

# WCCCA Annual Meeting Minutes

WCCCA Clinic, Embassy Suites, Brookfield, WI

**January 11, 2019**

(Submitting by Andy Lelinski)

- I. Call to Order—Matt Polzin, President
- II. Award Distribution
  - a. Recognition of Retiring Clinic Staff
  - b. Coaches of Team State Qualifiers
  - c. Longevity
- III. Introduction of New Officers, Clinic Staff
  - a. President, Bryon Graun
  - b. Vice-President, Michael Rajsich
  - c. Secretary, Andy Lelinski
  - d. Treasurer, Dominic Newman
  - e. Clinic Chairman, Dominic Newman
- IV. WCCCA Items
  - a. Report from Executive Committee Meeting
    - i. Changing by-laws from newsletters—no motion needed
    - ii. Who votes on awards for DCOY, DROY
      1. Each district rep should have an email list of all the coaches in the district
    - iii. Limit people to three minutes of discussion on the floor
    - iv. Composition of All State Teams
      1. Tom Sheller evaluates results
        - a. Top 16 1<sup>st</sup> team, Next 16 2<sup>nd</sup> team, Next 8 Honorable Mention, including ties
        - b. Objectivity has its perks for clarity of making the decision
      2. Possible changes: District Lists,
      3. Commentary from the floor
        - a. Note: State meet conditions deteriorate during the day, which affects times as the day progresses
        - b. Suggestion: State champions should be recognized as first team all-state regardless of time
    - v. District Caucuses
      1. Similar structure to track meeting
      2. Hold the District Caucus prior to the whole group meeting
      3. Intent is streamlining the meeting and giving more members the opportunity to speak
    - vi. Communication of Concerns/proposals through proper channels: Using the District Reps and Officers
    - vii. Rankings
      1. Opt-in: those who wanted to rank were given ballots
        - a. Division 1 had ten people per gender, Division 2: 8/gender, Division 3: had a low number
        - b. Conversation among those that rank as to why the rankings are the way they are
      2. Vice President will assume charge of rankings

3. Let Matt or Bryon know so the association can send rankings to the Local Newspapers
- b. Commentary from the Floor:
  - i. Are the numbers of participants in girls cross country down since the switch to 5K?
    1. Two years of increase, then decreased number. Will the decreased number of participants lead to a return to 4K?—Without a really strong push to go back, change back to 4K is unlikely.
  - ii. Brian Thomas—Special Olympics Cross Country Meet
    1. Fall 2019 meet at Parkside: 800m, 1600m, 5000m
    2. So Fit—active all year round
    3. Track ends the week after state track, and nothing starts until August
    4. Open summer running days by inviting Special Olympics athletes to open running once/week in the summer.
    5. Average age of Special Olympian is 31. Age range and number of participants for this event is unknown.
  - iii. Relay Iowa
    1. Relay through Iowa—see the email Matt sent yesterday (1/10/19) for more information
  - iv. Kevin Luedke—Summer Subfivek.com; Subfivek@gmail.com
    1. Lakeland, Concordia, West Bend East and West HS, Ripon
    2. Please look it up!
    3. Middle School “State Championship” in Wisconsin Dells
      - a. 40 schools
      - b. Approximately 600 runners
    4. Night Meet
  - v. Eugene at Mt. Mary University—six full academic scholarships are available. Brochures are available
  - vi. Kevin Fitzpatrick USATF—Dec 9; Qualify at State Association Meet November 10<sup>th</sup>(?) Not as high level to qualify as NXN or Footlocker

## V. WIAA Topics

- a. Coaches Advisory
  - i. Communication with WIAA has not been great
    1. Kate Peterson Abiad does not know cross country well as two previous representatives from the WIAA have.
    2. Not much action/change this year
  - ii. GPS Watches
    1. Will be legal in 1-2 years
    2. State Association adaptation is unnecessary
    3. Many officials are not going to be enforcing this rule in the coming track/cross country seasons until the rule change
  - iii. State Meet Warmups Extended from 90 minutes to 105 minutes starting at the 2019 state meet. This has to go through all sports advisory levels, but should pass.
    1. Sectionals will still say that it has to be at least 90—sectionals will continue to be 90 minutes
      - a. This is not being uniformly enforced across the state
      - b. This is a host issue—please point this out to Matt or Bryon
    2. Can the state meet course be open for preview Friday?
      - a. It has been discussed, but there is no change planned at present

3. Why are we different than other sports with set schedules for regional/sectional competition? Other sports have set times. At present this is just at the minimum. How is this affected by sectional double headers?
  4. Venue does determine access in some cases
  5. D1 Boys running first resulted in a more crowded start to the meet and logistical adjustments are being made.
  6. Rotational Schedule at State is up for discussion and possible change or reversion to previous schedule (D3, then 2, then 1) in two years after the rotation is completed.
  7. Starting and Finishing Areas
    - a. Can the starting area be made to be more official to limit individuals (noncompetitors) at the starting line?
    - b. At present it is not possible to transfer clothes to the finish line.
  8. New Drone Video of course exists and should be better publicized
- iv. Extra Qualifier Plan—Chad Carstens
1. Qualify by percentage of runners on complete teams—at present, that number is 29%. The WIAA is open to a clear formula for qualification. However, it is unclear that the WIAA would allow more teams/athletes into the field. On average, this would add one team per race per year. The WIAA might be receptive to this without having to reduce the number of sectionals.
  2. Comments:
    - a. 5 in the top 25 seems like a legitimate concept, but too many teams qualify given this metric.
    - b. Still, strong teams in strong sectionals often do not qualify.
    - c. If those runners are in the top % (25%, 27%, 29%) of the field, that would result in qualification. For example, the top five runners have to be in the top 25% of the sectional for extra qualification.

VI. Closing Speeches

- a. Matt Polzin's Closing Commentary—President
- b. Bryon's Opening Commentary—President Elect
- c. Bob's Closing Commentary—Exiting Clinic Chairman