

IATC Fall Meeting
Sunday, November 6, 2011
@ Ames High School
Ames, IA

Al Neppel called the meeting to order at 9:30, with 24 members present.

Al thanked everyone for coming and committing their time to the support of this organization. Introductions were made. Al went over the agenda. A motion was made by T Bussan to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by K Schmaltz. Motion carried.

No one from the IGHSAU or the IHSAA was able to be present at the meeting.

The minutes were read and a motion was made to approve the minutes by M Thomae, and seconded by T Peverill. Motion carried.

Bill Neal gave the treasurer's report and L Peverill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, G Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Neal gave a report on the membership. Things are going fine. He has seen an increase in individual memberships with a decline in school memberships.

The voting for state and at-large "Coach of the Year" for boys and girls cross country for all classes was held.

Al Neppel presented nominations for "Assistant Cross Country Coach of the Year" for both boys and girls and voting was done.

Deb Anderson presented nominations for "Middle School Cross Country Coach of the Year" and voting was done.

Committee Reports

Dick Washburn reported on the website. He has received email lists from the IHSAA to help with our mass emails. He expressed appreciation to Peggy Steva for her inputs into the website.

Kirk Schmaltz reported on All State Selections. The girls' CC is finished and Doug Bacon is working on the boys'. Kirk talked about printing off the website to save postage. This is going to be difficult from the website.

Peggy Steva reported on the Academic All State selections. She is still receiving applications and talked about sending out forms.

Al reported for M Anderson on the 25 Year Coaching awards and we are still planning on doing it at the state meet as usual.

Mary Madsen reported on the Mike Henderson Middle School Meets. She is in the process of getting bids for medals. Al said there may be a rental fee for holding the meet at Ankeny in the future, so we may be looking for another host site.

Dick Washburn reported for S Roth on the IATC Pentathlon Meet. Everything went well and they had a good attendance. He thanked Washington H. S. for hosting the meet.

Al Neppel reported on the Hall of Fame Banquet. It is on for this year the same as last year, but it may be moved in the future.

Tim Thomas reported on the Hall of Fame Selections. 3 out of the 4 selected are going to be coming, Doug Smith can't make it. Everything is going well.

Greg Thompson reported on the IATC Awards. Everything is fine.

Dick Washburn reported on the IATC Spotlight Meets. At the CC meet there were 195 Srs. signed up. They had 53 in the open race. Everything went well. They are planning to change the region lines to align with I-35 and I-80 for next year. The track and field meet will be discussed in the spring.

Marty Thomae reported on the Joint CC Advisory Committee. They will be meeting on November 30th.

Greg Thompson and Al Neppel reported on the Joint Track and Field Advisory Committee. They met twice over the summer. Both meetings dealt with state track qualifying method. It has now been changed to the old girls' method.

Mary Madsen reported on the Washburn Middle School CC Meet. They were up in entries. They used aspimeetz for online entries and it went well.

Brian Martz reported on the Track and Field Power Rankings. He talked about contacting aspimeetz to make it more automated. Tim Thomas was going to contact aspimeetz.

Davis Eidahl reported on the CC Team Rankings. He felt that things went very well this season and thanked those coaches that contributed. There was much discussion about the JV disclaimer on the website and how it affected the rankings. After much discussion, R Smith made a motion and M Parker seconded to remove the JV disclaimer from the website and do the team rankings head-to-head, week-to-week with no regard to whether JV ran in place of varsity. Motion passed. At the spring IATC meeting new wording for the disclaimer will be discussed. It was noted that the IHSAA/IGHSAU would like us to stop the team rankings after the state qualifying assignment sites came out.

Todd Peverill reported on the Individual CC Rankings. He had to find some new people to do rankings this season and he thanked all that helped with the rankings. He also stated that most had rated very accurately compared to how the runners finished at state. They increased the number ranked this season to 30 individuals. He would also like to have results for the top 15-20 individuals sent into the website for posting to make ranking easier.

Al Neppel reported on the Hospitality Room at Drake. It is still planned for this spring, but someone needs to take it over for Al as he helps in the press box at the relays.

Old Business

Dick Washburn is going to see about getting a template for the All State Selection certificates to be put on the website.

Kirk Schmatz is going to check to see if Ames can host the boys' division of the Mike Henderson Middle School meet. If Ames can't host, a site needs to be found.

New Business

Dick Washburn made the suggestion to name Coach of the Year state coach plaques in honor of past coaches. There was much discussion on this issue. Lou Peverill offered to head up a committee to set up guidelines for those being honored. In lieu of past president Phil Hummel passing away this past summer and all of his contributions to the IATC and boys' track, D Washburn made a motion and D Anderson seconded to name the 1A boys' track state Coach of the Year plaque after Phil Hummel. Motioned passed. There was more discussion and some confusion as to not having any criteria set up. So D Washburn made a motion to rescind his previous motion due to confusion, M Thomae seconded the motion. There was more discussion and members understood the proposal better. This motion failed. So, the 1A boys' track Coach of the Year plaque will be named in honor of Phil Hummel.

There was discussion about having a summer event to increase attendance for our banquet, moving the banquet away from the December clinic to get more coaches to attend. More discussion will be done on this issue at a later meeting.

Nominations were discussed for 2nd vice president to be voted on at the December clinic (and online). Steve Roth (Washington) was nominated. A complete list of nominations will be posted on the website. M Thomae made a motion for nominations to cease, T Bussan seconded. Motion passed.

There was brief discussion on Regional/District/State CC meets and issues sent into Al.

Davis Eidahl was congratulated for his National Coach of the Year honors.

Kirk Schmatz thanked Al Neppel for the last 6 years of his dedication to the IATC as being an officer.

D Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and M Thomae seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Rod Smith
IATC Secretary