



## Minutes of MIAA T&F Committee, Sept. 25, 2025

Call to order – 10:10 AM

- 1) Introduction of committee members
- 2) Overview of organizational structure
- 3) Election of officers
  - a. Amanda Alpert, chair nominated Liz Haygood & John Monz, approved 15-0
  - b. Pete Rittenburg, vice chair, nominated Scott Ouellet & Ben Phillips, approved 15-0
  - c. John Monz, secretary, nominated Amanda Alpert & Pete McAuliffe, approved 15-0
- 4) Approval of minutes of May meeting, moved by Brian Phillips & Liz Haygood, approved 15-0
- 5) Review of Outdoor Tournament
  - a. Division 4 Meet at Merrimack – Pete McAuliffe
    - i. Long/triple runways were in poor condition, being repaired this fall
    - ii. Shot put official issue; mismeasurement of flight #1, resolved at meet
    - iii. Difficulty getting helpers at this site
    - iv. Number of qualifiers in long jump was high, competition was excessively long. In addition, the sand level in the pits was very low
    - v. Many new meet records set
  - b. Division 6 Meet at Tufts – Rick Kates
    - i. Great meet, large number of records
    - ii. Rescheduling to deal with one long jump runway worked well
  - c. Meet of Champions – Fitchburg – Rick Kates
    - i. Great meet, large number of records
    - ii. Officials and helpers did an excellent job
  - d. Comments from MSTCA survey of coaches on the outdoor tournament
    - i. Placement of divisional meet on calendar and 2 day format were raised
  - e. Division 3 Meet - Tanner Williams
    - i. High jump opening height was at standard when some qualifiers were below the standard (later revealed that opening was at height of lowest qualifier). Result – very few athletes cleared opening height;
    - ii. Possibility of an honest effort rule, issue of athletes entering, taking up a spot that could go to another athlete, then scratching;

- iii. Some sites require long drives on Memorial Day weekend;
    - iv. Should we allow athletes to compete in 4 events rather than 3?
  - f. Should we eliminate hand times for outdoor track entries? Some discussion.  
Members asked to go back to their districts and get FAT availability information.
- 6) Cross-Country Waves for 2025 were proposed. Discussion centered on whether it is advisable to split boys and girls teams from the same school into different waves as need to create balanced and fair waves. The suggestion was made to do this when needed to keep the difference in the number of potential scoring teams in the waves within a single division to 2 or fewer. The proposal was adopted as written by a motion from Scott Ouellet seconded by Brian Phillips by a vote of 15-0.
- 7) XC Info meeting will be once again be held via Ring Central to provide coaches with site specific information on each divisional meet.
- 8) The “Annual Standardized Calendar” proposal before MIAA was discussed.
  - a. Start date in fall becomes uniform across sports;
  - b. End date of all sports is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June, weather permitting;
  - c. Winter sports start Tuesday after Thanksgiving – this could be an issue with indoor track as it eliminates one potential meet date, and availability of facilities is limited;
  - d. Release dates for brackets will be standardized.
- 9) A 4-division proposal for the 2027-28 Cross-Country alignment was presented
  - a. Scott Ouellet presented the proposal and discussion followed. Keith noted that there is a general discussion at the TMC about standardizing the number of divisions in each sport, and this may fit into the structure TMC is considering. He will have more info at the October meeting.
  - b. Members are asked to bring the idea back to their districts to get input, a vote will be held at the October meeting.
- 10) Officials’ topics:
  - a. Officiating issues at MIAA outdoor meets was raised;
  - b. MTFOA is actively working to recruit new officials;
  - c. New MIAA pay scale for officials is in effect this year.
- 11) Coaches’ topics: no new topics were raised.
- 12) Liz Haygood noted the sportsmanlike actions of Will Mattison, Tyngsboro runner, at the Amherst invite.
- 13) Meeting adjourned, motion Liz Haygood/Ben Phillips, 11:42 AM