

South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association  
SC High School League Office  
Minutes January 12, 2013  
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10:20 – President Eric Cummings (Riverside) Called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduce all of the SCTCCCA Officers – 1A Vice President Marie Kernell (St. Joseph’s), 2A Vice President John Javis (Keenan), 3A Vice President Michael Steward (Lower Richland), 4A Vice President Jeff Buys (Dorman), and Secretary/Treasurer Ed Boehmke (Eastside). {Note: John Javis has changed schools from Eau Claire to Keenan }

10:24 – Ed Boehmke gave a treasurers report and minutes from the July 2011 meeting. Danny Brooks (Dreher) made a motion to accept both. There was a second and the motion carried unanimously.

10:26 – President Cummings announced the fastest times from the past cross country season. The fastest female was Laura Miller of JL Mann. Her time was 17:56. The fastest male with a time of 15:24 was Andre Ivankovic of Daniel.

10:27 The vice presidents gave out the plaques for the SCTCCCA Coaches of the year. Jeff Buys announced the 4A Girls COY is Catherine Lempesis of Lexington (not present) and the 4A Boys COY as bailey Harris of Lexington (not present). Michael Steward announced the 3A Girls COY as David Lee of James Island and the 3A Boys COY as Brock Bailey on Daniel. John Javis awarded the 2A Girls COY to Jeremy Darby of Landrum and the 2A Boys COY to Warren Wheeler of Pendelton. Eric Cummings presented to 1A Girls COY to Marie Kernell of St. Joseph’s and the 1A Boys COY to George Carr of St. Joseph’s (not present).

10:30 John Olson (SCRrunners.com) took pictures of the Coaches of the Year.

10:31 Jeff Buys announced that Dan Shonka of Daniel High as the 2012 Assistant Cross Country Coach of the Year.

10:32 The SCTCCCA 2013 inductees of the Hall of Fame were announced. Eric Cummings announced that are first inductee is George Moss of JL Mann. Glover Smiley (Spartanburg) announced that Carl Baker of Sumter is our second inductee. The last inductee was introduced by Bob Jenkins (retired). He is Steve Mullinax of Ft. Mill. These coaches will be officially inducted at the Coaches Classic Track Meet in March.

10:38 Jeff Buys told the group that a change in email at his district caused him to redo the SCTCCCA email list. He asked the coaches that if they did not get an email from him in the last few days to send him an email to add to his list. If you are not on the list, please email Jeff asking to be added. This list is vitally important to our communication. Jeff’s email address is [BuysJS@spart6.org](mailto:BuysJS@spart6.org).

10:39 Jerry Kimbrell (Dorman) gave a report on the 2012 Shrine Bowl Run. He said that the 28 runners and two coaches had a wonderful time supporting the Shriners. Jim Koterba will be the head coach in 2013 and a new assistant will be selected in July.

10:40 Ed Boehmke went over the 2013 Track& Field calendar allowing the host to say a couple of things about their meet. This calendar is posted on SCRrunners.

10:52 John Blackburn told everyone that the Indoor Nationals (New Balance) is in New York March 8-10. The Outdoor Nationals will be held in Greensboro on June 14-16. He also announced that the Taco Bell Meet at Spring Valley is one of the NFS National Select Meets.

10:54 John Olson made a few comments about SCRrunners. He encouraged coaches to send him results in Hy-tek flat html format. He also told the group that Race-Tab is a free track scoring system available at SCRrunners. SCRrunners will also give free online entry to all region meets.

11:03 Danny Brooks (Dreher) spoke on the Herlong Scholarship available to all SC Athletic Coaches Association members. You have to be a ten year member and there is a strict application deadline. Danny encouraged all coaches who have college age children to apply. Eric Cummings added that SCACA awarded \$50,000 last year.

11:04 Bob Jenkins encouraged everyone to join USATFCCCA. If you give him your name, address and \$10 he could join you with us as a group. You will get 4 issues of Coaches Quarterly(?) for your membership.

11:06 President Cummings told the association that he would send out information and signups for the Coaches Classic and State Meets soon. He would not take any officials for the State Meet until after the Region Meets. We had been taking bids for a school to host the 2013 Coaches Classic. Six bids were received. The officers reviewed and discussed these bids and therefore he(Eric) made the motion that Lower Richland High School be awarded the bid. This was seconded by George Moss. Before the motion was officially made, questions about the site of the State Track Championships were brought up. Nessie Harris (SCHSL) said that the meet would be in the Columbia area and they would let the association know when they decided. There was a lot of discussion about the site of the Classic and the money that it takes to put on this meet. Everyone was reminded that this is one of our two fund raisers and the meet needs to make a profit. The motion was approved 50-0. Questions about having USATF certified officials were made. John Blackburn and Eric Cummings said that last year (2012) we had 11 certified officials (the most ever) and they were concentrated on the track events and the field events were left to the coaches association.

11:19 Old Business – Track Officials – This has been tabled for many meetings. It was decided that this would be removed from the agenda until someone can present a new working proposal. JJ Igula (Carolina Forest) made the first proposal and he said that a new proposal needed to come from someone that understood the politics of the SCHSL. JJ said that someone with a better networking system than himself needs to get involved. He was also frustrated that the indoor proposals from SCTCCCA were carried out and the officials ideas stalled – never getting to AD’s, etc. The National Federation Officials body was discussed. Many others expressed the necessity of an officials body, but nothing concrete was decided.

11:37 Because of the lengthy discussion on officials, a proposal was made by Ed Boehmke to have the president charge the board to meet with Nessie Harris and the High School League about the problems with the NF and what we can do to get/form an officials body. Seconded by John Jones (Spring Valley) and unanimously approved.

11:38 A comment from the floor made President Cummings ask if Nessie Harris could send out early the rules sheet that all coaches are supposed to sign at the Region Meets. Hopefully this would make the coaches that are not present at this meeting of some of our most important concerns.

11:40 Old Business – Uniform Rule - President Cummings moved that the association adopt the NF uniform rule exactly for boys and girls. Seconded by Bob Jenkins. Eric explained that this would allow a 1 piece uniform for both boys and girls. Currently, the rule is being followed for the girls, but a different one for the boys. The vote was 38 for the proposal and 13 against.

11:45 Old Business – Indoor track. Herbert Glaze (Beaufort) made a motion that we go back to the SCHSL with our original proposal to have indoor track as a recognized sport in SC. Seconded by Glover Smiley (Spartanburg). Bob Jenkins told the group that we (the coaches) have done a poor job promoting the idea to those that need to vote. He pleaded that we all go back to our AD’s and Principals and let them know that we want indoor track and for them to vote so when the classifications meet. Bob also stated that he had a lot of schools saying they wanted indoor track and as of yet has not been told by the SCHSL why the proposal was turned down. The proposal passed unanimously. Rick Crumpler (Spring Valley) proposed that an amendment be made to that proposal that if the SCHSL turns down the proposal then we want to know why it was turned down and what we must do to get this proposal passed. It was seconded and passed unanimously with no further discussion.

11:56 Proposal by John Jones – That the SCTCCCA take the February date that Clemson has offered (2/23) and host our own, for profit meet for our athletes. The athletes would run “unattached” (no uniform, etc.). Many seconds. A lot of discussion about breaking SCHSL rules, transportation, let the meet be a scrimmage of the outdoor season, etc. Jerome Singleton (Commissioner, SCHSL) was asked to answer some of these questions concerning procedures with the Activities Committee and the Executive Boards of the SCHSL. The discussions were lengthy about whether this was ok and what rule was being violated, etc. Jerome stressed for us to get our own Region to vote for the proposal and then get

the Classification to vote for it. He stress that this is different from Lacrosse and Swimming, because it will be looked at as an extension to outdoor. Passed unanimously. Eric then asked for a host school. 30 days prior, costs, date, etc. Ed will talk with Brock Bailey at Daniel.

12:27 Jerome Singleton asked that we explore the possibility of Paralympic athletes competing in some of our events. Bob Jenkins proposed that we offer an event at the Coaches Classic. Jerome added that the athletes would have to meet eligibility requirements. John Jones said we should send out a survey to

12:41 Many spoke about the SCHSL or SCTCCCA sending out basic ruels, especially the ones that we see often, to all coaches in state, having an extra to hand out at our own meets, etc. so that at least some of the rules are being addressed.

12:47 Coach at Gaffney told us about a memorial for their track coach, Aaron Anderson, who died from injuries from a car accident.

12:49 Jerome Singleton told group about legislation and asked if you know any legislators to voice your opinion

12:51 John Jones proposed that we make a donation (\$500) to the Gaffney memorial fund for Coach Anderson. Seconded and passed.

12:52 Eric Cummings urged all to take these proposals to your AD's and Principals.

12:53 Meeting adjourned.