



## **IATC Spring Meeting** **Saturday, May 29, 2010** **N.E. Elementary** **Ankeny, IA**

Al Neppel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., with 34 members and guests (7 IATO and Mike Dick) present.

Al welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and dedicating their time to the organization on a holiday weekend. Al outlined the format for trying to get through as much as possible on a lengthy agenda. Introductions were made.

Mike Dick (IGHSAU) was present and addressed the organization on behalf of both the IHSGAU & IHSAA. (John Overton will be taking over for Mike as the Track & Field/Cross Country contact at the IGHSAU.)

- Track  
Discussed rules – hair apparel, uniforms, jewelry.  
Discussed Jr. Hi. shot – it is 4K, same as H. S. girls.  
Next year all District/Regional meets will be held on Thursday, with Friday as a rain date.  
The 2 organizations are thinking of requiring FAT timing for all Dist./Reg. meets. This met with much support.  
Explained some of the problems with making entries for Dist./Reg. meets and for getting results in.  
Talked about qualifying methods and this will be discussed further at the advisory meeting in June.
- Cross Country  
There will be a charge of \$10.00 per car at the state meet in Fort Dodge.
- Next year boys' and girls' track and cross country will award 3 team trophies for each class. Schools can buy a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy for past years if they desire.
- Mike opened it up for questions and discussion.

The minutes of the last meeting were looked over and a motion was made (D Anderson) and 2nded (T Thomas) to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Voted on IATO officials.

Al reported on email responses from Dist/Reg meets.

Bill Neal gave the treasurer's report and the membership report (membership is down slightly – due to shared programs). A motion was made (Roth) and 2nded (Bussan) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Voted on "Hall of Fame" selections.

Did state and regional “Coach of the Year” selections for all classes in track.  
Broke for lunch provided by Walmart. Thanks to Lou Peverill for going and picking it up.

Did voting for “Assistant Track Coach of the Year”.  
Did voting for “Junior High Track Coach of the Year”.

### **Committee Reports**

Dick Washburn reported on the website.

Kirk Schmaltz reported on the Track All-State selections. They are posted on the website.

Al Neppel reported for Barb Moates on the Academic All-State awards. Peggy Steva will be taking this over.

Mitch Anderson reported on the 25 Year awards. There were 16 coaches honored. Also, John Sleeten and Jim Duea were honored for 50+ years of service.

Aaron and Tim Thomas and Mary Madsen reported on the Mike Henderson Middle School meets. There were over 700 boys and over 1300 girls participating. There was some discussion on how to make them more efficient. Also, discussed the classing of the meets. No changes were made at this time.

Al Neppel reported on the State Pentathlon meet. It was held at Valley West Des Moines. Not sure of the future site.

Tim Thomas reported on the “Hall of Fame” selections.

Kirk Schmaltz reported on the “Hall of Fame” banquet. They are still looking for a site for the clinic and banquet.

Al Neppel reported on the IATC awards. We have some unclaimed from last year, and since we did not put names on the plaques, we will use them again this year and save on expenses.

Dick Washburn reported on the Senior Spotlight Track Meet. It will be held again in Plattville, WI. There are several very talented athletes signed up to compete.

Tony Bussan reported on the All-Star CC meet. It will be held again in Ames.

Advisory CC Committee – nothing to report.

Advisory Track Committee – will meet in June.

Mary Madsen reported on the Washburn Jr Hi CC Classic. It will be held in Seydel.

Dick Washburn reported that information on the Distance Running Clinic will be posted on the website.

Was discussed whether to keep the College Liaison. No action was taken.

Al Neppel and Dick Washburn reported on the State CC Rankings. There was some discussion on this and some request for help in checking head-to-head competition, and for the need for meet results to be turned into the website.

Al Neppel reported on the Drake Relays Hospitality room provided by the IATC.

### **New Business**

Nominations for NHSACA Coach of the Year were made. Nominees were: David Hutchcroft – girls' track; Steve Roth – boys' track; Lowell Lyngas – girls' CC; Davis Eidahl – boys' CC.

NFHS Coach of the Year nominations were made. Nominees were: John Sletten and Davis Eidahl.

Brian Martz gave a very informative presentation on power rankings for track and field. This could be used to report out team rankings during the season based on team strengths. There were questions and discussion. This will be discussed and a possible decision made at the fall meeting.

Al Neppel stated that the site of the fall meeting may be moved. The site will be posted on the website later.

Tim Thomas made a presentation for a possible LaVerne Kloster Memorial Scholarship. There was some discussion. A committee will be set up to make recommendations. It was tabled until the fall meeting.

Tim Thomas reported on criteria for selecting Hall of Fame nominees. That committee had discussed them and came up with some new guidelines (Service Award will be called the "LaVerne Kloster Service Award). A motion was made (Hendersen) and 2nded (Bussan) to approve the committees recommendations. Motion passed.

There was more discussion of the State CC rankings.

It was decided the official name of the Mike Henderson meet will be: the IATC Mike Henderson Middle School Track and Field Meet.

Bill Neal made a motion to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:36.

Rod Smith  
IATC Secretary