

General Meeting

2/06/20

Meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:14 pm

Walt Olson introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Todd Briggs, the new President of the Shore Track Coaches Assoc.

Todd is looking to improve communications with officials, with the goal to have all meets run smoothly a major priority. Todd's email address is Tbriggs24@hotmail.com Please do not hesitate to contact him with any concerns you may have.

In regards to the snafu regarding payments that occurred during Cross Country Season, Todd has decided to just let any double payments that went thru, instead of trying to take away money from indoor season to payback the overpayment.

The first check went out for payment of the first few Shore Coaches meets, Todd apologized for not making notes in regards to the dates and which meets we were being paid for. He will correct this in the future.

The fee structure for the Shore Coaches is posted on our web page, if any official has a question as to their payment.

W-9 is new this year for Shore Coaches, Jim McMillan had the forms available for all to fill out.

Todd congratulated Bob Petruski on being voted into the Shore Track Coaches Hall of Fame.

Todd reiterated the importance of all officials being professional and watching what they are saying while working meets. We are not here for the money, here for the kids! It was brought to his attention by some Coaches, that they are hearing some complaining by officials

regarding time spent at meets (some officials being finished earlier than others but making the same pay), meets are not the time or the place for this.

There was a concern at a meet regarding the wearing of large hoop earrings by a Shot Put thrower. Although the jewelry rule says that only watches cannot be worn, if an item is deemed a safety issue, it should be brought to the attention of the coach and a decision made as to whether to have his/her athlete remove said piece of jewelry.

Jay Demarest :

Once again there was a discussion how school districts are going to bigger Divisional Meets, as opposed to Dual Meets in the Spring, which is a reason that we will not be getting as many assignments during Spring season.

Fees for the Spring are: 2 Teams \$80 - 3 carded Officials

3 Teams \$92 - 4 carded Officials

4 Teams \$115 - 5 carded Officials

With the amount of carded officials available, coaches need to make sure there is enough help, so that the meets can run smoothly.

We are in need of starters, schools do not want to reimburse for shells, Jay is trying to get them to give starters a little more money to cover some of the cost.

Make sure you go in early and put in any blocks for days that you know you will not be able to work in the upcoming season. It's very difficult once assignments are arranged to have to go back in and change things.

Jim McMillan: The Shore Coaches meets are Monmouth County Relays, Ocean County Relays, Monmouth County Championships, Ocean County Championships

Make sure you check in, check out with the Meet Referee at each meet. Do not just leave when you finish your assignment.

Walt Olson brought up the issue regarding meeting attendance and how the Executive Board voted in regards to those who did not fulfill their obligation. We have let it go this time, but will not the next.

Everyone needs to be responsible to fulfill all their obligations.

The test will, once again, open on March 1st and remain open until March 31st. Make sure you get on and complete it.

Walt informed everyone about the nomination process for Official of the Year and the two positions up for re-election. Carol Harrison will be accepting anyone's nominations.

John MacGuillvray introduced us to the new cadets in attendance.

There were 11 cadets in this class, all passed. They have shadowed a few of us during indoor season.

Janet Laing Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance \$6,987.06

Deposits of \$10 & \$2,690 (patches and dues). Paper statement fee, \$5.00, Closing Balance \$9,682.06

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, motion accepted by Phil Beesley and second by Mark Mellea