

WISTCA MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 13th - 5:00 pm

Virtual [Google Meet Link](#)



Start time: 5:00 PM

Members Present: Chrisie Wright, Owen Jarrette, Ryan Ewing, Mike Price, Mark Hoffman, Kari Krakow, Nadine Rovang, Ted Schermetzler, Jon Schwantz, John Dewitt, Lauren Waller, Matt Wanie, Randy Skellenger, Joel Block, Randy Skellenger, Jerome Missian, Mark Ekiss

1. **Call meeting to order-** President Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
2. **Review [March 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)** - Approved by Mark Hoffman, seconded by Ryan Ewing. These minutes have been posted on the WISTCA website.
3. **Financial Report- Mark Hoffman**
 - a. Mark provided us a report that did not include the Freshman Championships. This was the balance at the end of May 2024. Last year in May of 2023 we were at \$44,417.46. At the end of May 2024 \$53,531.41. At that moment we are \$9,113.95 ahead.
 - b. Mark would like to have a meeting in August to discuss a restructure of the clinic fees.
 - c. Freshman Meet:
 - i. 423 athletes competing (largest meet).
 - ii. The only thing we do not have accounted for is the payment for the gate via credit card. It is currently in the Arrowhead track account.

Category	Recipient/Description	Debit	Credit
Awards	Competitor Awards & Engraving	\$ 1,200.00	
Honorarium	Kerry Harrison	\$ 1,000.00	
Insurance	Loomis & LaPann	\$ 310.50	
Officials	Officials Stipends	\$ 770.00	
Meals	Worker Meals	\$ 120.00	
Workers	Ticket Taker	\$ 110.00	
T-Shirts	Mid-City Sales	\$ 1,380.00	
Timing	Trackside Timing	\$ 1,526.40	
Trainer	Go4	\$ 440.62	
Deposit	Milesplit		\$ 4,965.00
Deposit	Admissions (Credit Card via Arrowhead Track)		
Deposit	Admissions (Cash)		\$ 1,686.00
Deposit	T-Shirts (Cash/Venmo)		\$ 1,700.00
	Total Debits	\$ 6,857.52	
	Total Credits		\$ 8,351.00
	Net		\$ 1,493.48

4. Freshman Meet -

- a. Lots of great things happened this year in 2024.
- b. However, can we get more assistance from our members as it relates to helping run the meet? Arrowhead is getting burned out.
- c. Randy - can we put out a sign up sheet to our membership during the season?

5. All-State List- Owen

- a. [2024 All-State Track & Field Athletes](#)
 - i. This has been posted on the website and sent out via email (with the PowerRankings email).

6. Athletes of the Year- Owen

- a. [Athlete of the Year Nominations](#)
 - i. Female: Elletta Uddin (Osceola)
 - ii. Male: Ben Smith (Hortonville)
 - iii. Female Wheelchair: Megan Egstad (Sun Prairie East)
 - iv. Male Wheelchair: Gianni Quintero (Marquette)

7. Coaches Advisory

- a. State Meet Schedule
 - i. Lots of eyes were on the schedule prior to it being posted and it was never caught in terms of the mistakes. Moving forward the 2025 and 2026 schedule will be posted well in advance to ensure it does not happen again. This will be discussed at coaches advisory.
- b. Wheelchair
 - i. Dennis Meyer - I think it makes more sense to have the wheelchair athletes compete with D1 instead of D2/D3. Otherwise they have to wait for 6 flights of shot before they compete or 6 heats of the 800. It seems to make more sense on Friday for them to compete in the shot and 800. This will be discussed at coaches advisory.
- c. Regional & Sectional Dates
 - i. It was stated that having 48 regionals on the same date in Wisconsin is not sustainable.
- d. Wheelchair division events-qualifying standards
 - i. Some points:
 - 1. In Wisconsin we do more than the GLASA organization would. They expect athletes to do what able bodied athletes do (lanes next to each other, etc.)

2. Ryan - if we are looking at the wheelchair, we should look at paralympics as well. Athletes that wear blades for example, should be considered.
3. Mark - coaches are concerned about the varying differences between athlete ability. In the male 1600, there have been athletes that have lapped other athletes, which is a safety situation, especially on the corners.
4. Jerome - create heats with cut off times -- thus all get to compete, but it would be a safer situation --- their qualifying times will place them in the correct heat.

e. Use of EDM

- i. Ryan - Pull tape. It isn't faster to use EDM.
- ii. Mike - echos Ryan
- iii. Nadine - WIAA purchased the EDM equipment.
- iv. Jerome - Lacrosse athletes can pull the tape -- while event official reads the tape
- v. Nadine - my son-in-law worked triple and he said it was faster using tape and at one point he stopped the event and said it wasn't right.

f. Tie-breaking standards for team championships

- i. Coaches Relay? (Ryan Ewing)
- ii. Coaches DMR? (John Dewitt)
- iii. Keep it (Mark Hoffman, Jerome)

8. Tournament Series Ad- Hoc Committee- Mark E., Mark H. Ted, Randy, Nadine, Joel, Chrisie. *Mark Ekiss-Chairperson*

- a. As a means to address the wishes of our membership as indicated by our survey to get the most deserving athletes to the state meet while maintaining geographical representation, the WISTCA State Qualifying Committee would like to recommend the following: "Expand the extra qualifying standard to 10th best sectional performance in each event in each division." The committee feels we have not addressed all of the issues surrounding qualifying for the state meet with this proposal. We would like to continue our work and continue to discuss these issues with our membership. With additional time, we feel we can arrive at an even better solution to ensure that we can get the best athletes at state while still maintaining geographical representation.

9. Diversity Rep Update- Mike Jones

- a. No news at this time.

10. Officials Rep Report- Dennis

- a. Some regionals only had two officials.
- b. Pay was increased a little bit this year
- c. At the state meet they tried to improve the awards scene.

11. Scholarship Committee- John M.

- a. No updates at this time

12. Women4women - Kari

- a. No updates at this time

13. Academic All State - Kari

- a. All State, Conference Championships and Academic All State Certificates have been updated with Christie's name and posted on the website.

14. Freshman Meet Results- Geoff/Mark H.

- a. This has been posted on the website.

15. Hall of Fame- Joe Hackbarth

- a. No updates at this time

16. USATF/USTFCCCA Convention-

- a. Mark - hopefully we can get back to sending more people if we are in a better financial position. We need to take advantage of that.

17. Think about the clinic; speakers, etc.

- a. Mark - event chairs should start making contacts now. We need more female clinicians.

18. Other?

19. Next Meeting Date- November 10, 10:00AM WIAA Office

20. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM by Mike Price and seconded by Mark Hoffman.