

South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association
TD Convention Center – Greenville, SC
Minutes July 31, 2013
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1:00 – SCHSL Rules Meeting –

Ed Boehmke started the meeting with a check presentation to the family of Bob Jenkins for \$500 to Yellow Mountain. Accepting the check was Bob's wife, Margaret, and his two daughters, Meg and Mary Mallett. Also with the family was Bob's long-time friend and former SCACA clinic speaker John Hemmer. Meg and John made a few remarks thanking the SCTCCCA for their donation and about Bob.

Nessie Harris gave the dates for open and closed season for track and cross country. She then discussed the rule changes. One important change is that padding for the Pole Vault box is mandatory for the 2014-2015 season. Other rule changes are in the new rulebook. Nessie also recommended many short videos on the National federation webpage at nfhslearn.com.

2:04 – President Eric Cummings (Riverside) opened the business meeting with a welcome and the Pledge to the Flag.

2:05 – President Cummings went over the discussions from the mornings officers meeting:

- 1) Winter Meeting of the SCTCCCA will be Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the SCHSL office
- 2) Adjusted a previously passed constitutional amendment to show that our dues will increase to \$10. This had to pass the SCACA board to be implemented.
- 3) New vice-presidents were officially appointed to replace those that left the position. They are
 - 1A – Marie Kernell of St. Joseph's (she remains from before)
 - 2A - Veronica Satchell of Keenan (replacing John Javis)
 - 3A – David Lee of James Island (replacing Michael Steward)
 - 4A – Shane Sutherland of Stratford (replacing Jeff Buys)
 - Historian – Matt Feiling of Byrnes (replacing Ed Boehmke)

2:08 – Secretary/Treasurer Ed Boehmke (Eastside) asked for questions/comments about the minutes from the last meeting. Having none, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Danny Brooks (Dreher) and seconded by David Lee. The motion unanimously passed. Boehmke then gave a quick financial report. After brief discussion a motion was made by Brooks to accept the report and seconded by Jack Van Deman (Cheraw). The motion unanimously passed.

2:10 – President Cummings told all about the email list that is operated by Jeff Buys (Dorman). He urged everyone to get on the list if they are not currently on it. The email blasts are the quickest way for all of us to communicate. See Jeff to get your email added.

2:10 – President Cummings announced that Jeremy Darby of Landrum was elected as the 2013 Assistant Shrine Bowl Run Coach during the Cross Country business meeting. He will assist Head Coach Jim Koterba this year and will be the head coach for 2014.

2:11 – The Vice Presidents presented Coach of the Year plaques for Track and Field. Marie Kernell presented the 1A Girls COY to Frank Kleckner of Southside Christian (present) and the 1A Boys to Bill Peterman of Carvers Bay (absent). Veronica Satchell presented the 2A Girls COY to Tony Colizzi of Bishop England (present) and the 2A Boys to Harris Cabaniss of Woodland (present). Dave Lee gave the COY awards in 3A Girls to Cosandar Griffin of Daniel (absent) and the 3A Boys to Jeff Fruster of Daniel (present). AAA Shane Sutherland gave the COY plaque in the 4A Girls to George Moss of JL Mann (present) and the 4A Boys to John Jones of Spring Valley (present).

2:13 – Eric Cummings announced that Cosander Griffin and John Jones were named State Track and Field Coaches of the Year and Jeremy Darby and Warren Wheeler of Pendleton were named State Cross Country Coaches of the Year by the SCACA on Sunday night.

2:14 – President Cummings handed out trophies to the coaches of the athletes that broke state records at the State Championships in May. These went to:

Jasmine Quinn - Fort Docheater HS - 100m Hurdles - 13.84

Imani Boatwright - Lower Richland HS - 800m - 2:11.34

Griffie Loy - Bishop England HS - Discus - 196' 6"

Boys 4x400 - Beaufort HS - 3:16.35 Darrian Chaplin, Desmond Howard, Tony Winston, Nathan Parker

Boys 4x800 - Spring Valley HS - 7:45.28 Bradley Gibson, Tom Hoefel, Connor McCormack, Cameron Pratt

All of these awards were accepted except Fort Dorchester.

2:16 – David Lee announced that the 2013 Assistant Track Coach of the Year is Joe Eshelman of James Island.

2:18 – Jack van Deman announced that the SCTCCCA board has selected Skeet Keyes of the SC School for the Deaf and Blind as our newest member of the Hall of Fame. He will be present a plaque at the XC Coaches Classic.

2:20 – Nessie Harris ask the coaches to find wheel and amputee athletes for Jerome Singleton. She urged us to check out the web site for these athletes at IPC.org. Jerome said that the SCHSL will get us help to coach these athletes with the hope of having exhibition events in our meets. Jerome is very passionate about this opportunity and is seeking our support.

2:26 – Ed Boehmke talked about the XC calendar for 2013, the online entry process for most of the cross country meets and the availability for coaches to use the system. He also told the group that he has put all of the state cross country meet results dating from 1969 on to the webpage. He is missing only one year – 1973. If anyone has those please let him know.

2:34 – Nessie Harris announced that 2013-2014 is the 100th anniversary of the High School League. She asked that everyone send historic pictures so that they could put on their website to help celebrate this anniversary.

2:37 – Eric Cummings told the group about the Herlong scholarships available to all coaches that are members of the SCACA. He also told the group that the SCTCCCA made a contribution of \$2500 to the Herlong Scholarship fund, which is the third largest of any satellite group.

2:38 – Cummings asked the group to please submit Hall of Fame and Assistant Coach of the Year nominations to the board. The forms for these can be found on the webpage.

2:39 – Terry Rhodes of Spartanburg Methodist spoke to the coaches about athlete scholarships at SMU. He said that SMU is the only two year school in SC with a track and field program. Financial aid is available and high school students with a 3.0 or higher GPA can attend SMU for free.

Old Business

2:44 – The uniform proposal from the last meeting was pulled from the table because of the new rule from the NFHS.

New Business

2:44 – Proposal by David Lee that the 3A and 4A classification seed the State Qualifying Meet by performance only acquired at the Region Qualifiers. This was seconded by Danny Brooks. The motion passed 41 to 9. This proposal has to go to and be approved by the 3A and 4A conferences at their spring meetings to become official.

3:01 – Proposal by David Lee that the 3A and 4A qualify extra individuals and relay teams, based on performances at the Region Qualifiers, be allowed to compete at the State Qualifiers. The performance standard would be based on the average 8th place time in the past three 3A and 4A State Qualifiers. The results must come from the Region Meet and the meet must be timed fully automatic to be considered. These standards would be different for 3A and 4A. The motion was seconded. After a lot of discussion the motion passed 42-14. This also has to go to the 3A and 4A meetings.

3:13 – President Cummings urged everyone to go to their principals and AD's and explain these proposal to them so that they could vote at their meetings.

3:14 – John Jones proposed that the SCTCCCA vote to support the SCHSL on the undergarment rule. It was seconded. Nessie Harris said that it would mean that the rule stays as we presently have it in SC. It passed 65 to 2.

3:15 – David Smith (Greer Middle College) proposed that we sponsor and support an indoor meet. It was seconded. After a brief discussion it passed 54 to 0. David Smith said that GMC would take the lead on this proposal.

3:25 – John Jones proposed that we ask the HSL to sponsor indoor track using the guidelines of previous proposals. This proposal was seconded by many. The proposal unanimously passed.

3:33 – John Jones proposed that the SCTCCCA tell the SCHSL to have the state where we want it. Seconded by many and passed unanimously.

3:51 – Meeting adjourned.