

# WISTCA MEETING

June 26th 2016



**Members Present - In Person:** Mark Hoffman, Kari Krakow, Rich Raney, Kurt VandenHeuvel, Joe Hackbarth, Scott Schwantes, John Masanz, Bill DeVoe, Craig Shepard & Paul Raley. **Virtually:** Mike Price, Tom Hoogster, Mike Mulrooney, Bill Richards, Jerome Missiaen, Jason McMahon.

1. Call meeting to order- Start time 5:19 PM by President John Masanz
2. Review March Meeting Minutes (KK emailed them out, incorrect minutes were printed)
  - a. Minutes approved by: Bill Richards
  - b. Seconded by: Paul Raley
    - i. From this point on, minutes will be posted on the website immediately following the meeting with the statement of “not yet approved”.
3. 2017 Clinic - Hoffmann
  - a. Mark Hoffman has been named the defensive coordinator for South Milwaukee football team. This means that we need to start many of our processes earlier.
  - b. Goal - at least the preliminary speaker contacts in place before the football season starts
  - c. We will have a meeting prior to the football season in August
  - d. Where we are now - Speaker wise (Per Mark):
    - i. Ashton Eaton’s coach - Harry Marra (Geoff made the contact) will attempt to get Aston Eaton as well.
    - ii. Preliminary contact with Andreas Behm
    - iii. Tony Holler & Chris Korfist (Illinois)
    - iv. Mike Conley - Triple Jump
    - v. John Anderson - ESPN
    - vi. Sonya Richards Ross (Is now retired)
    - vii. Nate Davis - will be a contact as well.
    - viii. Air Force Hurdle - Ralph Lindeman
      1. Other Suggestions:
        - a. Tim Kite (Above the Line)
        - b. Vern Gambetta
        - c. Will Freeman
  - e. Marriott - someone has requested our dates in 2019. Do we want to commit to that weekend in 2019
  - f. Our dates have been secured for 2017 and 2018.
  - g. First Aid training will now be required. We can still hit a lot a lot of the coaches that are hired after their districts. We are hoping to offer a combination online/Thursday night test out.
  - h. Schedule - thinking about structuring this different in terms of opening sessions. Also looking at Saturday afternoon. Very few distance coaches left on Saturday.
  - i. District reps - give 2 names to outstanding coaches to Mark Maas. Also give him their event speciality. That list will then be given to the event chairs.
  - j. We will still honor the 2 newbies in each district.
4. WIAA Rules Changes for Advisory
  - a. Able Bodies:
    - i. Bill Richards: They put D2 and D3 in the hammer circle. They have never thrown from this before. We need to review the schedule. Boys D2 and D3 were scheduled to throw out of the hammer circle but then it was switched. The program was incorrect. Was it simply copied

incorrectly from the 2014 schedule? It was adjusted before hand - the hammer cage was not even lined. They would have been throwing into tent city has they thrown from there.

1. Masanz - how will this be affected by the construction schedule?
2. Bill Richards - do we know for sure that this will happen?

b. Para-Athletes:

- i. Marquette University High School has requested that we add the 200 M into the wheel race.
  1. They can only be in 3 events - we have no problem adding this
  2. However, as we add more events if our wheelchair numbers don't increase, then we will spread them too thin.
  3. Bill Richards - suggested that the Marquette High School coach put together the proposal with the research as to why this should be added. Will need to be turned around by mid-August.

5. WIAA State Meet

a. Positives:

- i. Many felt that the weather situation was handled well. That with the exception of the clothes baskets.

b. Concerns:

- i. There were 2 surveys sent out.
  1. 1 from President Masanz - see responses [here](#)
  2. 1 from Stephanie to all head coaches.
    - a. Hack compiled the results. Two big concerns stood out.
      - i. LJ/TJ - coaching box outside the track.
      - ii. HJ - coaching box outside the track.
  3. They put up signs for the wrong events. Coaches were in the wrong area because of the signs being improperly placed.
  4. Shep - can we trim the start time by 30 minutes.
    - a. Hoffman - we can for everyone but pole vault. They need every last minute.
  5. Wearing music.
    - a. It was a problem during warm ups - the WISTCA volunteers were yelling, but they couldn't hear it.
    - b. It was also a problem during the high jump competition. Athletes didn't hear their names being called.
    - c. This will go to caucus.
  6. Warmups:
    - a. It seemed to get better every year.
    - b. Thoughts: moving hurdle warmups to the inside.
    - c. John Masanz - lets move this to the caucus (only hurdles)
  7. Team Scores - try to put them on the scoreboard throughout the meet. Two of the divisions (Men D2 and Women D3) came down to the 4x4. This will only add to the meet in terms of spectating.

c. Feedback to deliver to S. Hauser

- i. Price: Informed of a rule change. Last competitor was not able to use video in the HJ and PV. Concern - why can't they use it, they have 5 minutes?
- ii. Raley: There is a group of starters on the South Eastern side of the state. They are spreading their way of starting races and limiting how athletes can prepare for a race. He would like it to come from the WIAA that they can not put their own interpretation into the rules. We are trying to teach our athletes, and the officials are trying to put a stop to it.
  1. Group consensus: we need the officials to be consistent in how they handle the starts of races. They think they need to limit the jumps - because it is slowing down meets.
- iii. From Tom: A member of my district asked about the use of weight sheets in the pole vault. Are they needed? There have been many meets where officials do not report to the pole vault on time and they cannot begin warmups until everything is verified and then warm ups are delayed.

- iv. From Kurt: It was brought up at clinic from Jan Johnson - about having 1 pole but different hand placements. This needs to come from the National Federation not the state association.
- v. Can the regional and sectional heat sheets all be placed in a common place? Different regions and sections coaches could not easily find the heat sheets. From Matt Polzin:
 

One thing I emailed a few people about during the season was the ability to find sectional heat sheets. I heard from a lot of coaches who were not able to find theirs and were frustrated. They either (incorrectly) assumed that everything would be on PT Timing or they went to the WIAA website and weren't able to find things.

So I think either the WIAA should link all of the sectional heat sheets on their website OR sectional hosts need to do a better job of informing schools of where to find heat sheets. I know even in my sectional, a lot of us knew where to find them because we know the guy who was timing the meet. But I don't know if the host school ever really told us where to look.
- vi. Raley: it was a safety concern with the 100 M Hurdles running into the wind. Can this please be changed? Can the meet manager please request that the timing system moves the cameras for the sake of the athletes? Can we make a recommendation to run the hurdles with the wind in the tournament series.

#### 6. Athletes of the Year

- a. We voted for the athletes of the year.
  - i. Female: Brooke Jaworski - Wausau West
  - ii. Male: Josh Pillath - Coleman

#### 7. Honor Roll Feedback - Mazanz

- a. There are two items
  - i. \$75 paid honor roll. It was a \$75 fee that you had to pay prior to seeing anything. [WisconsinTrack.com](http://WisconsinTrack.com).
  - ii. Athletic.Net was hit or miss. (Raley) There were meets by PTtiming.com that never made it up to athletic.net (Schwantes). High quality work on WisconsinTrack.com - however, there were some inappropriate comments and statements made towards the WISTCA organization.
  - iii. Girls honor roll - this is the last year of Dave Figi. He is willing to sell us or sell someone his platform to continue on.
  - iv. Where do we go next?
    - 1. Minnesota uses Raceberry Jam
    - 2. Iowa and Illinois uses Athletic.net
  - v. From Tom H via Chat: I don't want to interrupt anyone that could be talking. Last year we talked about possibly having people do it by divisions so that one person doesn't take on all of it.
    - 1. The downfall of this is having to find 6 people.

#### 8. Website Needs/Plans - KK

- a. Updated Bios - we have everyone updated by Vince Lease.
- b. Other areas.
  - i. We will be adding notes now immediately after the meetings.
  - ii. With the label of "not yet approved".

#### 9. Spotlight Meet - DeVoe

- a. Feedback on 2016 All Star Meet
  - i. Figure 1 - check out the trophy.
  - ii. Team Wisconsin had a great showing - one of the biggest teams yet.
  - iii. Team Wisconsin won the combined team trophy.
- b. Plans for All Star Meet going forward
  - i. We are unsure if Illinois will continue to participate.
  - ii. Chad Gunnelson wants to continue hosting this meet and even open it up to other states in a true "All Star" fashion.
  - iii. It had a renewed energy that we haven't had in years.

- c. Group Discussion on future direction
    - i. We will be staying status quo for this next year.
- 10. National Senate/USATF/USATFCCCA - Hoffman
  - a. COY
  - b. Handbook
- 11. Hall of Fame & Awards - Shep
  - a. Get your district coaches of the Year determined and to Shep by October
- 12. Officials / Gender / Minority
- 13. Other Business:
  - a. Mailing List - are we willing to give our mailing list to college?
  - b. We will take this to caucus at the clinic.
- 14. Motion to Adjourn
  - a. Motion to adjourn at : 8:30 PMby:
  - b. 2nd by
- 15. Next Meeting
  - a. Sunday November 13th. 10AM at the WIAA.