

# **IATC Spring Meeting**

**Saturday, June 2, 2012**

**@ Ames High School**

**Ames, IA**

Kirk Schmaltz called the meeting to order at 9:38. There were 21 IATC members present and guest Dave Anderson (IHSAA), the IATO was meeting also in an adjoining room. Introductions were made and Kirk welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and committing their time to support the IATC.

The agenda for the meeting was accepted with a few New Business items added to be discussed later in the meeting.

T Peverill made a motion to accept the minutes of the Fall meeting, A Neppi seconded, and motion passed.

Bill Neal gave a treasurer's report. J DeJong made a motion to approve the report and M Jay seconded – motion passed.

Bill Neal gave a Membership report. Membership is down about 40-60 members.

Mike Jay gave report on "The Next Level". This is a website that he has started and continually updates, that reports on past Iowa track and field athletes and how they are doing beyond high school. The website ([www.thenextleveliowa.com](http://www.thenextleveliowa.com)) is doing very well. Mike asked for coaches to continue to send in information on athletes. A link is going to be set up on the IATC website.

Hall of Fame voting was done for new members to be inducted at our December banquet.

Marty Thomae presented nominations sent to him for Assistant Coach of the Year. Voting was done for a boys' assistant coach and a girls' assistant coach. Presentations will be done at the December banquet.

Deb Anderson presented nominations sent to her for Jr. Hi. Coach of the Year. Voting was done for 1 Jr. Hi coach. Presentation will be at the December banquet.

Dave Anderson speaking for the IHSAA and for John Overton from the IGHSAA gave an update.

- The new qualifying system was deemed successful as they have not heard of any complaints.
- They tried to use the new Power Rankings to set up the State Qualifying Meets, and it was very useful.
- They are considering changing the QuikStats reports to FAT times.
- They are considering to make it a requirement to run for the common finish line (no changing the direction for sprint races).
- They are looking at reducing the number of 1A qualifying meets.
- Other discussion was held.

The IATC thanked Dave for coming to the meeting and giving a report, and for all the work the 2 organizations (IHSAA/IGHSAA) do for track and field.

Lunch was delivered by **Mrs.** Kirk Schmaltz from Hickory Park. Thanks to **Mrs.** Kirk Schmaltz for that.

Voting was done for Coach of the Year awards for track and field, a state coach and 5 regional coaches for each class and each gender. Presentations of awards will be done at the December banquet.

### **Committee Reports**

Dick Washburn reported on the website. The updates from Mike Jay's The Next Level have been appreciated. Dick is open for other ideas.

It was discussed the need for someone interested to learn from Dick about the website, and would be interested in taking it over in the future.

Kirk Schmaltz reported on the All State Selections. They will be posted on the website. Coaches can go to the website and print off certificates.

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Mary Madsen reported on the Mike Henderson Middle School Meets. Waukee worked out very well taking over the girls' meet, lots of positives from that meet. There were some problems due to late entries at the boys' meet. These will be worked out before next year. It was discussed to make the Thursday before the meets the cutoff for entries and taking no entries the day of the meet.

Steve Roth reported on the IATC Pentathlons. Weather was good and everything went well. They had approximately 130 kids.

Mike Jay reported on the Hall of Fame. Those voted in will be honored at the December banquet.

Dick Washburn reported on the Senior Spotlight Meets. Plans are being finalized for the track meet in Joliet in 1 week. They have the largest Iowa squad ever. Dick reported that the Illinois representatives talked about adding other states and making Indiana the permanent host site. IATC members present did not like the idea and told Dick to convey that Iowa would not be receptive to this idea.

Steve Roth reported for the Joint Track and Field Advisory Committee. They will be meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> at the IGHS AU.

Mary Madsen reported on the Washburn Middle School Cross Country Meet. It will be held again at Saydel. They plan to have entries pay online.

Kirk Schmaltz reported on the Power Rankings. It worked very well this year tying it to Aspimeetz.

Kirk Schmaltz and Marty Thomae reported on the Hospitality Room at the Drake Relays. More pizza will be ordered next year for Friday, and less for Saturday.

### **Old Business**

Lou Peverill is still working on criteria for naming Coach of the Year plaques. She will go over it at the fall meeting.

The banquet date will again coincide with the Championship Track Clinic in December. There was no discussion on moving the banquet date at this time.

### **New Business**

Dick Washburn brought up the idea of honoring both a girls' and a boys' Jr. Hi. Coach of the Year. Since the number of nominations Deb A. is receiving is increasing, this needs to be looked at. This will be discussed at the fall meeting.

Nominations were made for NFHS boys' track and boys' cross country coaches were made.

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### **Discussion Items**

Dick Washburn brought up and discussion was held on designing new Pentathlon medals. This will be discussed more in the fall.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 2:19.

Rod Smith  
IATC Secretary