently, so we probably we keep it as is for now.

Track Officials: We have a bad situation in the State of Indiana because of a lack of officials. We have heard of meets being cancelled because of a lack of officials. Reach out to anyone who might be interested.

State Track Meet at Ben Davis: Lots of parking, lots of open areas. Most concerned with making sure we have athletes check in areas and warm-up areas. BD is pushing for the band practice area (tennis court surface) to be used as the warm-up area. Stadium seats about 10,000. Awards will be in the middle of the field. Pole vault, long jump, and high jump will be inside the track. Throws will be outside the track. Clerk could be either where athletes enter or near the 100 meter start line. Medical personnel would be located near the 100 meter start line. Will BD be able to offer practice sessions at the school?

Meeting adjourned: at 1:51pm

Motioned to adjourn by Mike Davidson, 2nd by Steve Cotherman