

NJSIAA Spring Committee Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2017

9:30am

Robbinsville, NJ

Mr. Bruno welcomed the committee members and asked each of the members present to introduce themselves. Mr. Bruno thanked the site directors and the host school administrations for hosting the 8 sectional, two group and the Meet of Champions at their sites. Tremendous undertaking to do so. Mr. Bruno also thanked the officials for another outstanding spring championship season.

Points of interest/major concerns covering in the 3 hour meeting. In addition, the committee also reviewed and discussed 21 email correspondences.

- Future Site for the spring of 2018-2019—Request for Proposals will be posted On the NJSIAA website by June 22nd 2017
- Pole Label Issue—Mr. Bruno will be attending the NFHS Summer Convention June 28th thru July 2nd and will present this issue to the national track committee.
- Conversions for the mile/two mile—approved for 2018
- Use of Indoor Times—for seeding spring meets--one year pilot approved—Times must be achieved during the 2017-2018 indoor season on a regulation 200 meter track.
- Ties in seeding for 8th place—committee voted to have the two competitors to Run head to head in the next fastest heat.
- Wheel Chair Implements—NJSIAA will purchase the throwing implements for the Shot, Discus and Javelin events.
- Wheel Chair and Unified Events will remain as is for the spring of 2018.
- All Sectional Meets will follow the same procedures.
- Medals—no engraving of the year was approved.
- Podium ceremony for awards was discussed. Mr. Bruno will chair a sub-committee for this.
- Regulations and Rules will be further reduced, cleaned up and language clarified. This will include the check in procedure for coaches!
- Change the Team Scoring based on 8 places (10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1)
Mr. Bruno will discuss this at both the National Convention as well as with The general membership of the track community thru a survey.
- Committee approved the following:
For substitution of any athlete ENTERED Into the meet, in any event, beginning with the sectionals to be used ONLY on A RELAY!!

Names of athletes substituting for the original 8 listed must be supplied to the data entry person by the (DAY) prior to the next round of competition. For example, the Wednesday before the Groups and MOC. Athletes MUST already have been entered in something by the sectional meet. For example a coach can enter up to 6 names in the 100 meter dash. Only 3 can compete, but the six names become part of his entry, thus any ONE of these six, Even though he/she may not have competed, may act as a replacement for any member of ANY RELAY., because they were initially entered into the meet beginning with the sectional.

- The committee also approved that entries will close on the Tuesday before the Sectionals by NOON!!! (Tuesday 5/22/18)
 - Dates for the Spring 2018 are:
 - Sectionals—Friday 5/25/18, Saturday 5/26/18
 - Groups Friday 6/1/18, Saturday 6/2/18
 - MOC Saturday 6/9/18
- All Sites are under review pending the RFP process!

The Committee also agreed to form sub-committees to tackle two current Themes:

- 1) Committee members “generally” agreed that the current state of the MOC Runs too long. The committee will review and explore several possibilities:
 - a) Going to a Two Day Meet
 - b) Eliminating events or reducing the # of competitors in those events
 - c) Re-structuring the order of event-
 - d) Reducing the number of qualifiers
 - e) Altering how the athletes qualify (place, best times, etc.)

- 2) A subcommittee will convene this summer to explore non-public schools Participation in the state track meets with the possible alternatives to the current format that may include:
 - a) Having their own mid-week sectional championship
 - b) Eliminate the sectional and start at the GROUP Level and include With the public schools with A and B at separate sites
 - c) Having a separate NON-PUBLIC Group Meet.

Additional Comments:

Media Input:

Mr. Elliott Denman, estimated writer for the Asbury Park Press presented some interesting thoughts:

- 1) XC MOC—invite back alumni for a race prior to the HS Championships at Holmdel Park
Mr. Bruno will investigate this with the Monmouth County Parks and report back.
- 2) Spring Track-An Alumni Invitational Mile at the MOC. Sub-committee will review this.
- 3) Clinics during the winter for field events

Mr. Paul Schwartz is going to spearhead an effort to gather our XC, Winter and Spring Track Records.

XC DATES and Sites for the Fall of 2017:

Sectionals: 11/4/17 Delsea HS, Thompson Park, Greystone, Garrett Mt.

Groups: 11/11/17 Holmdel Park

MOC: 11/18/17 Holmdel Park

Times and Rotation to be included in the XC Rules and Regulations: Should be on line by 8/1/17

Members of the 2017 Spring Track Committee in attendance.

Tom Mason, Pam Willson, Len Pietrewicz, Bill Milone, Robert Zifchak, Leon Owen, Mike Jordan, Chris Threston, Scott Noonan, Elliott Denman, Paul Schwartz, Mike McCabe, Rich Refi, Bob Byrnes, Joh Schwartz, John Tonerio, Matt Joyce, Steve Gazdek, Lou Fraulo, Ed Colona, Carl Rickershauser, Fred Swartz, Al Stumpf, Bill Bruno