



Cross-Country Post-Season Meeting Agenda November 29, 2022 @ 10:00am

1. Welcome and introductions- **All Committee members were present.**
2. Review of 2021 Post Season Minutes- **Approved**
3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative)
 - Timely posting of the classifications and tournament regulations.-**Discussed – Classifications are done when we get the numbers from the NJDOE – Classifications will be good for the 2023-24 season.**
 - New season dates – first time in 2022-**No issues raised**
4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative)
 - New Format for qualifying for MOC- **Reviewed – will remain in place.**
 - Report on Sectional Sites by Sectional Directors- **All good at all sites.**
 - Timing issues at Dream Park and Group Meet- **Committee is aware of the issues and will be meeting later this winter to resolve the issues and to develop a uniform set of guidelines that will be required of all timers at all sites.**
 - Lack of Real Time results at Holmdel Park- **Issue deals with the lack of a strong internet and cell phone signal. Committee will explore renting a system to use to give individual mile and 2 mile times on a digital scoreboard near the finish line.**
 - Spacing of races at Sectionals and Group Meets- **will remain 30 minutes – worked well.**
 - Addition of 5 runners moving on from Sectionals to Groups from each Sectional group. Went from 10 runners to 15 runners.- **Well received by athletes and coaches. Suggested that all 15 runners who advance should receive medals instead of 10 like this year.**
 - Coaches not meeting deadlines for entry.- **Athletes will not be punished for coaches not doing their jobs, but schools will continue to be fined for late entries. Entry window was from Oct 1 to October 21 this year. Suggested that the entry window be opened earlier in September.**
5. Review of dates for next season (See Handout)
 - Sectional – October 28
 - Group – November 4
 - MOC – November 11
6. Review of current regulations and any proposed changes for next season.
 - Chris Threston – Bishop Eustace Coach- return to NP Sectional Titles – pulled from within the Group Meet Results- **Discussed – no action taken by committee.**
 - Dan Fourney- Cinnaminson- At MOC Team competitors' bibs and front and back of the athletes- **Team runners will be identified by some type of marking on the back of their shirts. Easier for coaches to keep track of the team scoring entries vs. individuals in the race.**
 - Brian Cochran- Pope John- issue of splitting NP into Groups after all entries are received.- **Discussed by the committee – no action taken- cited coaches**

wanting to know what group they were in prior to the championship and also to avoid the possibility of a NP school having their boys and girls teams in different group with races spread out on the Group Meet. Many of the NP have 1 coaching staff. It could also cause increased busing costs.

- Clarification of wording for the Wildcard teams for MOC.- **Tournament Director will be meeting with the NJSIAA to clean up and clarify the wording for the “wild card” team qualification.**

7. New Business

- Team Medals awarded at Sectional and Group Meets. **The elimination of medals was explained- NJSIAA is standardizing awards for ALL its sports to be treated equally. Some Committee members feel that XC is unique and that there is a continued need to grow the sport, medals are a way to motivate the athletes. Al Stumpf said he will bring it up at the NJSIAA Directors end of the year sports review meeting.**
- When are meet results official?- **The Tournament staff will review and discuss what the time should be as to when the results are final.**

8. Old Business- **Some of the Committee members from the smaller schools suggested that there be additional thoughts about finding a means to advance some more of the smaller schools as “wild cards” to the state final race. Al Stumpf informed them that the new format will remain in place for 2 years before it is evaluated for changes.**

9. Correspondence (See Attached)- Covered in above discussions. **All were addressed during the meeting.**

10. Good of the order.- **Congratulations to Marty Holleran for the job he did in his first year as the Tournament Director.**

**Motion to adjourn- Carl Rickerhauser – second – Victor Wu
All were in favor**

Adjourned at approximately 12:15