



MIAA CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome & Attendance:

Kevin McGee, Jason Cote, Dave Boisvert, Scott Oullet, Amanda Alpert, Lauren Hill, Chris Costa, Jim Quatromoni, Matt Carr, Peter Rittenberg, Joseph LeMar, Elizabeth Haygood, Peter McCauliff, Thomas Stewart, Rick Kates, Rich Riley, Zach Creeden, Steve Nugent, Jon Monz, Frank Mooney, Keith Brouillard, Katie Kampersal

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- [October 18, 2023](#)
- [January 17, 2024](#)

Motion to approve with Peters addition to the October 18th minutes- Matt Car 2nd by Liz- 13-0-0
Pete on the October Minutes item 9- thought needs to be finished-Track master at all meets.

4. Indoor Track Tournament Review

- Director Reports

Zach Division 3- logistic wise everything worked out well. Not complaints on the format from coaches or officials. 2 or 3 colleges meets going on at the same time/day, a little short-handed on officials. Tie on team score for the girls, needed to order another trophy.

Pete M - Similar for D2. athletic.net went very well with entries, things went very smooth. Meet itself went very well. Only 1 team did not participate due to a situation at school.

Tommy - D1 seeding/entries went very well. D4 also went very well. Music and announcing had great feedback from everyone, music was a great addition. We used a laser to measure; it went much better than using a tape. Athletic.net went smooth.

Rick - D5 - 76 teams. 3 meet records great music and announcing. Officials were on point.

Rick - MOC - Went very well. Officials were tough and a little rough around the edges, a lot of college events going on. Ticket crew was great. Athletic trainers were had to get, had to fill in with EMTs. Had a few concerns from coaches. Approached him about the high jump opening jump and athletes not being able to make the jump. Used laser at the MOC and it worked very well.

Highlights - late entry process was received, there were no formal request for late entries. Zoom meetings had low numbers, but it was indoor. Will be having Outdoor zoom meetings earlier. Additional picture area at Reggie that athletes and spectators seemed to enjoy, track master through the entire tournament. Number of kids in the 1000-what is the pulse of the committee for a process to keep from being over crowded?

Matt - a grid for cut off/dividing the athletes up depending of the number of lanes. Keith maybe we talk off line on how to create this. Rick- I think we can create this and approve in our May meeting. Pete-move up the start of the meet by 15 minutes? You don't want to disadvantage the 2nd gender. Keith-if you change the format it has go back TMC. Keith-rolling start?

Keith - MOC pretty good hands at Reggie. Working with Reggie about some possible Facility upgrades- Staring blocks, performance board, high jump standards, shot put, hurdles, weigh in system, microphone system, inhouse music system.

- Feedback

Matt - medals for weight throw-only top 3 places received medals, encourage going to 8 medals in MOC. Officials' situation- scrapping the barrel for some of the meets. A little worried about Oliver Ames basketball (late entry) and how it effects track and our late entry process. Live results and field results for outdoor track. - Keith live results was discussed during the TD meeting. This is something we are going to explore for possible MOC. We may be able to use athletic.net to do this.

Pete - is there a cost to this? Keith I have to talk in house about this. I will need to talk to the finance committee or TMC, there are a few steps that I need to here.

John Monz - taking the top 24 performances in the MOC went really well. All the races went really well and were exciting.

Scott - Rick had mentioned team score at the all state-I originally thought it was a good idea. Now that I have seen it for a few years, I feel that we are missing something. I think we need to discuss it. Keith- I think we should table this until we discuss indoor format at next meeting

5. 2024 Outdoor Track Tournament Update

- Approved Format

Division Venues - All graduations dates have been avoided at this time

D1 Westfield

D2 Merrimack

D3 Bridgewater State

D4 Westfield

D5 Bridgewater State

D6 Merrimack

MOC Fitchburg-

Liz - as a clerk it was difficult moving about. The number of people on in infield especially during the relays made it tough.

Matt-reminder you and I were putting down the 2 mile mark last year
Update on Zoom meetings May 6, May 7 and My 8th and then MOC on May 28th.

Liz-questions about the officials form-Western MA will be taken off.

6. 2024 Cross Country Format

Trying to get the format in the hands of TMC and BOD as soon as possible.

Using athletic.net for entries again. Keith made changes to the format. Wave rotation-b in the middle is where the least damage can be done. Pete M "Girls First ABC" every year. Matt-I will disagree, it will always be the coldest in the am.

Wild cards? Kevin M-The coaches in Western would like to have individual wild cards? 3 wild cards per wave. Rick-we need to stay within the numbers we have because of safety. Each start line are already full. John M-if a kid qualified in the top x they can qualify for a wild card. Tommy will look at the emails from the coaches and the student athletes times and where and if they would have qualified. Keith-for this current season, for this current alignment we will keep things the way they are. We will pull all the data and have a discussion at the sub committee meeting next week. This will be discussed for the 2025-2026 format.

Motion to approve the format without locations -Amanda 2nd by Liz - 11-0-2

Discussion by Matt-Garnder Course I will not be comfortable voting to approve the format if Gardner is listed as a site. Scott I agree I with Matt. I cant not approve a site where we are not able to have our athletes warm up/practice. Amanda-Didn't Keith say we were approving the format for the dates and

context not the locations? Matt- I will not vote to approve without this information. Liz-can Pete make a comment about the Gardner course. Pete M- we have had this discussion for the last 10 years.

Sub committee was formed to meet and talk about the upcoming cross country season. Matt, Scott, John, Mike Glennon, Pete, all TD's

7. Officials Topics

Pete R- Officials received forms for the upcoming meets/assigning. Big thank you to Keith- all concerns from officials were heard. Biggest concerns are Memorial Day weekend meets. Keith-sent out to forms for all officials to try and get officials earlier. Zach-TDs like to see the officials list prior to sending the list to the officials in case there is a need to change.

8. Coaches Topics

Matt-Zoom meeting at the start of the indoor meeting for coaches to get them through the MSTCA process.

9. Educational Athletics Initiatives

- [MIAA Coach of the Year Award](#) - Nominations Due June 30, 2024
- [MIAA Official of the Year Award](#) - Nominations Due June 30, 2024

10. Other

Pole Vault Safety Course will be held this Friday, March 15th.

Matt motion to adjourn, 2nd by Amanda 11:30.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 15th, 2024

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