



IOWA ASSOCIATION of TRACK COACHES

IATC Fall Meeting Sunday November 11, 2009 Northeast Elementary Ankeny, IA

- Tony Bussan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with approximately 42 members and guests (10 IATC and Dave Anderson).
- Tony welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. This being Tony's last meeting as president, he thanked everyone for helping him during his tenure as president, and also for all the work they have done for the organization and for kids. Introductions were made. A thank you was extended to Al Neppi and Northeast Elementary for hosting the meeting and for providing lunch.
- Voting for "CC Official of the Year" was held.
- A motion was made (Jay), and 2nded (Anderson) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
- Dave Anderson (IHSAA) was present and addressed the organization.
 - Cross Country
Decisions to postpone district/regional meets due to weather was discussed. This decision is left up to the host school.
The contract with Fort Dodge as host of the state meet is up for renewal and being negotiated.
Dave put out a plea for good sites for hosting district/regional meets (based on course and how meets are run).
 - Track
There was talk of moving district/regional meets to Thursday with rain date being Friday. This will not change this year. 2010 district/regional track meets will be held on Friday.
Dave put out a plea for best sites for hosting district/regional track meets.
They would like to have all district/regional sites have FAT.
Talked about state qualifying and the requests for the 2 organizations to come up with similar standards. Pros and cons of each were discussed. This will be discussed more by the advisory committee. They will not change for the 2010 season.
 - Dave stressed the importance of the regular season, and not placing too much emphasis on the post season. This is becoming a concern in all sports.
 - Dave opened it up for questions and discussion.
- The minutes were approved.
- Bill Neal gave the treasurer's report and membership report. Stressed the importance of the meets the IATC hosts for the money they raise for the organization.
- A motion was made (Thomas) and seconded (Henderson) to approve. Motion passed.
- **Committee Reports**
- Kirk Schmaltz passed out the girl's All-State selections. A correction was made to add a name to the elite squad as there was a tie for 10th. Tony Bussan reported for Doug Bacon that the boy's All-State selections would be on the website soon.
- Tony Bussan reported for Barb Moates that the Academic All-State has been updated on the website and will continue to be as nominations come in.
- Tony Bussan reported for Mitch Anderson on the 25 Year awards. Mitch needs to be contacted by April.
- Tony Bussan reported on the state pentathlon meets. They will be held at Valley West Des Moines. It will be coed, held on May 25th, and the rain date will be the 27th.

- Tony Bussan reported on the Joint CC Advisory committee, as did other members present. There was some discussion on various topics, district results being posted, desire for more than 2 state trophies, qualification standards, 4K vs 5K for girls, etc.
- Broke for lunch provided by Ankeny Food Service.
- Held voting on “CC Coach of the Year” awards.
- Voted on “Assistant CC Coach of the Year” awards.
- Voted on “Jr. Hi CC. Coach of the Year” award.
- **Committee Reports Cont.**
- Dick Washburn reported on the IATC website.
- Mary Madsen reported on the Middle School track meets. Gilbert will be hosting the boys’ meet.
- Tim Thomas reported on the Hall of Fame. Voting was done last spring. All have been contacted and will be present at the banquet.
- Dan Davis reported on the Hall of Fame Banquet. The ticket prices will be higher this year as Gateway Hotel is charging more and the IATC needs to cover their costs. There was some discussion on moving the banquet to another site. And on moving it to another time of the year to get more attendance.
- Greg Thompson reported on the IATC awards. Dan Davis will be helping Greg with these duties as there are lots of coaches to contact. There was discussion on the problem of coaches not showing up to accept their awards, and the expense to the IATC on purchasing the plaques and trying to mail them to coaches that do not show up to claim them. A motion was made (Washburn) and seconded (Henderson) that the “State Coach of the Year” plaques will have the coach’s name and year on them, and the “Regional Coach of the Year” plaques will not have names or year on them, but room for the coach to have it put on the plaque. (This is so the unclaimed plaques can be used in following years). Motion passed.
- Dick Washburn reported on the Sr. Spotlight meets.
 - CC – It was a good meet – good numbers. There were some timing chip problems. The pictures are on the website.
 - Track – 2009 meet was held in Wisconsin and went very well. 2010 meet will be in Wisconsin the second weekend of June.
- Joint Track and Field committee – nothing to report.
- Mary Madsen reported on the Washburn Middle School CC meet. The entries were above 1000. They need help to keep the meet running smoothly. Coaches and spectators are encouraged to help.
- Steve Brown reported on the Distance Running clinic. Championship Production have taken over this clinic.
- Dave Eidahl reported on CC rankings. Dave explained how the rankings are done and that many are involved in the process. Most of the weight in the rankings goes to head-to-head competition. There was some discussion on the day of the week the team rankings come out and how the final ranking does not get into consideration for the district/regional assignments.
- **Old Business**
- Bruce Henderson brought up discussion and some proposals to change the name of the IATC to include Cross Country in the name. A motion was made (Henderson) and seconded (Parker) to change the name of the IATC to IACCTC (Iowa Association of Cross Country and Track Coaches). There was much discussion. The motion failed.

- **New Business**

- Tony Bussan will be ending his tenure as president at the banquet in December, and Al Neppel will be taking over as president, Kirk Schmaltz will be 1st vice president, so nominations were accepted for 2nd vice president. Those nominated were Mary Madsen, Marty Thoma, and Dave Wilson. Voting will be done at the December track clinic and online.
- There was some discussion on the events at the boy's pentathlon. A motion was made (Thomas) and seconded (Thompson) to drop the 200m and add the 110m low hurdles at the boy's pentathlon. Motion passed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:06

Rod Smith
IATC Secretary

P.S.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Bussan for all he has done for the IATC. Being president of this organization is a big task, and Tony has put a lot into his role as president, and I am sure he will continue to do a lot for the IATC. Through it all, his goal was to promote track and cross country for the good of the kids. Be sure to thank Tony for his time and efforts.

Thank you Tony.