

South Dakota Cross Country/Track & Field Officials Association (SDCCTFOA)

Initial Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 7:00 pm CDT via Zoom

President Tim Casper called the inaugural meeting of the SDCCTFOA to order at 7:00 pm CDT. President Casper noted that the meeting was being recorded, and it would be archived and posted on the SDHSAA Web Site.

President Casper called the roll for board members: President-Elect J.D. Evans; Secretary/Treasurer Dana Nelson; Regional Coordinators Randy Thomas, Steve Charron and Larry Stevens. All were present. Additionally, 43 members (registered officials) were present via Zoom, facilitated by Randy Soma, SDHSAA.

The members recited the pledge of allegiance.

Bo Beck moved and Marc Murran seconded the approval of the agenda as distributed to the membership. Motion was approved.

President Casper opened the meeting to public comment, however there were no public comments from the membership.

Being no previous meeting, there were no minutes to approve.

Secretary Treasurer Dana Nelson reported that a checking account will be opened at the First Dakota National Bank (locations in Sioux Falls, Pierre, Yankton, Mitchell, Vermillion, Beresford, Chamberlain, Elk Point, Kimball, Parkston, Salem and Wagner) upon receipt of the initial membership fees from the SDHSAA. Based on the \$5.00 per official fee (84 officials) collected by the SDHSAA, an initial balance of \$420.00, will be deposited in the account. There being no bills to approve, Nelson did advise that there may be a modest cost for checks. It was noted that in addition to Nelson, President Casper, President-Elect Evans and Jo Auch from the SDHSAA would be signatories on the account.

Tom Parquet moved and Kevin Nelson seconded approval of the financial report. Motion was approved.

President Casper reviewed the Constitution for the membership, noting that the officers included a President, President-Elect and a Secretary/Treasurer, all elected for three year terms. With this structure, the President-Elect moves into the President position at the end of the current term. Nominations and elections would occur for President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer for a three year term at that time.

President Casper continued discussing the Constitution, and noted that it would be advisable to select replacements for himself and Secretary/Treasurer as Regional Coordinators for Regions 1 & 2. Discussion centered on expanding the involvement of more officials, thus assuring viability for the organization going forward. It was decided to accept nominations for the two positions, and further to identify what the responsibilities for regional coordinators. The SDHSAA will facilitate nominations and voting for the regional coordinator positions, and the current board will establish a list of responsibilities for the positions.

President Casper continued his discussion of the Constitution, and at the conclusion of his discussion, Marc Murran moved and Larry Stevens seconded the approval of the Constitution for the SDCCTFOA. Motion was approved.

There being no Old Business, the meeting proceeded to New Business.

Under New Business, President Casper, with assistance from Randy Soma with SDHSAA, reviewed the website for Cross Country, covering links for the Constitution, Agendas, Minutes, Newsletters, and what will become a link for interpretations and other information (Casper's Clarifications). President Casper also noted and covered the items in the Cross Country Guide.

President Casper noted that the web site may be capable of being used as a clearinghouse for officiating schedules and other items such as procuring shells. Secretary/Treasurer Nelson reported that his contact with the Iowa Association of Track Officials Secretary/Treasurer Bill Neal revealed that Winchester is unlikely to manufacture blanks in the future. In previous years Iowa had procured shells that it subsequently sold to its members—last year at the rate of \$40/box for 32 caliber. Nelson further noted that he had purchased a 9mm starter pistol, for which shells are available for about \$25/box. A 9mm is about the same as a 38 caliber.

Randy Soma, using the technology of Zoom, went to web page and opened the various links to show the membership how they might use the web site to find information, keep up on developments of the association, and view various items in the links.

There being no Reports at this time, President Casper indicated the next meeting would be at the call of the President. Larry Stevens moved that the meeting be Adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted:

Dana Nelson

Secretary/Treasurer