

SITA Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2009 – 6:30 PM

Present: Jim Reichert, Mike Fitz, Eileen Pyrak, Kelly Vacco, Patty Lindbloom, Mac & Mary Lou McEvoy

Excused: Robin Bartnik, Fred Covelli

Discussions

1. **Finances:**
 - a. Mike spent about \$3,000 on awards this year, income from fees should have been \$3,300. Requesting an end-of-year report from Robin with bank balance as of June 30, 2009?
 - b. Voted to purchase 2 “Rain-Rite” clipboards for runners @ \$49 each – approved. John McEvoy will order.
 - c. Agreed to keep fee at \$150 for 2010 season.
2. **MVP Awards:** Only one MVP Award will be purchased and presented **per gender per school**. If a school has 2 girl MVP nominees or two boy nominees, the coach will make a decision between the two. Two awards will not be awarded for the same gender. If there is a tie between two girls or boys from different schools, a second award will be purchased and sent to the school.
3. **All-SITA:**
 - a. Invitations to All-SITA will be the top 3 in each event except Sprints, top 4. No substitutions will be made. If a qualifying athlete cannot attend, the position will **NOT** be filled by the next athlete, the position will be left open.
 - b. Every attempt will be made to schedule the All-SITA as soon as possible after the championships without interfering with Memorial Day Weekend. This new meet will be taken into consideration in creating the over-all schedule, and it is possible that some championships may take place on weeknights instead of weekends.
4. **Scoring:** We will continue to score the way we did this year: only the times, names and schools will be recorded, no points will be recorded at the meets. Results will be posted on the website as soon as possible after each meet. **EXCEPTION:** Championships will be scored immediately at the meet since awards have to be presented. New paperwork will be created for 2010 to simplify this new system.
5. **Restructuring of Divisions:** Beginning in 2010, we will no longer depend on the enrollment figures to determine division placement. Enrollment figures will be used as a secondary “sorting” criteria only, should a school’s enrollment change significantly. Instead, the team that won the division for the 3 regular season meets will move up one level, and the team that came in last will move down one level for the following year. For 2010, OLSH will move up to DeMarco, Christ the King will move down to Walters. St. Vincent will move up to Walters, Mary Queen of Angels will move down to Holbel. All other schools will stay in their same 2009 divisions for 2010. This is in an effort to promote competition within the division by leveling the point spread and giving more (and different) schools a chance to take home a trophy.
6. **New Board Members:** We welcome Kelly Vacco, past coach of SS Peter & Paul and Pat Lindbloom of Waldorf School (new starter) to our board this year. Kelly will be learning how to run the meets and officiate when necessary; Patty has already started several meets this past season.
7. **Volunteer School Assignments:** Beginning in 2010, all meets will have schools assigned to individual events. This worked out very well at the championships. The schedule will include your school number/letter for specific events for each meet. This does not mean that other schools cannot send representatives to the event, schools are still encouraged to have a representative at each venue in which they have competitors. It **does** mean that the schools assigned are the officials for that event. If your school is not able to take the lead on that event, then you must contact another school attending that meet to replace you.
8. **SFHS:** Mike Fitz noted that it is much easier to schedule the meets using only one track. This year almost all meets were at St. Francis, the other two locations were very limited in availability. Accepted by board to schedule all meets at St. Francis High School.