

MSTCA Executive Committee Meeting

April 25, 2021 - 7:00 PM

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Attendance: Jim Hoar, Christopher Gardner, Bill Jennings, Frank Mooney, Lou Tozzi, Mike Glennon, Chris Van Cott, Fred Doyle, Bob L'Homme, Mike Budd, Charlie Butterfield, Charlie O'Rourke, Chris Gardner, Conor Cashman, James Fletcher, Jayson Sylvain, Jeremy Nute, Bill Babcock, Joe LeMar, John Boyle, John Finn, John Griffith, Kent Taylor, Len Harmon, Linda Rowbotham, Matt Curran, Matt Griffin, Matt Carr, Mike Miller, Mike O'Malley, Sotirios Pintzopoulos, Steve Nugent, Rick Kates

Agenda

1. Review of [April 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

- I. Motion to accept (Jim Hoar) approved unanimously.

2. Seasonal Directors Update - Lou

- I. Butter, O'Rourke, Jennings, Monz, & Tozzi conducted interviews via Zoom. Voting was unanimous. James Fletcher for XC Seasonal Director and Matthew Carr for Indoor Seasonal Director.
- II. The next position we will fill is the Spring Seasonal Director in the early fall.

3. Director of Special Events

- I. Position is NOT YET FILLED. Lou Tozzi is not a candidate for the position. They will set up an interview process similar to that of the seasonal directors.
- II. Secretary - we had no volunteers between the last meeting and this meeting. Lou Tozzi proposes we advertise for this position. Mr. Glennon states it is a bylaws elected position. Len Harmon says he would serve as secretary until the next election (in June). Rick Kates makes the motion to have Len Harmon become the interim secretary. Seconded by Mr. Glennon. Motion carries.

4. Western Mass Fr/So Meet Proposal - Bill K.

- I. For 2022. This would be a year from now. Mr. Hoar says he just wanted to inform everyone. Mike Budd says they have wanted to do a developmental meet for some time now. Traditionally this would happen first weekend in May as it coincides with the SAT's.

5. Fall - 2 Meets @ West Bridgewater - Jayson

- I. Jay states the second meet was much colder but still successful despite the weather.
- II. The intent of the meets was to provide a Fall-2 opportunity for athletes from around the state to compete at a potentially high level. To this regard, the meets were a huge success. Final financial reports will be forthcoming.

6. EEA Update - Rick

- I. EEA is meeting again and trying to tie in with the governor's next announcement. Hopefully by the end of this next week. MIAA postponed their meeting this week as well. We are in a holding pattern until EEA comes out with their proposal.

7. MSTCA Outdoor 2021 Schedule - Mike M.

a. Relays

- I. Group met on Wednesday to review (Miller, Sylvain, Carr, Tilden, Curran, & Gardner)
- II. Quite a few changes to the Relays (see attached UPDATED document)
- III. We would have a time schedule prepared to send to coaches & teams.
- IV. Fallback plan is to combine genders if low entry numbers in either gender at a site. Not ideal but possible. Will attempt to minimize impact on schedules/days competing. Contingent on available sites, officials and assistance.
- V. Mike Miller says they are expecting 250-300 athletes in the morning (12-15 teams) and 250-300 athletes in the afternoon (12-15 teams).
- VI. Lou Tozzi asks about sites. The only site we have confirmed is Gordon College. Mr. Miller says we have 5 other sites that we have had discussions with. They also have some backup plans.

b. Spring Invitationals

- I. Mike Miller discusses Invitationals. See attached above by clicking the link. Standards will be readdressed going forward. On Saturday there will be SAT's for MANY. There will also be graduation conflicts as well. Schools can elect to participate on Saturday OR Sunday. Mr. Boyle asked

if athletes would be able to compete on both days to be able to qualify for States? Mr. Miller stated athletes can most definitely do both dates. Athletes can compete on both days if they want.

c. Finances

- I. Jay Sylvain discusses finances for the relays. See attached spreadsheet above by clicking the link. Discussion revolved around costs associated with officials, equipment porta johns at the meet. Mr. Sylvain indicated that conservative budgeting/anticipated entries would result in slight profit. If less than anticipated show up, close to break even.
- II. Plan is to create a single payment form for the Spring. Coaches should be encouraged to talk to ADs about purchase orders for MSTCA meets
- III. Mike Miller motioned to pass the Relays and Invitational Meet and go ahead with the planning.. Chris Van Cott seconded the motion. Motion passed with no objections

8. MSTCA Coaches Hall of Fame Ballots - Lou & Kent

- I. Reminder to please send your votes to Kent Taylor. 17 people have voted already. Will report out results at the next executive committee meeting. Deadline is Wednesday, April 28th. Lou Tozzi reminded participants about names of those who are to be voting. Charlie O'Rourke provided supplementary information about one of the candidates. Lou Tozzi provided a refresher about the process for all candidates.

9. New Business

- I. Reggie Lewis Center: Frank Mooney gave an update regarding Reggie Lewis Center relationship and ongoing challenges related to administration.
- II. Diversity Committee: Matt Griffin speaks about their meeting they had on Thursday. They had about 7 people attend. Matt provided meeting notes [HERE](#).
- III. Pole Vault Certifications: Rick Kates provided Kent Taylor with information about a certification clinic with Coach Lang. Clinic to be held Wednesday, April 28th on Zoom. Kent will send a message out to membership. MSTCA Members are FREE. Non-Members will be charged \$25.

- IV. Special Events Position: Motion: Mike Glennon: We should post the Special Events Coordinator and Director of Outdoor positions as soon as possible. Fletcher Seconded. Discussion about what positions need to be interviewed for soon and whether Outdoor Coordinator positions should be included together for interviews as soon as possible. Motion passed without objection. Posting would be June 1st for both positions.
- V. Next Meeting Date: Discussion about general membership meeting requirements for NonProfits. State has relaxed the standard due to COVID-19 restrictions. Discussion about frequent communication and awareness about MSTCA and its activities.
- VI. JUNE MEETING (for voting): Sunday, June 13th at 7:00. NO MAY MEETING unless updates needed based on state guideline updates.**
 - 1. Voting for several Executive Committee positions to be voted on via Google Docs. Rick Kates to coordinate, nominations need to be provided to Rick Kates.**
- VII. PPE Loan: First loan forgiven. Second loan approved for \$31,000.00, per Jayson Sylvain.