

South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association  
Palmetto Expo Center – Greenville, SC  
Minutes July 27, 2011  
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Rules Meeting –

Nessie Harris of the SC High School League discussed the following with coaches

- 1) Awarded the National Federation Cross Country Coach of the Year to Eric Cummings of Riverside for Girls Cross Country and to Bailey Harris of Lexington for Boys Cross Country for the 2010 season.
- 2) Gave dates for the Upcoming track season –
  - Closed Season – 8/1 – 10/31
  - Open Season – 11/1 – 11/21
  - Closed Season – 11/22 – 1/29/12
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Practice – 1/30
  - Schedule Due – 2/1
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Scrimmage – 2/6
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Preseason Invitational – 2/24
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Contest – 3/5
  - Region Meet Directors Meeting – 4/18 at SCHSL Office 9:00
  - Qualifying Meets – 5/5
  - State Finals 5/11-12
  - Open Season 6/1 – 7/31

Eligibility due two weeks prior to first meet

- 3) Rule Changes
  - a) Jewelry warning to individual not to the team
  - b) Races of 800 meters or more – runners line up on line 3 meters behind starting line and then step to starting line with :On your marks”
  - c) No less than 5 in a flight of field events
  - d) Pole Vault rule eliminates the only two layers of tape on grip end, but tape must still be uniform thickness
  - e) Cross Country courses measured at shortest possible part not the middle of the course
  - f) Legal for contrasting stitch in undergarments as long as stitch is not used for a design
- 4) Pointed out webpages for coaches
  - a) Role of the Parent in Sports [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)
  - b) Concussion Management test – mandatory on HSL website
  - c) Fundamentals to Coaching Track and Field on NFHS web site

2:00 President Eric Cummings of Riverside High called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the SCTCCCA Officers -1A VP Rodney Adamee of Christ Church, 2A VP John Javis of Eau Claire, 3A VP Michael Steward of Lower Richland, 4A VP Jeff Buys of Dorman and Sec/Tres Ed Boehmke of Eastside

2:05 President Cummings introduced Robert Biggerstaff to speak to group. Coach Biggerstaff informed us of a long time SC coach, Phillip Morgan, who has had a serious stroke. A trust fund at First Citizens in Charleston has been established for any coach who would like to help with his medical expenses.

2:18 Ed Boehmke gave a financial report and offered the minutes from our January 2011 Meeting for approval. The Association has \_\_\_\_\_ in the bank. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and financial statements and approved by the association.

- 2:21 John Javis presented State Record Awards to the coaches. These awards are to be presented by the coach at a future school function. The new state records are Xylina McDaniel of Spring Valley in the Shot Put- 44'08", Chris Brown of Hanahan in the Triple Jump – 51'02" and Leanna Morrison of Berkeley in the 400 Meter Hurdles 1:00.69.
- 2:23 Vice Presidents announced and presented the Coach of the Year Awards for the 2011 Track and Field season. These awards went to 4A Girls- Joe McCall of Summerville and George Moss of JL Mann, 4A Boys Jeff Buys of Dorman, 3A Girls Steve Mullinax of Fort Mill, 3A Boys Blake Bishop of Hilton Head, 2A Girls David Morbitzer of Hanahan, 2A Boys David Pratt of Hanahan, 1A Girls Stevie Phillips of Johnsonville, and 1A Boys Russell Mahaffet of Landrum.
- 2:26 President Cummings announced the 2011 Assistant Track Coach of the Year to George Hines of Chapin.
- 2:27 John Jones of Spring Valley announced the Fall 2011 inductee of the SCTCCCA Hall of Fame. The new member of the HOF is Rodney Adamee of Christ Church. He will be presented a plaque at the Cross Country Coaches Classic in September.
- 2:28 President Cummings reminded the group to make sure that they are on the SCTCCCA email list. If not send an email to Jeff Buys at [BuysJS@spart6.org](mailto:BuysJS@spart6.org).
- 2:29 President Cummings announced that Jerry Kimbrell of Dorman will be the assistant coach for this years Shrine Bowl Run and the head coach in 2012. Eric Cummings is the Head Coach this year.
- 2:30 Ed Boehmke told group to check website for XC meet schedule. These meets were discussed at XC coaches meeting on July 26.
- 2:31 President Cummings reminded group that there is a signup sheet for the Coaches Classic and State Meet and that the coaches are responsible for the conduct of these meets.
- 2:32 President Cummings told the group to supply input for the standards for All-State in track and field to Rick Crumpler of Spring Valley and Jeff Buys. They will give new standards for approval at the January meeting.

#### Discussion of Old Business

- 2:38 Proposal to increase SCTCCCA dues from \$5 to \$10. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny Brooks of Dreher and passed unanimously without discussion.
- 2:39 State Meet Series use a 3 turn stagger for the 4 x 400. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glover Smiley of Spartanburg and passed unanimously with short discussion about having time to paint new lines.
- 2:42 John Javis proposed to allow the 1 piece uniform as in the HSL rule book. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny Brooks. A long discussion about the decency of the 1 piece uniform in a sport with both sexes ensued. Proposal defeated by a vote of 26 for and 37 against.
- 2:47 Proposal for the 2A to have 1 qualifying meet in track and field similar to 3A and 4A. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Pratt. There was some discussion about concerns of obtaining officials and a possible central site. Was approved 5 to 4 by the 2A coaches present and 41 to 6 by the entire group.

#### New Business

- 2:52 John Jones proposed that the HSL move our 3 open weeks for T&F to after the last State Football games. These would be the last week in December and the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of January, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny Brooks. Passed 57 for to 7 against.
- 2:55 Randy Stonger of Crestwood proposed that the 3A classification return to a lower state and upper state format for T&F. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Jackson of Crestwood. The 3A coaches voted against by a vote of 3 for and 15 against. The entire group voted against by a vote of 4 to 49.
- 3:05 Brian Jackson proposed that the SCTCCCA make a donation of \$500 to Phillip Morgan trust fund to help with his medical expenses. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny Brooks. Passed unanimously.
- 3:08 Bob Jnkins led a discussion about his attempts at getting indoor track recognized as an official sport in SC. He will continue with this with the support of the SCTCCCA
- 3:22 Meeting adjourned.