

## North Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2011

**Members Present:** DePaul Mittman (Executive Director), Steve Yannotti (Rockingham County), David Blue (Northeast Guilford), Rodney King (North Stokes), Debbie Bethay (Butler), Andrew Howard (Mt. Airy), Pam Bolton (Hendersonville), Edward Teasley (Southeast Guilford), Alton Tyre (Southeast Guilford), Chris Lassiter (Ben L. Smith), Nicole Jackson (Monroe), John Sullivan (Bunker Hill), Ken Dowdle (McMichael), Randy McDonough (Watauga), John McDonald (Westover), Colin Kelly (Secretary)

DePaul called the meeting to order with a show of hands of the regions that were present, Regions 1, 2, and 3 were not represented at all. In addition Region 1 representative Bailey Coleman will be moving out of state and will create a vacancy in his spot. Regions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were all represented.

The minutes of the January board meeting were read and approved.

The request to split the 1A/2A/3A Indoor State meet into 2 separate meets (1A/2A and 3A) was sent to the NCHSAA. We are waiting on their approval.

In addition to the 3 people originally submitted as Hall of Fame nominees – Alan People, Richard Prince and Robert Steele. DePaul sent the information to Que Tucker in April. She will forward the nominations to the Hall of Fame Committee. Nominations are due in September. In addition, the following names will also be submitted for nomination. Larry McAfee will be nominated by (David Blue), Donnie Davis, Ron Olson to be nominated by (Steve Yannotti), Rex Mitchell to be nominated by (Rodney King), and Frank Davis to be nominated by (Ed Teasley) should also be nominated. The nomination forms are on line, each nominee will need 2 letters of recommendation and a resume submitted by the nominee. We should make this year the “Year of Track” for Hall of Fame Nominees.

There was a lengthy discussion on the indoor track season items discussed were:

1. The split in the 123A Indoor State Meet has not been decided.
2. The indoor state meet will be at the Eddie Smith Field House in Chapel Hill.
3. There is still ongoing talk to try and get another indoor facility in North Carolina.
4. Last year’s meet held outside at Reid Ross Complex in Fayetteville was successful. Even the weather cooperated.
5. Last year the meet started at 10:00 and ended approximately 6:30.
6. If we split the 1A/2A from the 3A, there would be 3 separate Indoor championships. Under the proposed plan, the 3 separate meets should end about 9:30. It is the coach’s responsibility to get their athletes warmed up properly.
7. Since there are no current standards for the proposed 1A/2A meet, the following standards would be used for the first year. Use the 123A standards from last year. Accept all qualifiers and non-qualifiers if the running events doesn’t have 8 qualifiers and field events that don’t have 9 qualifiers.
8. The discussion on adding the 4x200 for indoor was tabled.

9. A new outdoor schedule has been proposed and sent to the NCHSAA for approval.
10. Qualifying standards are reviewed every other year and that happened last year.
11. Times have definite been improving over the past 10 years.
12. Because of pricing, the NCHSAA has decided that Mile Split's RaceTab should be used this year for the indoor state meet. In the information presented to DePaul Mittman from the NCHSAA, online entries through Mile Split and Race Tab are FREE. It is the understanding if successful, it will be used for the state outdoor championship.
13. RaceTab automatically brings up an athlete's personal best. You have to do some digging to get his or her qualifying time to be submitted to the state meet.
14. Coaches must declare teams before the state meet with alternates.
15. There have been some individuals that have convinced NCHSAA that RaceTab will work and eliminate the need for "POP" sheets and be more user friendly for coaches.
16. Currently the registration dead line is Wednesday at 11:59pm, ten days prior to the Indoor State. Under the new guidelines, registration will close at 3:00 pm on Friday, 8 days prior to the Indoor state meet. Concerns were raised this this absolutely NO TIME to insure that qualifiers and their time are accurate.
17. Concerns are We are not sure if RaceTab will advance qualifiers.
18. RaceTab is a very "user friendly" program.
19. RaceTab entries can be downloaded into Hy-Tek.
20. The new version 3 of Hy-Tek is not backward compatible. In other words a version 3 cannot be opened up by a computer using version 2.
21. The use of Mile Split will save approximately \$1,000.00 in entry fees for the state indoor meet.
22. Hy-Tek is no longer servicing 2.0. The NCHSAA will need to upgrade to version 3.0. The upgrade will cost approximately \$6,000.- \$8,000.00.
23. It has been suggested that DePaul talk with Henry McCullum with USATF to see how they are handling RaceTab entries. Current Indoor State meet directors, DePaul and Chris, have not worked with Race Tab.
24. The NCTCCA Board will request the entry deadline be moved back to the original Wednesday 10 days before the meet to insure that all qualifiers are correct.
25. Pam Bolton suggested that we make this statement to Que: *While we understand the Association's intention to use Mile Split for the indoor meet, the executive board has serious concerns about honesty in entries and with not enough time to be able to check and confirm entries. We request moving the entry deadline to Wednesday, February 1, 2012, to still allow us to assure every athlete had a fair and legal entry.*
26. Jeff George will be ask to run a session at the clinic in January to teach coaches how to do online entries into Mile Split.
27. Coaches have been working with Direct Athletics for years and are familiar with entry process now must learn the entry system for Mile Split.
28. A suggestion was made to designate one entrance for coaches only at the Indoor State Meet and one entrance for athletes only. This in hopes will make access to the indoor facility easier. It was stated that meet management doesn't have the manpower to make this work.

29. Meet directors for this year's indoor meet are as follows:
  - a. 1A/2A will be Rodney King – if implemented
  - b. 4-A Chris Lassiter
  - c. 3-A DePaul Mittman
  - d. If there is no split in the 123A, then DePaul Mittman will continue to be the 123A Meet Director.
30. Shots for the indoor meet should be in good shape. It was suggested that we purchase one of each for backup.

There was a lengthy discussion on the outdoor track season items discussed were:

1. Eliminating the 300 hurdles and 400 race prelims. Timed finals for these events should yield better performances and shorten the meet duration.
2. Eliminating these prelims will hold volunteers until later on in the day. Instead of leaving after seeing that their athlete did not qualify.
3. This change might hurt the field event people.
4. There were several options as to starting times:
  - a. 1 — vote Stay the same
  - b. 10 -- votes Prelims in the straight races only
  - c. 3 -- votes Eliminate the prelims in the 300 hurdles and the 400 race and run as times finals only.
5. In a vote the option for prelims in the straight races (100H/110H and 100 meter) was approved.
6. This should apply to the state meet only. Regional races should continue as they are.
7. In addition, proposal to advance from the semi-finals to the finals: the top 2 finishers and the next 4 times.
8. There was historical discussion on the formation of the NCTCCCA. The NCTCCCA grew out of the Advisory Boards that the NCHSAA created over 15 years ago. The NCTCCCA presents proposals to the NCHSAA, but NCHSAA has final say on all matters.
9. Starting times were discussed and the following schedule was adopted and sent to NCHSAA for approval..
  - a. Field events start at 10:00
  - b. 4X800 will start at Noon
  - c. Prelims will start at 12:30
  - d. Lunch break: 1:00
  - e. Finals will start at 1:30
  - f. Finish times should be about the same as in years past.
  - g. In a vote 14 were in favor – 1 opposed – 0 leave as is.
10. The NC Elite Meet information was presented to the Board by DePaul. This will be a USATF sponsored event, not NCHSAA. Each athlete must have a USATF number, just like for New Balance Nationals
11. Possible dates are: May 26 or June 2, 2012 A&T will decide the date.
12. Qualifying Standards:
  - A. Top 2 finalists in each event, including relays, from the 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A NCHSAA State Meets

- B. PLUS the next Top 8 performances from the 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A NCHSAA State Meets. In the event of a tie for the last spot, we will not break the tie. We will more than 16 competitors.
- C. Entry fees -- \$10.00 per athlete per event
- D. Entry fees -- \$40.00 per relay team
- E. Each team will get 2 Coaches passes
- F. NCTCCCA Membership card will be the only pass card accepted.

New Business:

1. New Federation rules stitching is not part of the uniform and it can be different as long as it is not a pattern. (Check the NFHS Rules book for clarification)
2. Changes have been made to the jewelry rule. Warn the individual not the team. It MUST be written up. . (Check the NFHS Rules book for clarification)
3. Umpires must be present at running events in the correct position. There must be 2 umpires at each section
4. Regional directors need to be consistent with getting coaches to serve as officials at the State meet. Send a list of workers along with your entries
5. Field marshals need to do a better job. Coaches running across the infield calling out splits and times is the same as pacing and should be DQed
6. The January Coaches Clinic will be at Ben L. Smith High School
7. The date January 6 and 7, 2012
8. Entry fee \$150.00. (\$125.00 if received by December 15, 2011.)
9. Beginning in January, the NFHS Official's certification exam will be on-line. The class will still be held prior to the exam.
10. Current financial balance is as of June 27, 2011 \$3,735.62

Respectfully submitted

Colin Kelly

Secretary