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TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY MINUTES

Meeting: September 25, 2017
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

Track & Field/Cross Country Advisory Committee Members Present:

Athletic Director	Casey Meile, SF Roosevelt (via teleconference)
Superintendent	Trent Osborne, Ipswich
Class "B" Coach	Karol Patterson, Wall
Class "A" Coach	Lawron Bohr, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton
Class "AA" Coach	Jason Wagoner, SF Roosevelt
Official	Steve Charron, Huron
Native American Rep.	Tonya Whirlwind Soldier, Todd County

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM. All were present, as well as John Krogstrand & Jo Auch from the SDHSAA.
2. John Krogstrand selected as recording secretary.
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Patterson, second by Charron to approve as submitted. Motion passed 6-0
4. Committee completed expense statements and reviewed duties as laid out by policy. Wagoner, Charron and Whirlwind Soldier agreed to serve their second terms on the committee. Committee members will remain the same for the upcoming year.
5. Review Rule Changes for 2016-17
 - a. SDHSAA Rule Changes
 - i. Conversions; In further discussions with the NFHS and other State Associations, all State Meet qualifying times will be published in FAT only, and then the State Meet will be seeded using FAT times. This change will be most noted at (1) the State Meet, where regions using HH timing will be converted “up” to FAT for seeding purposes, and (2) published qualifying times will be solely based off of FAT, to eliminate the gap where a FAT converted to HH or vice-versa could become qualifying after conversion.
 - b. NFHS Rule Changes, if published; 2018 effective rules included some language changes, but no major rules differences from this year’s book.

6. Review List of Deviations in Cross Country/Track
 - a. Consideration for continuing/discontinuing current deviations from NFHS Rules
 - b. **Motion by Wagoner, second by Osborne to eliminate the pre-wrap deviation. Motion passes 7-0.** SDHSAA staff considers this to be somewhat editorial and may implement the change as soon as possible to eliminate the discrepancy with the NFHS book's interpretation.

7. Report from Committee Members; Opportunity to discuss & make proposals of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
 - a. Coaches Reps
 - i. Karol Patterson – Class B –
 1. Discussion at State Track meet; checkout and time limit for athletes leaving their field events; Is there enough time for athletes to return back to their events? SDHSAA will incorporate discussion on leeway where athletes are concerned and make a POE with officials at the state meet to ensure ample time provided, yet meet regulation compliance still follows
 2. “Starting in an hour” event started earlier than indicated possibly. Will review w/ volunteers to ensure accurate schedule is being followed at field events as well as on the track as best as possible
 3. Heights for HJ/PV at the Regions – starting heights; Discussion was held regarding the process; Issues remain with safety and concern over teams submitting athletes to events that don't have the ability to come remotely within the range of the state opening height.
 - ii. Lawron Bohr – Class A –
 1. No additional information from coaches to share at this time other than previous discussion.
 - iii. Tonya Whirlwind Soldier – Native American Schools
 1. Pace Car/Horses/Etc – what is allowable to help lead a race, in lieu of a vehicle being available
 2. Uniform issues and handbook discussions on the local level – what can be implemented to make it work locally on everyone's level
 3. Turns @ Hart Ranch – grass/hazard areas that were tight on the course; Walkthrough of course to ensure that there are no hazards on the course for the athletes; SDHSAA staff will meet (has meet) with local admin to ensure course is safe and conducive to the state meet
 4. Enforcement of rules being consistent throughout the season so we don't find issues at the state or region meet for the first time
 - a. Parents at meets/events – what penalties can be enforced for non-coach or non-athlete conduct during a meet?
 - iv. Jason Wagoner – Class AA
 1. XC Course issues @ Rapid – footing issues and tight corners that need to be addressed; flagging made some corners that were potentially tight
 2. Track – Online Rules Meeting – Pole Vault weigh-in clarifications; address procedure of, responsibility of host site to provide a weigh-in for all

individuals – SDHSAA staff will provide more exact information on how this process is to take place

3. Top 24 for State Meet: Discussion among AA coaches to eliminate the qualifying standards and instead take the top 24 performances throughout the year (3 max entries per team remains in place)/entry times qualify for each individual event; Discussion from Class “A” AD’s that are asking for automatic/provisional qualifying forward as opposed to the region meets as the Region Meets have changed in nature significantly; **Motion by Wagoner, second by Bohr to change AA qualifiers to the State Meet to include the Top 24 Entered Performances/Marks/Times in each event, with each school still limited to three entries per event, eliminating qualifying standards. Motion passed 7-0.**
 4. AA structured practice slots; Option to structure practice day differently at sites for state meet to avoid congestion on Thursday?
- b. Administrative Reps
- i. Casey Meile – AD’s
 1. Discussion on the Region meets – concern over the competition, as some meets have featured dwindling participation by teams who don’t field anything close to a full squad as they instead choose to rest kids prior to the State Meet and no longer a “region championship” in many cases
 2. Discussion on prelims at the Region meet based on “entered but not running”. **Motion by Bohr, Second by Patterson, If indications from coaches that athletes are ‘entered but not running’ in an event, prelims for that event could be eliminated and the meet could advance straight to finals. Motion passed 7-0.**
 3. Should the state mandate that region meets be run on eight lane tracks or at facilities that can host all events of a T/F meet (pole vault); **Motion by Meile, second by Whirlwind Soldier to require that All Region Meets must be run on an eight lane track. Motion passed 7-0.**
 4. Moving the “AA’s” entry deadline to Saturday if possible; very challenging logistics with all that needs to be done with preparation for the state event
 - ii. Trent Osborne – Supts/Principals
 1. XC Course – Rock area of course that comes into play on the course
 2. State Track Meet Schedule; options for re-arrangement of events to allow for more rest time
- c. Official Reps
- i. Steve Charron – Officials
 1. Report of T/F Clinic in March held in Huron; 34 registered officials that attended the clinic; Vote unanimous to have a second meeting and form an association of T/F Officials; Option to send officials to SoDak clinic to discuss changes w/ coaches from across the state
 2. Review of discussions from last year with officials at regular season meets; **Motion by Bohr, second by Whirlwind Solider to require a**

SDHSAA registered official at all varsity regular season meets for Cross Country; Motion passed 7-0.

3. State Track Meet & Officials/Infield issues; Continue to provide clear direction to coaches on who/what/where/when to go if there is an inquiry regarding the meet
 - d. SDHSAA Representatives
 - i. Options of combination of classes on Friday versus using out-sites has been brought up for discussion/to our attention. Further discussion and schedules may be developed for future advisory consideration.
8. There being no more business before the committee, Patterson motioned, Bohr seconded to adjourn at 1:06 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John Krogstrand
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