

## **WSCCCA Executive Board Meeting**

Everett, WA

January 16, 2015

### **Present:**

Joe Clark, Phil English, Doug Fulton, Bruce McDowell, and Robin Driver

### **Items of Discussion:**

1. Verification of team status for state allocations

Process of verifying that schools actually have complete teams for state meet allocations needs to be cleaned up.

Idea presented of setting a date by which teams need to have competed as a team in a meet as verified by Athletic.net to be counted as a team for allocation count.

Discussion that in the small schools who does and doesn't have a complete team can change from year to year and is setting the allocation for every two years the best practice or if it could/should be done on a yearly basis.

2. State cross-country meet

Discussion of following items related to the state cross-country meet.

#### Timing System

- Chip/Video Timing needs to be used to its full capacity.
- Results should be available to post on a digital board once the last runner crosses the finish line for any given race.
- Possibility of having an outside group run the timings system at the state meet.

Reduce the amount of time for race results to be posted

- Waiting up to an hour for the results of a race is a disservice to the sport.
- Utilize a more efficient Finish Line protocol...from workers to system used.

One coach be allowed to wait at the back of the starting line

- On restarts there is no adult available to attend to injuries
- Re-starts have become common in recent years

An alley system should be put in place for the 2015 state meet.

- Reduce collisions going over the hill
- Ensure a fair start for all runners
- Not have the start or a re-start alter the outcome of a race
- Almost every year involves collisions of some type and some of these can be 100m – 200m after the start.

Alternates need to have numbers supplied!

- Alternates are part of the team

Greater access for coaches on the course

- No other Invitational or Championship race has coaches kept off the course!

Better coordination between race times and awards for any given classification.

- Coaches coaching dual teams may have a conflict that is unnecessary.

Kids should be able to order online t-shirts and merchandise before the meet.

- Prevent long lines and wait times.
- Kids should be able to pick-up merchandise at the meet.

3. Partnership with the WATFCA for convention

Concerns raised about current partnership with WATFCA for convention clinic.

Lack of speaker diversity and selection this year – only speakers with double sessions vs. a larger number of speakers with single sessions, college and out of state high school coaches vs. number of coaches from a variety of programs from around the state.

Who is in charge of scheduling the distance/XC speakers for the convention.

Discussion of is in time to split off and have a separate XC clinic.

4. Treasurer report by Bruce

\$1,500.00 – Checking account balance

\$5,000.00 – Scholarship fund

Almost \$13,000 in the Monroe fund.

## **WSCCCA Membership Meeting**

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January 16, 2015

### **The Executive Board is in opposition to Amendment #17.5.5 and 17.5.8D # 1 and 2.**

**Each of the following items were discussed and had support from the membership present at the meeting**

1. Timing System
  - Chip/Video Timing needs to be used to its full capacity.
  - Results should be available to post on a digital board once the last runner crosses the finish line for any given race.
  - Need to keep the manual pull tabs as a fail-safe measure.
  
2. Reduce the amount of time for race results to be posted
  - Waiting up to an hour for the results of a race is a disservice to the sport.
  - Utilize a more efficient Finish Line protocol...from workers to system used.
  - Possibility of another group coming in and running the timing systems – doing results – couple different possible groups suggested by membership
  
3. One coach be allowed to wait at the back of the starting line
  - On restarts there is no adult available to attend to injuries
  - Re-starts have become common in recent years
  
4. An alley system should be put in place for the 2015 state meet.
  - Reduce collisions going over the hill – concerns about the safety of the start line as currently configured
  - Ensure a fair start for all runners
  - Not have the start or a re-start alter the outcome of a race
  - Almost every year involves collisions of some type and some of these can be 100m – 200m after the start.
  
5. Alternates need to have numbers supplied!
  - Alternates are part of the team
  - Coach needs to be able to use an alternate at a moment's notice and can't do this if runner does not have a number.
  - Originally all 9 runners checked in at the start line and any 7 of the 9 could run.
  
6. Greater access for coaches on the course
  - No other Invitational or Championship race has coaches kept off the course.
  - Have only one point of entry and show a pass to enter for one coach per team.
  - Alternative solution: have a limited coach's only area on the back side with entrance via a pass.

7. Better coordination between race times and awards for any given classification.
  - Coaches coaching dual teams may have a conflict that is unnecessary.
  
8. Kids should be able to order online t-shirts and merchandise before the meet.
  - Prevent long lines and wait times.
  - Kids should be able to pick-up merchandise at the meet.
  
9. Complete teams for allocations be based on verifiable results off of athletic.net
  - Need to choose a drop dead date to verify a full team has competed during the season.
  
10. Clarification of participation in National Championship qualifying meets.....  
 WIAA publication (Oct. 14, 2014).
  - School Uniforms
  - Being able to coach
  - Alternates
  - What about JV kids running in JV races

### **Update on East/West All Star Race & Scholarships**

- In need of creative solutions *and* membership involvement to make them work.
  - Event donations: This is an area where we continue to make progress. We added some this year. The Run of the Mill, Lakefair Runs, The South Sound Cross Country Camp, Sunfair, Lakewood (Hole in the Wall) boosters, Fort Steilacoom Invite, South Whidbey Invite & Rush Team Apparel are all on board. What is needed here is a “**personal connection**” who is willing to secure the donation and do the follow-up.
  - Individual donations from members. If 1/3 of our membership donated \$10, we would have enough to fund two scholarships.
  - Corporate/business donations. What we need with these is for people with a personal connection to solicit the donation *and* preferably something with an “annual component for a certain number of years. For example, a \$100 donation for five years to be paid every March. We have a number of running stores in our state who help in a lot of ways, but outside of Super Jock N Jill, none support the event or the scholarships.
- Already have \$4000 in donations for this next year.

Suggestion made to do a better job of letting winners know they have won a scholarship before the event so they can be at the event.

### **Additional feedback from the membership:**

Coaches expressed the need to simplify signing up for the coaches association. If a school district is paying the process is simple. If a school district is not paying the process is too complicated.



