

Shore Track & Field Officials Association General Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2024 at Donovan Catholic High School

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Carol Harrison

**Flag Salute**

**Roll Call of Officers:**

President: Carol Harrison

1st Vice President: Pete Panuska

2nd Vice President: Mike Mooney

Secretary: Lynn Hallenbeck (absent)

Treasurer Janet Laing

Shore Chapter Executive Members (6):

Past President:/Walt Olsen

Grace Goble

Frank Vento (absent)

Jeff Mezera

Brian Roche

Jeff Decker

Debbie Maloney

State Executive Members

Barbara Banks

Joe Gomulka

Sean Dowd

Carol Harrison

Donna Cornell

Rules Interpreter: Donna Cornell

Assignor(s): Paul Kane (absent)

Lynn Hallenbeck

Joe Gomulka

**Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting will be done at the next meeting due to Lynn's absence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janet Laing reported the current balance is \$5,557.11. There has been very little activity since the last statement. There was a \$5 fee for the bank statement.

Dues will be collected for 2024-2025 and due by July 1, 2024. Janet will be sending all members an e-mail by May 1 stating what is due for each member. The credits members had from previous years are running out.

The report was accepted as submitted.

**Organizational structure:** Carol asked for names of people that may like to be nominated for Executive Board At-large be submitted by e-mail to her by the end of the evening. Carol explained that the members would need to be available to meet during the summer months. Discussion ensued about a 1-year position and 2 year positions. John MacGillivray stated there was not a 1 year position in the Constitution. Barbara Banks verified that is valid. The 1 year position was for a vacated position. There will be elections for 3 2-year positions.

**Correspondence:** Carol said there was not written correspondence but there were verbal remarks from “higher up” stating what a great job our chapter has done at the indoor meets.

Carol stated that if an official is working they need to be prepared for a switch in position that was originally assigned. Officials must have the rule book handy and be aware of the memo sent out by NJSIAA regarding ties at a venue.

#### **Old Business:**

Carol reminded the officials to appear to meets in the proper uniform (new Smitty’s uniform shirt, red or blue cap depending upon position, navy blue pants and black sneakers/shoes. Compared to other chapters we are in compliance.

**Cadet Course-**Carol will be holding the cadet course March 11-15 with the test given on March 15. The course will be held in the Bubble from 5:30-8:00PM. Toms River South and North athletes will be assisting as examples. Hand-outs will be given each night. Cadets can give their names and numbers to Carol.

**State Outdoor Meets** Sean Dowd spoke about the State meets for the upcoming Track & Field season. May 31 and June 1 will be the State Sectionals with the sites being the same as previous year. Friday will begin at 3:30 and Saturday will begin at 9:30. Jackson Liberty and Hillsboro officials from last year can expect to work this year. Three hundred twenty officials are needed for the state meets. If there is a rain/snow/fire date needed it will be on Sunday, June 2.

Group Meets will be held on June 7 and 8 at Delsea (Groups 2 & 3), Franklin HS (Groups 1 & 4) and the Non-Public A & B will be held at Stockton College. Friday will begin at 2:30 and Saturday will begin at 10:30. Bill Malone will be the meet director at Franklin. There will be double venues for HJ and PV. There will not be as many officials needed at Delsea due to single venues. Sean told the officials to reach out to him if they did not work last year’s meets and would like to work this year. He can forward names onto the appropriate people.

Meet of Champions will be on June 12 at Pennsauken beginning at 2PM. The raindate

will be June 13. . They have a 2 year contract with NJSIAA. There will be fewer officials needed due to fewer venues. Sean Dowd stated that it was unfair to the athletes to have 2 venues for the same event, as they need to rush and worry about another event.

Officials will not be penalized as in years past for not being able to work Sectionals/Group Meet before being assigned the Meet of Champions. He wants the best 40 officials in the state because that is what the kids deserve.

Sean Dowd stated laser marking will not be used at the state meets as it does not save time. Discussion ensued as Shawn Kerrisk stated the laser would be faster, as kids can pick up the implements in the time it takes to measure with the laser. A large cone can be placed where the athlete returning the implement can stand before retrieving the implement. There are not enough officials for the implement to be returned by an official.

Sean Dowd said that every throw will be measured.

For the officials who were not given assignments during the indoor season, make sure your name is on Zebraweb for the season. If you do not see your name, call Zebraweb portal to put your name on the account.

**Donna Cornell/ Rule Changes-** There was a memo sent out earlier this year by Carol concerning rule changes. This includes taping of fingers and hands in the shot put. Carol said that Tony Maselli said to think about the athletes being able to play the piano, the wrist must be flexible.

Ties in HJ. Example if athletes are tied across the board. Officials can speak to coaches/athletes tied to make the decision to keep it a tie and split the points. All concerned coaches/athletes must agree on the decision. Once the decision is made it is final. No official is involved with the decision.

Shawn Kerrisk stated that in the Indoor Sectional hand-out it stated NO Ties.

**Announcements:** Rules Interpretation meeting will be held on March 9 at the Bubble. Set up will begin at 7:30, with the meeting beginning at 9. The uniform company will be there selling appropriate apparel. This year there will be a buttoned sweatshirt available.

Mike Mooney asked if we should wear our yellow shirts/jacket to the Rules Interpretation meeting. Carol said that would be appropriate

Cadets will be coming to the meeting.

There will be no make-up Rules Interpretation given by Carl Rickerhouser this year at NJSIAA Headquarters. If you need an alternate date, see Carol Harrison for the list of other chapters' meetings.

**Official of the Year-** Please give nominations to Carol by the end of the evening

**Assigning-** Joe Gomulka spoke. There are different chapter assignors for meets. For the indoor season depending on the meets held at the Bubble, there were different assignors. If you want to work, you must be invited by the group. For example, the Southern meets are assigned by the Southern group on Zebraweb. You must be invited to their group. Reach out to them if you want to work. If you are not sure who to call, reach out to Joe, and he can put you in contact with them.

Shawn stated that you can call Zebraweb directly.

**Testing** will take place March 1-March 31 online

### **New Business**

**Starters Clinic-** Carol Harrison said that a clinic would be given by Donna Cornell and Barbara Banks on the track at Jackson Liberty at 3PM. Jackson will be holding field events.

Peddie School will be hosting a clinic at Hightstown for officials. There will be a meet with 7 schools, and officials are invited for all events including LJ, HJ, PV, TJ, Shot and Discus. It will last about 4 hours. Carol will send out a memo with details.

**Good of the Order-** John MacGillvray pointed out outstanding performances he saw at the meet on Feb. 7 at Ocean Breeze. In the Distance Medley, Westfield HS ran 10:06 and Christian Brothers Academy 10:09.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Banks in Lynn Hallenbeck's absence..