

NCTCCCA Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, February 10, 2019
At Dudley High School

Called to order at 1:15 p.m.

In attendance: DePaul Mittman, Executive Director; Chris Lassiter, Asst. Executive Director; Walt Fletcher, President; Seth Peoples, 1st Vice President; Scott Myers, 2nd Vice President; David Blue, Treasurer; Pam Bolton, Secretary; Ed Teasley and Clennie Wilkins, Region 1; Regena McLaughlin and John Buchholz, Region 4; Alton Tyre and Shawn Loggins, Region 5; Scott Harding and Colton Brackett, Region 8; Alan Peoples, Past President.

Old Business

Proposal to increase Indoor State ticket prices to \$10 to increase stipend for officials. Stipend has not been increased to requested amounts in the two years since ticket prices increased. DePaul recommends contacting principals, superintendents, NCHSAA Board of Directors to question why officials' stipends have not been increased even though ticket prices were increased per our proposal. What would happen if USATF officials were not to work the State meets since normal stipend for USATF officials is currently \$75 a day (meet if two meets in one day)? Do we want a letter that all can send to people who might make a difference in helping raise officials' stipends to recommended levels?

Motion made by Alan Peoples to draft a letter that can be sent to the NCHSAA Board of Directors requesting an explanation of where the money from Indoor Track State ticket price increase was allocated since the NCTCCCA Board of Directors' proposal had been for the express use of increasing track officials' stipends for the three State meets. Walt Fletcher made an addendum to send the letter to all indoor track coaches requesting them to submit the letter to the NCHSAA Board. Seconded by John Buchholz. Passed unanimously.

Chris Lassiter - If someone was to create a booking agent for track and field officials this might help to alleviate the problems of not paying officials the current normal stipend since they would not work for less money than the standard fee.

Dead periods should be the same for winter exams and spring exams (5 days vs. 10 days) with the preferred dead period being only five days. Concern with the ten day dead period is that fall sports are also losing the week of 4th of July and week of coaches' clinic as mandated by the NCHSAA. Coaches are not allowed to attend camps with their athletes during the dead period which goes against the safety concern for athletes and the ethical dilemma of not having professionally trained and certified coaches in charge of the student athletes. Question was raised over how the NCHSAA can mandate a dead period when the school year is over and coaches are not under contract for their sports once the State championships have been held and the season is over.

Motion made by Scott Myers to request from the NCHSAA why they mandate a ten day dead period at the end of the year vs. five days at semester. DePaul Mittman seconded. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by DePaul Mittman to request from NCHSAA why they have declared a dead period during the 4th of July week and the coaches' clinic week. Scott Harding seconded. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by John Buchholz to again submit that cross country coaches should have a mandated NCHSAA rules clinic as the majority of other sports do. Colton Brackett seconded. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion made by Alan Peoples to request from NCHSAA that Indoor Track be allowed to attend three meets in a week to fall in line with basketball and swimming during the winter sports seasons. Seconded by DePaul Mittman. Passed unanimously.

DePaul Mittman raised the question if the NCTCCCA is needed anymore with the lack of input given by many Board members. Would it be better to be an advisory board? Alan Peoples feels we have come too far to turn it over. Ed Teasley concerned that we don't have the younger members to take over when the older members are gone so is the NCTCCCA still necessary? Alton Tyre agreed that if we cannot get the younger coaches involved then "that's on me." Mentioned looking at the success the NCTCCCA has done for the sports of track and XC in North Carolina. Scott Harding asked if having Regional meetings would be helpful? Scott Myers concerned about the lack of stability in schools' XC and track coaches.

General meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

Cross Country proposals – Scott Myers explained.

The East/West proposal was submitted to NCHSAA by Pine Forest (with the understanding that the 1A West would best be held in Asheville due to so many 1A schools being closer there than other areas). From a straw poll, most of the Board is against the East/West.

The NCHSAA has agreed to readdress the proposal that conferences stay in the same Region. DePaul has stated the NCHSAA has also said they will not do this until the next realignment, but Scott believes they may be willing to address it earlier. On Scott's survey, 71% of responding coaches did not like having conferences split in two different Regions.

John does like having to "qualify" for Regionals instead of everyone being eligible. Some from Scott's survey expressed interest in conferences sending 60% of their members to Regionals based on conference championship.

Motion made by Scott Myers to propose to the NCHSAA that schools in a Conference be placed in the same Region for XC. Seconded by Seth Peoples. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Scott Myers to propose to the NCHSAA that the number of schools advancing from the Regional to the State XC meet be based on the number of schools assigned to the Region (four schools or 25%, whichever is greater). Died for lack of a second.

Motion made by John Buchholz to propose to the NCHSAA that if five or more athletes from the same school qualify for the XC State meet as individuals, they will be scored as a team (the top seven individuals not on a qualifying team advance from Regionals to State). No substitutions may be made for the individuals and no other individual qualifiers will be added. It is recommended that these individuals still start from their Regions' "individual qualifier" box. Seconded by Alton Tyre. Passed 11-1.

Election of officers:

Seth Peoples, president

Scott Myers, 1st vice president

Colton Brackett, 2nd vice president

Seconded by Scott Harding. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Bolton

Secretary

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