

Athletic Council September 21, 2011 Agenda Item 8.1
Cross Country NYSPHSAA Committee Meeting Minutes
At Vernon Verona Sherrill High School
August 12, 2011 10 AM

1. Election of a Vice Chairman and Secretary
Mike Janisch and Dale Ladd were re-elected to Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively.
2. Updating mailing list **Bring FAX number and Email addresses**
3. Update on rotation, and competition shirt confirmation
Rotation sites were reviewed. Section 8 is to notify us in the spring as to their ability to host in 2013. If they cannot host, we will go to Sect. 2; in Queensbury. Likewise due to site availability there may be a switch between Sections 10 and 9 in 2015 and 2016. All these possible change will not change the concept of rotation.
Shirt sponsorship looks to be highly possible. There was a discussion about t-shirts vs. singlets. It will probably come down to what the sponsor is willing to pay.
4. Welcome by NYSPHSAA
 - Assistant Director Todd Nelson was questioned heavily about the loss of a class of athletes. He reassured the group it was a decision about philosophy amongst the Philosophy Committee and not about money.
 - Todd also explained the process of determining the new cutoff numbers. He followed a process that has been followed in other sports. He wanted to make sure there was no automatics going to the states and likewise there was as much equitable competition as possible in the B,C and D classes. It was clearly pointed out by the committee that if we stayed with five classes; it would have been more fair and equitable.
 - There was a brief discussion of running separate championships; if money was an issue in any discussions.
5. Track & Field and Cross Country Officials --- Mary Onken and Bob Headwell
 - Mary Onken introduced Bob Headwell, the incoming president.
 - Jewelry rule is now and individual penalty with a warning first, directly to the athlete. A DQ only if the athlete does not comply.
 - Colored stitching is not counted as a color if it is part of the construction of the uniform.
 - Course measurement is now the shortest route the runner can take.
 - Chips in the bib and or in shoes is now legal.
6. Modified Cross Country Update – Pat Patterson Nothing new to report
7. Review of 2010 meet at Lakeside Park
Overall the meet was successful. There was a major problem with the busses moving spectators. Chip timing was a MAJOR success all around.
8. Update on 2011 meet at VVS
 - a. Review upcoming meets time schedule
 - The proposed Time schedule was adopted. Opening ceremony at 9AM First race at 9:15 with a half hour between each race.
 - Host race directors Todd Bauer and Jason Merrill introduced their staffs, that are providing services.
 - There will be an athlete's dinner on Friday night for those who want to take part; at Vernon Downs hotel. The coordinator dinner will also be at the hotel.
 - Box lunch forms were given out.
 - No restrictions for spectators on the course.
 - Schools vehicles only will be parking on the school grounds. Spectator parking will be at Vernon Downs. There will be a \$10 parking fee. Busses will be numerous with designated pick up and drop-off sites.
 - Thursday night shirt pick up will be at the hotel also.
 - Coordinators meeting will be at 9AM on Friday. The Dinner will be at 7PM at the hotel.
 - Lanes were drawn by Todd. Sections have the same lane for all races.
Lane 1(5), lane 2 (1), lane 3 (11), lane 4 (8), lane 5 (6), lane 6 (9), lane 7(4), lane 8 (7), lane 9 (2), lane 10 (3), lane 11 (10)

b. Vendor sales / bid requirements: Contact Joe Altieri if anyone wants to be a vendor.

9. Review/Update 2011 Federation Meet
 - a. Federations procedures--**forms due Friday before State Meet**
Procedures are basically the same. The Holiday Inn in Fishkill is now a Ramada. Bob Beer gave everyone a flash drive to send in entries.
 - b. **Pre seed teams on Friday after meeting in VVS**
9. Review and update 2012 meet in Section VI at Elma Meadows
Plans are progressing well. The course will be Elma Meadows. Parking and awards will be Iroquois High School. A hotel list was handed out. The headquarters hotel is yet to be determined. There will be NO practices or Invitational. A video is being worked on. As in the past there could be a FROST delay of one hour. So plan transportation accordingly.
11. Importance of Codes of Conduct and their collection. Review procedures
Codes of Conduct are to be printed by each section. Codes need to be collected by each coordinator or their designee prior to the competition. After the competition, they are to be retained for one year.
12. Picture submission guidelines: Guidelines were distributed. It will be the same procedure as the past.
13. History updates/Cross Country coaching records. Bring updated records from your section.
These are included in the program. Please make sure they are submitted.
14. Meeting minutes to all schools
15. Web Site: Sanctioned events. NYSPHSAA.org. Sanctioning
Hotel/ Motel report NYSPHSAA.ORG Forms
A list of website addresses was distributed showing how to access all the necessary information about our meet and Cross Country. Make sure your team is part of a sanctioned event.
16. Weather cancellation: Lighting and thunder rules were reviewed. The referee is the primary one to call an event. Meet management is responsible if no official is present or not aware.
17. Heat and Chill index procedure: The procedures to be followed were distributed. Our season has such variable weather; we need to be very cautious. .
18. "Where are They Now" procedure
Todd explained how this is used in promoting our sport as well as the benefit to programs sales.
19. Coaches Association awards: Applications will be available in Nov.
Official ATTENDANCE
Section 1 Rich Clark, Dan Doherty
Section 2 Ed Springstead, Marbry Gansle
Section 3 Jack Bernard, Michelle Rauber, assistants, Dan Reid, Jim Paccia
Section 4 Steve Baxter, Lee Schaeffer
Section 5 Dale Ladd, Bob Goodell
Section 6 Mike Janisch, Jim Zubler
Section 7 Brian Kiely, Kathy Champagne
Section 8 Adam McKenzie, Katie Dunne
Section 9 Jim Glover
Section 10 Chris McRoberts ,April Martin
Section 11 Joe Pennacchio
Modified Pat Patterson
Federation Bob Baratta
NYSTF&CC Mary Onken, Bob Headwell
NYSPHSAA Todd Heimer
Next Meeting Nov. 11th 9 AM VVS High School