

IATC Fall Meeting
Sunday, November 7, 2010
@ N.E. Elementary
Ankeny, IA

Al Neppel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with 42 members and guests (11 IATO, John Overton, and Dave Anderson) present. It was nice to have Dave Wilson with us and healthy.

Al welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and dedicating their time to the organization. Al outlined the agenda for trying to get through the items and keeping it on track to keep the meeting from going too long. Introductions were made.

Dave Anderson (IHSAA) and John Overton (IGHSAU) were present to address the IATC on behalf of their respective organizations.

- Cross Country

John reported they felt the state CC meet went well, with excellent weather.

The \$10 parking fee worked out well.

There was some confusion on the girls' photos at state. This was not sanctioned by the girls' union and will be cleared up in the future.

There was some discussion on the time for the boys' photos.

Next year, it is planned to have the timing chips in the bib numbers.

Dave verified the distance of the state course as being measured as per National Federation rules (center of course).

This was done with a wheel and GPS.

- Track

Dave talked about some possible rule changes (jewelry).

Dave talked about the new qualifying standards for the girls and boys in track. There was much discussion on this. It will be used this spring and reviewed after the season to see if changes need to be made.

The minutes from the last meeting were looked over and a motion was made (Schmaltz) and seconded (Eidahl) to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Bill Neal gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made (T Thomas) and seconded (Thomae) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Bill Neal gave the membership report. It is going well being switched to online format.

Did state and at-large "Coach of the Year" voting for boys' and girls' in all classes in cross country.

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

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

Broke for lunch.

Committee Reports

Kirk Schmaltz reported on All-State selections. This was the fastest CC Elite team in history.

Peggy Steva reported on the Academic All-State awards. So far there were 28 boys and 31 girls. It was decided by the members to award an athlete that had earned a perfect score on the ACT.

Dick Washburn reported on the website. If you have material to put on, send it to him or to Peggy Steva.

Al Nepl and Davis Eidahl reported on the state CC rankings. There was some discussion.

Al Nepl reported on the 25 year coaching awards.

Mary Madsen and Tim Thomas reported on the Mike Henderson Middle School track meets. The girls' will be in Ankeny and the boys' in Gilbert. The field events will begin at 9:00 a.m. and running at 10:00 a.m. There is still need for help, and Mary urged IATC members to help out to showcase our association and for knowledge of the rules. The late registration fee has been raised to \$15.

Bill Neal reported on the Pentathlon meet. It will be held on a Tuesday next spring with the rain date on Thursday. It will be held at Washington.

Tim Thomas reported on the Hall of Fame selections. All of the selections have been contacted and are planning to attend. In the future, nominations can be sent in on the website.

Dan Davis reported on the Hall of Fame banquet. It will be \$20 preregistration and \$25 at the door. Preregistration can be done online.

Greg Thompson reported on IATC awards.

Dick Washburn reported on the Senior Spotlight meets. The CC meet went very well, were very pleased with the cooperation from DMACC. The track meet will be held again in Plattville Wisconsin. It will probably be moved to Illinois in 2012, and stay there for 2-3 years before coming back to Iowa.

Members present that are on the Joint Cross Country committee reported. There was some discussion about increasing the number of individual qualifiers coming out of districts regionals.

Members present that are on the Joint Track and Field committee reported. They will meet in June.

Suggestions for the Cross Country or Track and Field committees need to be sent to those members. The list can be found on the Girls' Union website.

Mary Madsen reported on the Washburn Middle School Cross Country meet. They had about 900 entries, and over 850 runners. The help was good. Mary will be taking bids for medals for future meets.

Al Nepl reported that Championship Books has taken over the Distance Running Clinic.

Al Nepl reported that the hospitality room will be open on Friday and Saturday of the Drake Relays.

Old Business

Brian Martz presented information on Track and Field Power Rankings. There was some discussion. A motion was made (T Thomas) and seconded (Bussan) to start using the Power Rankings for both boys and girls. Motion passed. Brian will be looking for coaches to compile the rankings for each class in both boys and girls.

Tim Thomas reported on scholarships. It was decided not to name it after LaVerne Kloster as he has been honored, and we do not want to leave others out. Lou Peverill will head up a committee to set up scholarship requirements.

New Business

There was some discussion on adjusting the qualifying standards for the Academic All-State award. The present standards are: 1. Must qualify for state (or finish in top 30 at Dist/Reg. for CC), 2. Score a 28 or better on the ACT test, 3. Must have a GPA of 3.8 or

better. A motion was made (L Peverill) and seconded (Steva) to if an athlete meets all 3 requirements they attain the Elite Academic All-State award and if they meet the running requirement and 1 of the 2 academic requirements, they attain the Academic All-State award. There was more discussion. A vote was taken, and the motion failed 5-18.

There was discussion about Dist/Reg. CC meets. There was support for increasing the number of individual qualifiers beyond the those on qualifying teams.

Individual rankings (CC) was discussed. Todd Peverill was thanked for his work on this. There was support for ranking the top 30 in each class.

It was discussed having some Dri-Fit IATC polo shirts made. Bill Neal will have some made to sell at the clinic.

There may be a new sight for the spring meeting, possibly in Ames. Also, suggested to start at 9:30. The sight and time will be on the website.

A motion was made (Washburn) and seconded (Thomas) to adjourn at 2:44 p.m. Motion passed.

Rod Smith

IATC Secretary