

Track & Field Sports Specific Committee
Monday, April 21, 2008
Notes

The Track and Field Sports Specific Committee met on Monday, April 21, 2008 at the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor. Those present were as follows: Rick Miller, Official, Eldon Smith, Lovington High School, Joe Bailey, Moriarty High School, Adam Kedge, Albuquerque Academy, Phillip Sategna, Bloomfield High School, Wendell Lane, Cloudcroft High School, Kathy Brion, Eldorado High School, Ronny Maskew, Ruidoso High School, with Mario Martinez, NMAA Associate Director, presiding along with Robert Zayas, NMAA Assistant Director.

The meeting began with a review of the 2008 Track and Field season up to this point and continued with the present agenda as follows:

- *Overall review of the 2008 season up to this point:* Mr. Martinez asked for feedback, both positive and negative. He asked for any issues that have come up at meets in the 2008 season. Mr. Lane was concerned with coaches entering times for their athletes that weren't meeting FAT qualifying standards. Mr. Kedge suggested that it may be better if we have two sheets of qualifying standard sheets; One would be the FAT qualifying standards sheet, and the second would be the hand qualifying standards sheet.
- Mr. Sategna brought up the issue of parents acting as meet officials even though they aren't certified officials. Mr. Martinez informed everyone that there had been an increase in officials this season. Mr. Sategna made it clear that coaches and meet directors need to make sure that all officials are certified or registered officials, and coaches signing off on people as meet officials, is not part of the rules. Mr. Martinez let everyone know that past coaches with plenty of experience are qualifying officials as opposed to parents that coaches are just signing off on.
- *Review of the 2008 State Track & Field schedule:* All coaches were given the 2008 State Track & Field schedule of events. The coaches reviewed the schedule and agreed with it. No changes were made.
- *Update on 2008 State track and Field Championship:* Mr. Martinez let the committee know that when he took over, he found that \$106,000 was being spent on the State Track & Field State Championships. There was a deficit of about \$5,500 last year. Mr. Martinez emphasized the NMAA would still be putting on a first class state championship event, but with the hopes of continuing to strive to break even this 2008 season. Mr. Martinez gave an overview of all the track workers and officials.
- *What will be new or different at this year's events:* Mr. Martinez noted that the NMAA would be purchasing the bag tags with the schedule of events for all participants again this year. All the bib numbers are in and the coaches credential tags will remain the same as last year. Mr. Zayas informed the committee that the tent seating will remain the same in the bleachers, but will be first come first serve for the tent seating in the fields. Mr. Zayas also reminded the committee

that there is a new scoreboard at the state meet and that it will be in use and a new addition to the state championships this year. Mr. Martinez then let the committee know that there would be no use of hand timers at the state meet.

- *Other Business:* Mr. Martinez had the committee review all sheets that we would be putting in coaches and officials packets. Mr. Kedge asked for clarification on the Relay Uniforms information page concerning issue #3. The committee voted to change the wording of it and it will now be updated for the final sheets that will be going out to all coaches and officials. Mr. Martinez reminded the committee that he would like all athletes who will be receiving all-state honors to immediately report, following their race, to the awards podium.
- Mr. Martinez reminded everyone about the 12:00 pm participant entry deadline the Sunday after district. Also, the declarative deadline is the Monday after Districts at 5:00 pm.
- *Go to UNM Track & Field Complex to do a walk through of the facility:* We examined the warm-up area, triple jump pits, as well as a full walk through of where things will be set up during the state meet.
- *Next Meeting:* The next meeting will be held during the coaches' clinic this summer. A date and time will be determined at a later time. It will try to be scheduled the same day that there is a track or cross country presenter scheduled for the clinic.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.