

Rules Interpretation Meeting

March 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by President Tracy Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Walt Olson, our outgoing President, thanked everyone for making the effort to attend this meeting, felt good to have an in-person meeting.

Janet Laing-Treasurer's Report

Account Balance - \$6,316.48. There are no expenses, we are no longer paying an Assignors stipend. Individuals who have not paid dues and are not in good standing, have been notified of their status. Motion to accept - all in favor - yes.

Janet Laing put together a flyer which lists the necessary items each official should have with them when working meets. It is very important to come to the meets prepared, not only for your event, but all events in case you are moved to a different event than originally scheduled for. The brochure will be on our website for anyone that needs to download and print it.

Some necessary items you should always have on you include: tapes (different lengths for different events, chalk, scissors, rubber bands, a stopwatch (your phone is not to be used as a timing device), binder clips, rain gear, clipboards. Various poles needed

for long/triple jumps, javelin, discus, shot put and poles to assist when resetting the bar in the pole vault.

Starter/Referee should also make sure they have plenty of shells, more than 1 gun, cleaning supplies for your gun to avoid jamming. The most important thing to have on you at all times is your Rule Book. Make sure if you have any questions regarding your assignment, you review the rule book before the meet starts.

Barbara Banks - discussed the appropriate uniform that is to be worn when working meets; navy blue pants (not black), NJSIAA shirt, NJSIAA hat, black shoes/sneakers. If we expect the athletes to follow the uniform rule, we too must follow the rules. At one point in time our Chapter was considered the best of the bunch, that is no longer the case and some officials have been spoken to, especially when working State meets.

Marc Johnson, our Rules Interpretor, discussed some of the rule changes for this year.

Pg. 2 Rule changes for this year, grey border indicates rule change.

Pgs. 75-77 Points of Emphasis, in case you need clarity.

Marc handed out handout with all the rule changes and their clarification.

There will be no runbacks for Javelin, Pole Vault, all horizontal jumps during warm ups, runbacks for high jump are still allowed. Exchange zone has been extended 10 meters.

Umpires need to hold up white flag when athletes are all in place, this allows meet to run smoothly.

If a school record is on the line, a steel tape must be used for measurement. Meet will be stopped in order to locate a steel tape if the official does not have one.

Electronic devices can be used by coaches in an unrestricted area and in the coaches box.

In regards to adaptive athletes, they must run in lanes, a whistle may be used instead of a gun, no disqualifications.

Marc announced that this is his last year as Rules Interpretor, it was voted upon at the Exective Board meeting on March 3, 2022, that Michael Petruski will be our new Rules Interpretor.

In regards to payment of State Dues for both active and inactive officials, these dues are paid directly to the state via the NJSIAA website.

Chapter dues are paid to Janet Laing, there are still some individuals who owe chapter dues.

NJSIAA will communicate with Zebraweb when state dues are paid and it will be recorded on zebraweb that you have paid. If anyone has an issue, Austin from Zebraweb is a very good source for help.

Dues for the Fall (Cross Country) will probably be opened for payment somewhere around April 15th.

The concussion course is to be taken after July 1st and should be

completed by August 31st if an individual wants to work the Cross Country season.

Carol Harrison announced the results of our elections:

2nd VP is Pete Panuska

State Board members are: Joe Gomulka

Chris Neibling

Barbara Banks

Executive Board members are: Frank Vento

Grace Goble

Brian Roche

Official of the Year: Bob Petruski

Cadet Instructors: Carol Harrison

Grace Goble

25 Year Award: Joe Gomulka

Tracy discussed the remaining meetings, we are planning to have a meeting in April to replace the meeting that was cancelled in February. The May meeting will be held on the original date, meetings dates are on the website. All officials must attend 3 meeting, one of which is the Rules Interpretation Meeting, any official not meeting this obligation, will not be in good standing and will not receive assignments next year. If for some reason you

cannot attend one of our meetings, you always have the option to find another chapter's meeting and attend there but you are obligated to get written proof from the chapter as to date of the meeting you attended and hand in to Lynn Hallenbeck. Also any official who has received meet assignments for this upcoming Spring season but are not in good standing, will have those meets revoked.

Tracy adjourned the meeting at 10:04 am.