

General Meeting
September 27, 2021

The meeting was opened at 7:04 pm by Walt Olson, Pledge of Allegiance was said. Walt also thanked Bob Petuski for securing the bubble for the meeting.

Walt stated that the meeting would mostly relate to our Chapter and the NJSIAA; there was a lot of confusion when officials tried to register, not sure what the NJSIAA is paying for us. Confusion regarding the status of active (registereed, dues paid, concussion course taken and written test taken). Walt was also told that if an official was working a meet who did not meet good standing criteria, that official would be suspended.

Reminder to all officials with outstanding concussion courses, please take course ASAP and submit copy of certificate to Lynn Hallenbeck.

Walt introduced Janet Laing to give updates regarding Zebraweb, NJSIAA and the Budget.

Janet reiterated that if an official is looking on Zebraweb for their concussion course completion, it will not be there, they are not keeping track of that. Please send your copy to Lynn and we will add it to our spreadsheet and manually enter into Zebraweb.

The NJSIAA is dividing our sport this year into 2 sports: XC and Winter/Spring. You will pay \$55 for your first sport and 35 for each additional sport, plus you will pay the \$10 background check. There is some talk that next year we will be paying for 3 separate sports. The registration fees and the background check are monitored on Zebraweb. If anyone has

any questions regarding their status on Zebraweb, you should contact Tawanda or Jennifer of the NJSIAA.

Budget:

The budget was based on 70 officials listed in good standing. There is an unknown regarding what the state is paying, and our total expenses.

We did convene a Finance Committee to discuss upcoming dues.

Last year we did have a reserve which allowed us to not charge Chapter dues; some of the expenses that we know we will have are:

Payment for annual report	\$50
Assessment fee to state	\$220
Arbiter	\$300

Some expense that can occur include: Awards, Bank Service Charge Insurance, Rule Books, Website expenses, Cadet Instructor

Budget for expenses:	\$1864
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The Balance in our account is \$4068.92, one major expense paid was Insurance for \$533.30.

Finance committee decided to eliminate the assignors stipend a \$5, as we have done in the past. At the end of each season, each official will get a bill for the meets that they have worked. You can always cross check with Arbiter. If for some reason you cannot work a meet and get a replacement, it is your responsibility to notify the assignor that you are not working that meet. If you send a check and it bounces, you will be assessed a \$30 fee, if you do not pay on time, you will be assessed a \$30 late fee. Assignors are not going to be tracking down officials for payment. State meets will not be

included in this assessment.

Our chapter dues will be:

Active	\$27
Inactive	\$10

This new assignor payment schedule will be in effect for the next 3 years, at that time we will reevaluate it.

Jay Demarest went over the meet fee for XC, \$77, \$10 add'l for starters.

John McGillvary, the Cadet Instructor, was very pleased to hold the course outdoors on a track for a hands on experience. He thanked Monmouth Regional for allowing us to use their facility.

Tracey Taylor reminded all officials that you need attendance at 3 meetings, Rules Interpretation being mandatory, to remain in good standing. This year we will be holding everyone accountable, the last two years we have let officials slide who did not meet this criteria, **NOT THIS YEAR!** The list of meetings is listed on our Track Officials page.

This year at some XC meets they are using chips, either on the bibs or on the shoes, officials working in the chute are responsible to ushering athletes forward away from the timing mat. If an athlete stops on the mat, the timing system just keeps reading that athletes chip and it screws up the order of finish.

It was brought to our attention that Tony Maselli will be enforcing the reading of the Sportsmanship Code before every race. Either Clerks or

Starters can read the code, but it must be read by a carded official. If Tony catches it not being read, responsible persons will not work in the future, Tony's words.

Kevin Dee suggested that the code be read at Invitational Meets after the National Anthem is played. Should take about 3 mins to read.

The motion to adjourn was asked by Walt at 8:10, Accepted by Paul Kane 2nd by Barbara Banks.