

NYSPHSAA Cross Country Meeting **Minutes**

Thursday, August 11, 2016

1. Introduced returning member: *April Barnes Section 10*
2. Election of Vice Chairperson and Secy.
Brian and Dale were reelected by voice vote
3. Update mailing list
4. Welcome by NYSPHSAA Joe Altieri
Joe reported that vouchers would be mailed to all to cover expenses. They are continuing to update lifetime passes. Chuck will provide the updated list. He reminded us to seek out Hall of Fame nominees. Forms are on the website. It will need an Exec. Dir. signature to be considered.

Robert reported that we no longer need to collect Codes of Conduct. Athletic Directors will now sign off for athletes and coaches. The coordinators raised quite a concern for the need of medical releases to be on site. Robert heard the concerns and will work on a solution. He explained the new staff hires and the changes in job duties. Check the website for descriptions.

5. 2016 update Lee, Todd and Steve
 - a. Introduction of Section IV people
Steve introduced Steve "Stepalo" head groundskeeper and thanked him for his considerable work in preparing the course
 - b. Time schedule:
Chuck reviewed the upcoming schedule of meets. Plans are well underway for Wayne Central, Sunken Meadow and finally Plattsburgh.

Robert addressed the rationale for going to the bid process. The committee expressed their concerns about the rationale and what needs to be included in the RFP. They want to make sure that it is not determined solely on money issues but having a quality experience for the athletes. Various suggestions for things to be included in the RFP were discussed.

We will be viewing the proposed RFP in our Nov. meeting

As of now the proposed timeline for RFPs going out will be the Fall of 2017 for the meets 2020 -2022

- c. Vendor sales requirements and location
A detailed map was present explaining the locations of vendors, parking, first aid, etc. It will be forwarded to all after a few minor corrections and placed on the NYSPHSAA website
- d. Parking procedures and concerns *see above*
- e. Box lunch procedures and distribution
Lee presented the form and suggested that many take advantage, since there are no nearby restaurants for those traveling on busses.
- f. Weather cancellation
Normal procedures in case of lightning. Busses will be close by along with adequate tent shelters.
- g. First aid location-Heat/chill procedures
We have a new app to find out "real feel" temperatures. It is "Weather bug" app.
- h. Awards location and procedures
There will be an awards stage and a large tent for the spectators. Chuck Yale will be the master of ceremony. Robert explained the new awards procedure adopted by the state. All champions will be awarded sport specific Champion shirts. For us that means for each race, we get an individual champion, school team champion (7shirts) and intersectional team champion (12shirts) We continue to get medals 1 – 20 and champion and runner-up plaque.

- i. 2016 Invitational
Information is on (<http://www.tajames.com/xc-nysphsaa-info.html>). Entries are still being accepted. Go beyond the first page to invitational info. All procedures at the invitational will mimic the state meet.
- j. Friday Dinner meeting. Location *_McGerts* Time *__5:30*
Lee provided a map. Will send it out in another email. There is a possibility of a pasta dinner. More details later.
- 6. Rules update by Officials group
Tom reported that another athlete can assist an injured runner if there is not a “qualified” medical person present. They are awaiting a definition of that term. The use of directional arrows etc. is now listed as legal markings in the rulebook
Mary indicated that the problem of too many officials in the finish area has been corrected.
- 7. Modified XC update
There has been a change in the number of practices prior to competition. It is now 8 team practices and 6 individual practices prior to both the first scrimmage and or contest.
- 8. Review of 2015 meet
Jim reported that all reviews of the meet operation was great. The only major problem was miscommunication in box lunch delivery
- 9. Update 2017 meet.
Bob reported that all is going well in the design of a state meet quality course. It will be first run in the invitational this fall. There will be plenty of good hotels within 30 minutes of the course with good roads connecting.
 - a. Wayne Central School 2016 Inv. 9/17/16
 - b. 2017 Inv. 9/16/17
- 10. Programs
 - a. Picture submissions email in Oct.
 - b. Entries Pat Leone Same as before
 - c. History Review page Corrections
 - d. Coaching records corrections
- 11. Federation procedures
Information was sent out earlier. Copies were presented also. The narrow bridge after 500 yards has been widened as well has the woods trails been made more safe.
 - a. On the website.
- 12. Website
 - a. Sanctioning
 - b. Hotel/Motel report
- 13. Coaches Assn. Awards
Applications were available We recognized Michelle Rauber for her Spring Track award.
- 14. Minutes distribution
- 15. Future meetings
 - 11/11/16 9:30 AM Location
Same room as this meeting. Discussion of upcoming RFP procedure
 - 8/10/17 10AM Wayne Central School

Meeting Adjourned. 11:44 AM

Committee members absent: Jack Bernard, Adam McKenzie, Neal Levy, Joe Cahill, Joe Pennacchio, Tony Toro. Modified Rep, George Blessing