

WCCCA Business Meeting Minutes
Embassy Suites, Brookfield, WI
January 7, 2022

I. Meeting called to order by WCCCA President Bryon Graun

II. Discussion/explanation of coaches advisory meetings

- a. A survey seeking feedback on the quality of Sectional Courses will be sent out
- b. Highlights from the last meeting included a discussion to create a universal starting procedure for WIAA Cross Country Officials to follow at every meet throughout the season. There were discrepancies between starters at Sectionals and even at the state meet. The desire is to eliminate those discrepancies.
- c. Clarification that GPS watches can be worn at every meet but cannot be used to communicate with during a race.

Note- We will need to have clarification about what "communication during a race" is.

- d. The Deadline for applying to the WIAA to host a Sectional is approaching. If you want to host, put in for it now.
- e. The cost of hosting a Sectional in the Milwaukee area has increased due to an increase in park rental fees. The WIAA will not increase the stipend for hosting. The question is then how to make it possible for schools to host.
- f. Digital tickets was successful enough that it is here to stay. WIAA working on ways to make it better at the Ridges.
- g. State Meet awards will most likely be returning to the High School to make it a more formal awards ceremony.
- h. Desire to use GPS time to start all meets so that everyone with a phone can know when the race will start exactly.
- i. Coaches advisory would like to put together a list of criteria that a Sectional host site would have to be able to meet in order to host a Sectional.
 - i. Matt Polzin asked that if anyone knows of courses that could be host sites they let the association and or the WIAA know so that we have a list of possible sites around the state just in case.
- j. The feeling from the WCCCA is that Lavar (Ridgeway) is trying to make the State Meet as great as he can.
- k. Contact Bryon Graun with any good/bad comments about the Sectional meets.

III. District Meetings Reports

- a. District 1 & 3 met together, nothing to report
- b. District 2 had a discussion about Milesplit vs. Athletic.net and was one better or

easier to use

than the other. The association made a partnership with Milesplit 18 months ago.

We get

\$2000/year for three years in return for a link on our website, support for meet hosts/free

Registration services and promotion of WI teams and athletes. It is also tied to Flotrack.

- Randy Marks, Verona, commented that the roster set up feature was difficult to use and that the rosters get very mixed up at times. It was explained that those athletes can be deactivated but not removed.
- It was also stated that they are addressing this problem.

c. Further discussion from Glen Gardiner about a one-stop shop (clearinghouse) for results. WIAA

has one for other sports like football and volleyball. The thought is that we would like this

operational for next fall in cross country. Results will need to be submitted by meet hosts the

same day as the meet. Also schools schedules should now reflect boys and girls teams

separately.

- Comment - with the Milesplit Contract we lost complete results on Athletic.net
- Could we as coaches be more proactive to get all results on Athletic.net?
- Not everybody uses the same format for results, sometimes makes it difficult

d. Nothing to report from the other districts

IV. Steve Wehrley? announced that the coaches association is giving a gift to the WIAA offices to put on display. It is a pair of racing spikes mounted on a plaque. The WIAA has many other sports displayed on the walls of their offices so Cross Country will now join them.

V. Other business

- a. Thain Jones, Freedom, suggested that coaches need to do a better job of getting the news to cover their programs/our sport. How do we get more exposure/coverage?
- b. Dom Newman, Shorewood, commented that he felt coverage was pretty good in the Milwaukee area but we do need to put stuff out there for people to see. Use social media, tag WSN and Milesplit to get their attention. They will repost if they see things.

VI. Bryon recognized his wife, Olivia for her support and efforts to help the coaches clinic run smoothly.

VII. Meeting adjourned

(Submitted by Tim Olson)