

General Meeting

May 2, 2022

The meeting was opened at 7:06 pm by Tracy Taylor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report by Janet Laing - very few transactions this month
Balance: \$6,306.53. If anyone has any questions about their accounts, they can email Janet.

Motion to accept, Mary Babich, 2nd, Linda Mango, unanimously accepted.

Tracy brought up discussion regarding Dual Meets for the remainder of the year. There are to be only 5 athletes per event, NO MORE, that is all we are getting paid for, if a school tries to put more than 5, do not start the event. The Executive Board had a length discussion regarding the possibility of either adding JV events after the varsity meet concludes or possibly having schools hold JV meets separately. The board unanimously decided to hold off on any decisions for this year and to meet with the AD's to discuss how to proceed for next year.

"A South" AD's had apparently petitioned the NJSIAA to run more than 5 athletes, was given the go ahead by the NJSIAA but was told that they needed to speak to the Official's Association, since they may have a problem. They did not notify the officials and just decided to add the additional athletes. We are actually getting paid less than we have in the past for regular dual meets, and these additional heats are causing meets to run extremely long, especially since some of these meets are not starting

now until 5 and 6 o'clock. So for the rest of this season, 5 athletes.

State registration has opened up for the 2022-2023 school year. The fee is \$65 for your first sport, \$35 for each additional sport and \$10 for a background check.

Concussion tests do not open up for the next school year until July 1st, do not take your concussion course before then, or you will be forced to take it again. If you plan on working XC, it would be advisable to complete your concussion course by 8/31, so that you have all the necessary paperwork in for Good Standing status.

The State is no longer allowing "Inactive" Status. There were problems with people who had been inactive for one season, then chose to work a season without having background checks done and were found to have been someone who wouldn't have passed a background check and were working around children.

Meeting Dates for next year are as follows:

Thursday	September 15th
Wednesday	November 16th
Tuesday	January 24th (snow date January 31st)
Saturday	March 11th - MANDATORY Rules Interpretation
Monday	May 8th

We will be going back to alternating our meetings between Monmouth

County and Ocean County, with Monmouth Regional High School being a possible site. Kevin Dee also offered Howell High School. The Toms River Bubble will be the meeting site for Ocean County meetings.

Carol Harrison spoke about the upcoming Cadet Class, The class will be held on Tuesdays starting May 31st and ending July 5th at Donovan Catholic High School. There will be a $\frac{1}{2}$ hr indoor class, followed by hands on clinics on the track. Carol has athletes coming to demonstrate various events.

Tracy spoke about our need to get more officials to our Chapter. We have lost some due to Covid, people just don't want to be around so many people. We will be handing out fliers at upcoming invitationals but if anyone knows anyone interested in attending the Cadet class, pass their names to either Carol Harrison or Grace Goble.

The fee for the Cadet class is \$100, which includes their Chapter Dues and a Rule Book. They will have to pay the State dues.

The Sportsmanship Statement must be read at each meet to every athlete. It is shorter this year and it was put together by Student Ambassadors from each school.

The Assignors for the upcoming year are:

Dual Meets	Joe Gomulka and Paul Kane
Invitationals	Lynn Hallenbeck

These 3 officials will be working together, we will no longer be utilizing

Arbiter, all assignments will be through Zebraweb.

Bob Petruski, the Meet Referee for the Ocean County Relays, mentioned that Scott Baker will be making a decision on the possibility of rescheduling the meet due to the forecast of heavy rains for Friday. He will be looking at Monday as a date.

The Sectional Meets will be held June 3rd and 4th. If you are interested in working, contact either Kevin Dee or Sean Dowd, Meet Referees for the Howell and Middletown North sites. In the past, you must be available to work both days.

Motion to adjourn by Janet Laing at 7:27 pm, 2nd by Sandy Gaston, unanimously accepted.