

WISTCA MEETING MINUTES

Sunday Nov.12, 2023-10:00 am



Members Present: Mike Price, Chrisie Wright, Mark Hoffman, Lauren Waller, Matt Buchman, Matt Wanie, Owen Jarrette, Ted Schermetzler, James Houdek, Kari Krakow, Randy Skellenger, Dennis Meyer, John Dewitt, Nadine Rovang, Mark Ekiss, Joel Block, Ryan Ewing

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89112994646>

Start time:

Members Present:

1. **Call meeting to order-** Meeting was called to order by President Mike Price at 10:04 AM.
2. **Review June 2023 Meeting Minutes** - Dennis Meyer approved the minutes, John Dewitt seconded it.
3. **Financial Report- Mark Hoffman** - Bottom line, the clinic fee will increase by \$10 a person for the 2024 clinic. The presentation of the financial report for October which includes our action plan can be found [HERE](#).
4. **WIAA Update/Coaches Advisory- Melissa Gehring**
 - a. We should work as a group to create wording on anything that we want to bring to the advisory board.
 - b. Eliminate the 200 preliminary races in ALL divisions.
 - i. 100M B/G, then the 100/110M Hurdles; break, then Hurdles followed by the 100M dash.
 - c. No switching of field events (keeping things consistent); same as division 1.
 - d. Medals discussion did not make it to the board. Not a cost issue, it is defeated because all sports (except cross country) only place 6 places. They want to look at it across the board in all sports. Talk with other coaches associations to see what their thoughts are.
 - e. Proposed to keep the 4 events (3:1) ratio Wisconsin adaptation. Can look at this each year.
 - f. Other WIAA Topics:
 - i. Competitive balance will be in place next year but it does not affect track & field. The reason is we don't send "teams" to the state meet.

- ii. Advisory committee asked to create an ad hoc committee to look at season lengths and does the coaching contact days need to be increased (especially for spring sports).
- iii. WIAA Season regulations, we can change editorial changes at any time. Can we make things more clear throughout the season regs document. If you see other things, please make a note and pass them along to Melissa.
- iv. The app at the 2023 state meet did not work as expected. For 2024, coaches can sign up for a new app to get notifications throughout the meet. There will also be a virtual coaches meeting prior to the state meet (which will be recorded).

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

- a. Mission Statement: "To create a fair and equitable qualifying system for the WIAA track and field tournament series ensuring the state meet has both regional representation and the best athletes."
- b. Discussing possible solutions to present:
 - i. What do we need to have ready for the clinic?
- c. Send info to Mark Ekiss on suggestions or talking points for them to look at.

6. Diversity & Inclusion Rep Update- Mike Jones

- a. Looking for a lunch meeting or another meeting to allow a diversity meeting during the clinic.

7. Officials Rep Report- Dennis

- a. Officials roundtable. Jerry, Robert and Dennis started a roundtable out on Monday leading up to the season. The first one is January 22nd. There will be 4 in the series, Melissa sends out communication about these to all officials. These will be recorded and posted on the WISTCA website (per a request from Robert).
- b. Clarification about Jump Offs. The concern is around the last state qualifying spot. It is now in track & field changes for next year.
- c. There are two other meetings (Edgerton and Wausau) for officials outside of the clinic and the Zoom meetings.

8. Bylaws update

- a. Under article F we would like to remove the language regarding all state certificates
 - i. Mark Hoffman made a motion, Chrisie Wright seconded it.
 - ii. The by-laws will be updated and reposted.

9. Scholarship Committee & Fundraising Coordinator- Mike P.

- a. The scholarship has not been discussed since March. Due to our current financial state, we would want to look for donors for this project.

- b. Mike appreciates that not everyone is comfortable asking. District reps / event chairs, please collect 5 items. If you are not able to, please pass along businesses that you think would be willing to donate, and Mike will reach out.

10. President-Elect and District Rep nominations- Mike P.

- a. Odd number district reps are being voted on (1, 3, 5 and 7). Ideally any nominees would have a good understanding of what the position entails prior to being nominated.
- b. The President elect is also up for election this year. How can we get this going ahead of time? Voting will still happen at the clinic, this would be about gathering nominees ahead of time.
 - i. Any nominees needs to be a WISTCA member
 - ii. They would then provide a biography and then at the clinic make an in person statement.
 - iii. Would it generate more interest in others stepping in / stepping up?

11. All-time State Championship project update-Tom

- a. Shep and Mark Rongstead have produced a gigantic file of state champions over the years. It was a labor of love that he put a lot of effort into. Tom and Mike have settled on the top 50 in each event. Tom will work with his IT guy to determine how to work with the formatting.

12. Academic All State Reminder - Kari

- a. Jerome has created and shared the new form. The [website](#) has been updated to and open for nominations.
- b. There are currently 48 athletes that have been nominated.

13. USATF/USTFCCCA-Mark H.

- a. One rep will go to each meeting.
 - i. Mark will go to USATF
 - ii. Chrisie will go to USTFCCCA

14. 2024 Clinic Update-Mark H.

a. Schedule

- i. Things will remain the same this year as it has in the past.
- ii. If you can help Thursday afternoon-all hands on board!
- iii. Friday and Saturday will follow last year's schedule.
- iv. Coaches Tube will be asked to record sessions
- v. Gill-Would like to MC for us instead of a vendor fee. Move him around **Mike Cunningham**

b. Speakers/Clinicians

- i. Sprints & Hurdles covered
- ii. Would like more of our high school coaches. Look at a "headliner" then HS coaches.

- iii. Officials will provide sessions as usual.
- iv. Please get info to Mark soon (if event chairs can make contact, then Mark will talk financially with them).
- v. Keynote-working on it.
- vi. Vendors-increase the fee; need to get them more exposure

c. Folders/Notepads

d. Hotel info

- i. Marriott Feb 6-8 for 2025000000000000000000
- ii. \$128 for rooms
- iii. Vendors cost
- iv. Food always will be going up

e. Sponsorships-Mike P

- i. Middleton Tourism Commission (\$5000)
- ii. Mondo Mental Health (HOF-\$2500)

f. Hall of Fame- Joe Hackbarth

024 Hall of Fame Inductees and Award Winners

| | Honoree | School/Hometown |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Female Athletes | Bonnie Draxler | Wrightstown |
| | Elizzabeth Pospyhalla | Edgar |
| Male Athletes | Howie Zien | Whitefish Bay |
| | Carl Hirsch | Brookfield Central |
| Coaches | Craig Shepard | Gilman |
| | Eric Lueck | Wisconsin Lutheran |
| Officials Award | Jim Steinberg | Oconomowoc |
| Merit Award | DuWayne Gronning | Holmen / De Soto |
| Service Award | Paul Hiegel | South Milwaukee |

g. Reminder:Athletes of the Year- Chrisie

- i. WC Female-Rachel Cleaver Beloit Turner
- ii. WC Male-Gianni Quintero Marquette
- iii. Female-Anna Szepieniec Deforest
- iv. Male-Cade Stingle Shiocton

h. Power Rankings-Matt P. & Marlin

- i. **Women4Women-Kari** The 2024 w4w speaker lineup is starting to come together. Possible speakers (nothing confirmed yet) include Katie Wagener (UW La Crosse), Jade Ploessl (ICR Program Coordinator for

[Women Lead Change](#)), Theresa Ellefson (Osceola), Ali Luedtke (Marshfield)

- j. **SportsYou App-Kari** Kari and Chrisie will be meeting with SportsYou reps this upcoming week (November 13th) to see how we might be able to utilize this platform at our clinic.

15. 2023 Memorial: If anyone is aware of any track coach, athlete, official, fanatic that we lost in 2023, please send it to Kari for the 2023 memorial.

16. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 1st, Madison Marriott West 4:30PM

17. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by at 12:39 Joel Block . It was seconded by Mark Ekiss