

General Membership Meeting
September 9, 2024

Meeting was Called to Order at 7:03 pm by President Carol Harrison,
followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Lynn Hallenbeck read the minutes from the May meeting, motion to accept
Barbara Banks, All in favor, No Opposed, No Abstain.

Janet Laing presented the Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance 8/28	\$5,890.17
Cadet Class	+200.00
Dues	+265.00
Insurance Premium	-653.26

Motion to accept Florence Calise, 2nd Frances Calise, All in Favor, No
Opposed, No Abstain

Organizational - Good group here, thank you all for doing a great job. When
working a meet, if you see another official not following a rule correctly, pull
them aside and talk it out, show correct rule in rule book before continuing
the event.

In regards to XC, officials cannot give any verbal cues to an athlete who
may be going the wrong way, get innovative with hand gestures or head
nods, possibly carry flags, to point in the right direction, but nothing verbal.

Correspondence - None, nothing new

Arbiter will be starting July 2025. There will be Zoom presentations from
January-June, roughly 45 minutes long. You will need to watch on your
computer, not your phone, the phone will be missing some of the columns
in the presentation. Not sure if Arbiter will still use the 7 day acceptance,
meaning if you are assigned a meet and do not accept within 7 days, they
automatically remove you. Do not forget to block dates!

Committee Reports - ByLaws and Constitution was given to the state and will not need to be looked at again for another 3 years.

Uniform - the new shirt needs to be worn now for all meets. The uniform company will be at the Rules Interpretation meeting in March, if anyone needs to purchase any items.

New Business - Sean Dowd said that Carl Rickenhauser has stepped aside, as he is battling cancer. He had 1 year left as both State Assignor and Rules Interpreter. Scott Noonan will fill in as Rules Interpreter and Sean will be the State Assignor. At the end of the year, both men can resubmit their names for the positions and anyone else who may be interested can submit their names.

The new watch rule will take effect immediately. There was a typo in the regular season notes which prompted the change. New Jersey is actually the last state to allow watches to be worn. AD's were notified of the rule change and asked to forward to their coaches. Athletes cannot use the watch to communicate with coaches or anyone, if it is deemed communication is taking place, this will result in disqualification.

Scott uses the State post season portal when it comes to assigning, if you want to be considered to work and you do not see your name on the post season portal, shoot Scott an email and he will invite to the NJSIAA portal. Scott will also have Meet Directors/Meet Referees have a say as to who works their meets. So just because you may have worked a certain meet the past 30 years, doesn't mean you will get the meet this year.

Scott sent a 4-5 page proposal regarding State meet fees to Tony Maselli, nothing rejected, nothing accepted yet. Once he receives a contract, he will let us know.

Barbara Banks announced that Frank Vento has been selected as the State Official of the Year. A banquet will be held in October at the Clarion in Toms River.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm Janet Laing, 2nd Frances Calise