

**General Meeting of NCTCCCA
Ben L. Smith High School
Greensboro, NC
March 6, 2010**

Officers attending were:

Rodney King, Region 5

Scott Harding, Region 8

Steve Yannotti, 2nd Vice President

Ed Teasley, Region 5

Mark Adams, Region 4

Alan Peoples, President

John Sullivan, 1st Vice President

Mike Rowland, Region 2

Chris Lassiter, Assistant Executive Director

DePaul Mittman, Executive Director

Bailey Coleman, Region 1

Colin Kelly, Secretary

There were also about 15 additional coaches present

The first order of business Ed Teasley made a motion that there should be a general meeting every quarter. The motion was seconded and voted on by those present and it was passed unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the changes made to the constitution. It was generally discussed that the general association members should vote to change the constitution. DePaul gave an example of changing the constitution to add Section 11 about dissolving the assets of the corporation. This section had to be added because BB&T and the Sec. of State's office mandated it. The changes were made without the vote of the general membership. Most felt that the board acted appropriately for the general membership. There was additional discussion concerning either go by the by laws of the association or change the by laws to reflect that the board only would vote of changes to the constitution. There was also a discussion concerning having the total association vote to change the constitution. The statement was made that it is impossible to get the entire coaches association together at one time to vote often time it is difficult to get 7 or 8 coaches together at one time. Coach Tyre made a suggestion to for go personal attacks on any board members they have not followed the constitution but felt that they made decisions that were in the best interest of the entire membership. It was generally assumed that votes should be made by the general membership by email.

It was also suggested that a financial report be submitted along with the minutes at general membership meetings.

DePaul made another strong pitch that all coaches should be certified in order to host meets both Mark Adams and Steve Yannotti supported DePaul's statement.

There was another period of lengthy discussion about a time schedule for indoor meets. Most coaches and parents feel that the running schedule will get them thru a meet faster that a set schedule. NCHSAA had suggested a rolling time schedule in year's past. Included in this discussion was the possibility of flip flopping the 1, 2, 3-A and 4-A schedules. This current schedule has stayed in place due to travel arrangements from 123A vs. 4A schools. General consensus in discussions with is that schools prefer traveling on Friday afternoon than on Saturday night. There was also a discussion about packet pickup and the congestion it causes. Is it possible to mail these packets to schools? Could packet pickup be located at another place? Would it be better for these athletes to remain outside? Why is the building only open 1 hour prior to the meet? Some of these things we have no control over these things they are

dictated to us by Carolina. Mailing packets is a matter of time. There simply is not enough time to do these things. DePaul uses his staff as best as he can. His staff consists of his wife, daughters.

Another discussion that consumed a lot of time was the incident about a couple of girls not being able to check in and apparently some bumping in one of the distance races. The coach whose girls were involved in this were not upset at all. Parents making comments on blogs blew the whole thing completely out of proportion. There was a statement "that if you man enough and choose to make a post on a blog if it is derogatory you should at least be man enough to sign your own mane to the blog."

Another lengthy discussion was about advancing 3 athletes to the state meet. What happens if you have more than 3 athletes that meet the qualifying standard? Coaches have to tell parents that they can only advance 3 athletes. Coaches have to follow the rules. These rules come from the National Federation office thru NCHSAA these are not rules that coaches just make up. "Life is not always fair abut everyone should follow the rules as they are applied to different situations".

Meet directors of Polar Bear Meets should use Hy-Tek or other excepted programs to get their results posted. Web site are eager to post results of meets but they should be clearly marked that they are either indoor or outdoor standards.

Some coaches want to know if they can substitute another qualifier if the original qualifier does not show for any reason. They also want to know if they can scratch runners instead of them checking in and stepping of the track when their event begin. This way they are shown as "Did Not Finish" and are still eligible to compete in the rest of the events of the meet. Mark Adams is to chair a group to look into how to remove a competitor from a particular event.

There was another discussion about qualifying standards. Qualifying standards are reviewed every 2 years and they look at the results for the past 4 years. This eliminates the possibility of a really good team one year making it more difficult for the average team to qualify in later years.

There was a suggestion of making the state meet a 2 day event. This has been addressed before and most coaches feel that it makes the meet far too long.

Coaches want to know where the next state cross country meet will be held?

There was yet another discussion concerning awards particularly at the state indoor meet. The space is limited at the facility at Chapel Hill. Some of the athletes go outside in order to properly cool down and simply for go the awards. Another problem that presents itself is the time constrains. There simply is not enough time to prepare for the next event so again the awards are neglected.

NCHSAA is considering a change in the order of events for the next state indoor meet. It will consist of running the 3200 Meter relay, 55 Hurdles semi-finals, 55 Dash semi-finals, break, then 55 Hurdles Finals, 55 Dash Finals. All details have not been worked out.

Lastly there was a discussion about regional winners not in the fastest heat at the state meet. There was some discussion concerning time vs place. DePaul will talk with Que to get a ruling before the state outdoor meet. Some coaches are not aware of the costs involved for these events. In addition to paying for the facility medical personnel costs run about \$80.00 per hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Kelly
Secretary