

Meeting Minutes from Fall Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 10am:

Present was President Jared Fletcher, 1<sup>st</sup> President Greg Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> President Ben Ducea, Treasurer/Secretary Peggy McGuire and the Board of Directors of Mike Parker, Abby Schmitz, Greg Thompson along with the other 4 officers. 73 other members present.

Approval of agenda

Approval of the minutes

IATO Update

-Bill Neal

IGHSAU, IAHSAA

-Gary Ross, Jared Chizek

Drake Relays

-Blake Bolden

COY voting

Discussion of the moving the start date of the track season starting 2 weeks later in 2001.

Committee Reports

Old Business

-IATC Board of Directors

New Business

-IATC Board of Directors

Adjournment

-President Jared Fletcher

Motion to Approve the meeting minutes from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting?

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Transcription of meeting minutes:

00:19:37 Iowa Association Track Coaches: <https://forms.gle/9wkXcV2PDnH2c4Ze9>

00:20:36 Iowa Association Track Coaches: Link in chat is for attendance today. If you could fill that out for us that would be great so I can do breakout rooms for voting purposes. Thanks!

00:21:25 Jared Fletcher: Here is our agenda for today:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18g0lUHXoKJNwpFHsXsjGIRzTqZIVkQSIYMutayei63w/edit?usp=sharing>

00:31:24 Ben Duea: Please fill out the attendance form ASAP. Thank you!

00:33:44 Ben Duea: <https://forms.gle/9wkXcV2PDnH2c4Ze9>

00:33:53 Ben Duea: Attendance Form

00:57:58 Kenny Wheeler: To Mike's point, I guess the rationale or the research done by the committee in regards to shortening the season, was never communicated clearly. I think having that information might provide some basis for further argument as we approach this with the joint boards for next year.

00:59:03 Patrick Hennes: It would be good to have more information as to why the ad hoc committee was formed and what, if any, representation T&F coaches had on the committee.

00:59:19 Willis Harte: Hell of a break for kids in 2020, no? Any thought to revisiting the changes in light of COVID?

01:01:21 Travis Nuss - Southeast Valley: Baseball got moved up a week, so now there is more overlap with track (and other spring sports) so instead of a break, you have more athletes involved in more things during those overlap.

01:02:28 Kruzich Andrew: I wish we would just have a break mandated, instead of a calendar mandated. Just make the rule say that an athlete gets 1-2 weeks off after your winter sport is done, rather than take two weeks of development away from kids who aren't out for a winter sport.

01:08:44 Morgan Singleton: Above all, it is so important that rules are equitable for athletes. It is not fair to pull them in all different directions from sport to sport. Consistency is essential.

01:10:16 Tyler Ketelsen: This decision could be reversed tomorrow. In a time when changes are being made within weeks due to Covid, such as football being changed within weeks, this could be reversed immediately. Do what is best for kids and the sport of track and field.

01:10:36 Abdier Marrero: Were student athletes surveyed to see if this was something they even wanted or feel they needed?

01:12:55 Iowa Association Track Coaches: Where is that survey?

01:13:07 Iowa Association Track Coaches: That we can see the results of?

01:17:51 Willis Harte: Putting aside the survey itself for a moment, and the decision reached by the ad hoc committee, I'm still having a hard time wrapping my mind around not rethinking this in light of what we went through last spring and where we currently are when it comes to COVID.

01:18:50 Chad Willeford: Coach Paulsen from UNI said just this week in an email conversation that they plan on running Dickensen indoor "unless the state association decides to cancel" "we will be ready".

01:19:02 Eric Cogdill: Question for the associations - Will there be a survey sent out regarding the 2-day state XC meet or should we simply send feedback to Jared & Gary?

01:19:29 Iowa Association Track Coaches: 4x55/60 M SH Relay  
4x200 M Relay  
4x800 M Relay  
55/60 M Hurdles (P)  
55/60 M Dash (P)  
1500/1600 M Run  
400 M Dash

55/60 M Hurdles (F)

55/60 M Dash (F)

800 M Run

3000/3200 M Run

4 x 400 M Relay

01:19:56 Tracy Demerat: can we talk about the lay out of the state meet?

01:20:50 4 - Brad Elliott: Are SQM sites going to be reconsidered or same as 2020?

01:21:29 Lu Peverill: There was a survey that came out for State XC that asked a lot of questions

01:25:40 Eric Cogdill: Here is the list of the current advisory committee.

Jeff Bissen, Glenwood

Brian Peterson, Roland-Story

Toby Lorenzen, Central Lyon

Tim O'Neill, Assumption, Davenport

Martha Bauder, Central Elkader

Jon Pedersen, Central Decatur

Blaire Puls, Hudson

Nate Smith, Ankeny Centennial

01:25:56 Nate Hopp: My thought would be to have 3k/3200 at beginning of Thursday for morning session and have it be the last event for afternoon session.

01:26:34 Kenny Wheeler: 3000/4x800 on Thursday; 800m on Saturday AM; 1500m on Saturday early afternoon.

01:26:47 Tracy Demerat: thank you

01:27:17 Tracy Demerat: nate, I agree.

01:27:30 Abdier Marrero: why not split the two sessions more, instead of afternoon session, have a morning session and an evening session?

01:28:53 Justin Droppert: Is the track and XC advisory committee the same?

01:30:09 Patrick Hennes: They are separate Advisory committees

01:30:49 Lu Peverill: So was that the Track advisory committee that was shared?

01:30:54 Eric Cogdill: Yes, that was track

01:32:13 Tyler Ketelsen: Could someone please share the XC advisory committee names?

01:32:53 Iowa Association Track Coaches: Tyler let me check, but I am not sure, they are on the IGHSAU site.

01:33:01 Eric Cogdill: Nate Boock, Ballard (Chair)

Erik Belby, Pleasant Valley

Katie Tesch, Ridge View

Abby Schmitz, Waukee

Travis Nuss, Southeast Valley

Dan Sauser, Monticello

Kevin Kearney, South Winneshiek, Calmar

Bill Neal, Iowa City (Official)

01:33:27 Iowa Association Track Coaches: There you go Tyler. Eric always has the info

01:34:11 Tyler Ketelsen: Thank you.

01:36:32 Kenny Wheeler: Thanks Blake.

01:36:38 4 - Brad Elliott: Thanks Blake!

01:37:37 Ben Duea: Blake - are you having blue oval invite on apr 10?

01:39:22 Blake Boldon: Thanks Ben. Our plans for 2021 remain somewhat tentative but over the summer this is what we put together:

[https://godrakebulldogs.com/sports/2015/11/27/DR\\_1127150713.aspx?path=dr](https://godrakebulldogs.com/sports/2015/11/27/DR_1127150713.aspx?path=dr)

01:40:26 Blake Boldon: To be clear, the Blue Oval Invitational will be college/university only in March and the Jim Duncan Invitational will be DI and high school, in a format similar to what existed in 2018 and previously

01:40:53 Blake Boldon: The simplest explanation: it's just a name switch from 2019.

01:41:59 Blake Boldon: The intent is to add another home meet to the Drake track and field schedule while honoring Jim Duncan's legacy with our best non-Drake Relays meet (mid-April).

01:47:43 Jesse Hunt: Blake, my apologies if you mentioned this, but any consideration for modifying the Drake Relays qualifying due date as a result of the shortened season by two weeks and potentially the elimination/massive reduction of any indoor season. While most qualifying marks come from the outdoor, the question remains how this shortened ramp up time for competition will impact performances by Thursday, April 15th. For instance, could Friday by 11:59pm or Saturday by 5pm be considered? Thanks.

01:48:34 Patrick Hennes: great point Jesse!

01:51:31 Willis Harte: Prairie CR staff?

01:51:36 Blake Boldon: Thank you Jesse. That detail has not been addressed at this point. While it improves the ability of high school student-athletes to qualify by adding a key date or two for meets, it does add significant administrative challenges while we balance many other items...

01:51:53 Nate Hopp: Michael tierney

01:52:10 Nate Hopp: cr prairie asst

01:52:53 Blake Boldon: If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to send them to Jared Fletcher so he can compile and build a consensus or you can send them directly to me. My email is blake.boldon@drake.edu

01:53:13 Nate Hopp: boys. I forget girls

01:53:15 Eric Cogdill: I can speak to Blake's point. In terms of fielding the MS State meet entries we close on a Monday for a Saturday meet and we wouldn't be able to squeeze another minute of delay into that schedule and we aren't printing programs

01:53:25 Nate Hopp: op

01:53:36 Nate Hopp: ok. thanks skriver

01:54:45 Blake Boldon: Thank you, Eric. I absolutely acknowledge the benefit of adding those extra days for qualifying. If/when we can do it, we will. I'm not sure if 2021 is going to be the year but please continue to hold me accountable on how we can improve our event for your students.

01:57:12 Iowa Association Track Coaches: <https://forms.gle/Nz7PhTtJqYj9wYFw5>

02:06:21 Iowa Association Track Coaches: <https://forms.gle/TXaaSQQpDcX5hSUs9>

02:08:55 Josh Chapman: Sorry my mic isn't working. Please read what I wrote about Bart Mueller.

02:12:50 Nate Hopp: I'm in 3a

02:13:01 Justin Droppert: 3a

02:13:03 Willis Harte: 4A

02:13:16 Aaron Thomas: 3A

02:13:21 Eric Cogdill: If you missed the original form, here is the link  
<https://forms.gle/9wkXcV2PDnH2c4Ze9>

02:13:32 Eric Cogdill: for attendance

02:20:22 Iowa Association Track Coaches: 1A Coaches of the Year Ballot  
<https://forms.gle/WHNEYPGCras7Be4r7>

02:21:09 Iowa Association Track Coaches: 2A coaches

02:21:10 Iowa Association Track Coaches: <https://forms.gle/t3yurHG4jHwDqSfY8>

02:21:22 Jared Fletcher: If someone gets kicked out or whatever the case, email one of us if needed:

02:21:36 Iowa Association Track Coaches: 3 A

02:21:37 Iowa Association Track Coaches: <https://forms.gle/SyzfFNMcyWaDxYS9>

02:22:02 Iowa Association Track Coaches: 4A

02:22:04 Iowa Association Track Coaches: <https://forms.gle/VmvMiVcFkJTCAnw7>

02:22:51 Jay Welp: Hi sorry Idk what happened

02:22:52 Jay Welp: 4a

02:45:04 Greg Thompson - Panorama: 2A is done.

02:45:47 Greg Thompson - Panorama: Is Des Moines Public going to go online again? No winter sports?

02:46:23 Eric Cogdill: They have asked to go online as Polk County is above 15%

02:46:46 Greg Thompson - Panorama: About 1/2 the state is more than 15%.

02:47:05 Eric Cogdill: 81 of 99 counties now

02:47:29 Sara Schwendinger: There is a board meeting tonight for DMPS. They don't want the high schools to start back as scheduled this week and want all other students to go remote as of November 16

02:48:02 Greg Thompson - Panorama: The sad thing, most cases in a school are coming from outside the school. We have not had a single positive case from contact at school.

02:48:37 Sara Schwendinger: DMPS sports were literally allowed to start practicing again yesterday.

02:48:57 Greg Thompson - Panorama: I saw the Roosevelt swim team swam at regionals.

02:49:00 Michael Moore: rick

02:49:48 Sara Schwendinger: They did! 3 girls qualified for state I believe.

02:53:28 Greg Thompson - Panorama: I forgot to check - are all the coaches on the nomination form members?

03:03:18 Cristy Nimrod: Good to see you all even virtually. Have a good winter, see you next spring! I have to run, I have another meeting.

03:03:32 Douglas Cutler: Bye Cristy, great season yet again

03:05:43 Jay Mike: PeggyJared .can I go after Chad? My presentation will be quite short.

03:17:35 Lu Peverill: SWI times will probably only be slower

03:17:56 Douglas Cutler: Can we call it TOP PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK .... not a ranking? We will still get the clicks, just a thought

03:17:57 Lu Peverill: Does that mean none of our kids will have any "top 30 times?"

03:18:34 Matt Pries: Agree, Doug. I like that and it will be helpful to see it that way.

03:18:41 Greg Thompson - Panorama: The Board of Directors agreed to call it Top Performers of the Week.

03:19:14 Lu Peverill: Only based on times, none of our courses will be fast enough to probably get on the list

03:19:29 Greg Thompson - Panorama: Submit the results as usual or through Varsity Bound?

03:20:21 Lu Peverill: How is this fair to kids in SW or NE Iowa?

03:21:31 Lu Peverill: So apparently no one has a response for us in SW Iowa

03:27:00 darinarkema: I think the acceptability of this change lies with calling it Top Performers or Performances of the Week versus Individual Rankings.

03:27:30 Jesse Hunt: ^^

03:28:14 Rob Hammann: If we call it rankings using this system the emails I receive will increase exponentially. :-)

03:28:40 Rob Hammann: I like the Top Performers title.

03:28:41 Matt Pries: Agree, Darin.

03:28:58 Lu Peverill: We'll see what happens

03:29:04 Morgan Singleton: Will times be submitted on Varsity Bound?

03:29:28 Douglas Cutler: The angst and vitriol of some of the emails the IATC gets about the individual rankings just isn't worth it. Having a system where the discussion becomes about course would be an improvement in my opinion. Get away from "my kid is better than that kid".

03:29:51 Iowa Association Track Coaches: Morgan at this time the decision of the top performers list of 30 is posted on our website.

03:30:06 Iowa Association Track Coaches: The varsity times of top 7 are what is posted to Varsity bound

03:30:55 Morgan Singleton: So to clarify, I will only need to continue to post times to Varsity Bound? Or will I need to post to two places now?

03:31:20 Eric Cogdill: I believe you'd need to fill out a weekly google form for the IATC. VB won't allow a week to week data pull

03:31:28 Jeff Baker: Love everything about the podcast. Great job!

03:31:29 Morgan Singleton: 👍

03:31:30 Iowa Association Track Coaches: We haven't figured all the logistics out yet but will let every one know more once we have it figured out.

03:34:58 Lu Peverill: Good job

03:35:05 c.perkins: Thanks Rob!

03:35:36 Rob Hammann: Glad to help.

03:38:34 Lu Peverill: Too bad that we are in this budget situation, because a couple of years ago, the association was thriving.

03:39:13 Greg Thompson - Panorama: Losing the middle school state track meets caused a big hit to the finances.

03:39:17 Lu Peverill: I will tell you that my MS boys bought nothing at the state meet because there were not enough sizes. A loss of sales, so we are buying our own.

03:41:33 Lu Peverill: Todd and I came home from state meet and are now on a 2 week quarantine. About 4 of our kids all tested positive for COVID.

03:43:31 Bill: Can email me at bneal8888@gmail.com

03:46:45 Patrick Hennes: What was the web address for the North Polk clinic?

03:48:28 Patrick Hennes: www.northpolkcamps.com  
03:48:39 Bill Capaldo: www.northpolkcamps.com  
03:49:18 Lu Peverill: Thank you Eric for all your hard work  
03:49:19 Matt Pries: Awesome job making this happen, Eric!  
03:49:48 Lu Peverill: Our's was with high school kids  
03:49:52 Mike Parker: I will be handing out the entire season of workouts for State Champions Bailey Nock (1500 & 3000) and Val Welch (100 Hurdles and Long Jump) during my presentation at the North Polk Clinic. Can't wait!  
03:50:49 Iowa Association Track Coaches: Thanks Eric.  
03:50:52 Matt Pries: Lu . . . when did symptoms start and when was the positive test? We were in the box next to you, so want to be sure I can address it if needed. Thanks!  
03:51:43 Greg Thompson - Panorama: At my school, if no symptoms and not positive, teachers are required to be at work. We are considered essential.  
03:52:34 Lu Peverill: Matt Pries-you talking HS or MS?  
03:52:37 Nate Hopp: Same Greg. I've been exposed over a dozen time. No symptoms and negative test thankfully  
03:52:57 Rob Hammann: Stepping out. Thanks for a great season. Have a great winter.  
03:52:59 Matt Pries: HS boys  
03:53:07 Eric Cogdill: Thanks Rob for all you do  
03:53:08 Bill: Bill Capaldo-cell is 319-530-9703 if you want to call after the Zoom meeting.  
03:54:13 Bill Capaldo: Thanks Bill Neal. I will maybe reach out to you tonight or tomorrow. Capaldo  
03:54:28 Eric Cogdill: senior athlete <1750 for boys or <2150 for girls, here is the link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKTFeDgNT8SY2lgWWJ0oOezWf9TdvdHS4DcgpYJv8quQsR5Q/viewform>  
03:56:12 Iowa Association Track Coaches: Thank you Sara and Tami for your work!  
03:56:13 Lu Peverill: Matt-we had kids test positive on Saturday after we got home on Friday night.  
03:56:28 Lu Peverill: You can email us if you need more information.  
03:56:33 Lu Peverill: We have to go.  
03:56:35 Matt Pries: Thanks, Lu.  
03:56:42 Matt Pries: I hope they're all okay.  
03:56:52 Lu Peverill: All doing ok.....  
03:56:57 Robin Hammann: we need to head out, thanks!  
03:57:23 Iowa Association Track Coaches: Thanks Rob for all your work! You are very appreciated!  
03:59:35 Rick Clarahan: Have to leave for another engagement. Congrats on a great XC Season to everyone and thanks for all everyone here does for our great sports! See everyone next spring.  
04:01:39 Eric Cogdill: Golf gives trophies to top 6  
04:01:56 Eric Cogdill: volleyball gives to top 8  
04:05:42 Eric Cogdill: Agree with Doug!  
04:10:09 Greg Thompson - Panorama: Whether the state meet is one day or two day, I would like to see more time between genders. Having boys only start 30 minutes after the girls is not enough time especially in the smaller classes where coaches have both genders.  
04:11:10 George Kuhter: also need to scoot. thanks to all for all you do.  
04:12:51 Robert Cast: Maybe I missed this as I joined late. What was the reason for not having the Senior Spotlight XC Meet this season?  
04:13:41 Jill Engels: Thank you everyone for such great support for the sport of Running in Iowa! It was a pleasure to be a part of the meeting today. Good luck in the spring!  
04:14:46 Robert Cast: Ok thanks for the answer. Thanks for all your support for our sports.  
04:22:50 Greg Thompson - Panorama: Who is on the association board of directors at the IGHS AU or IAHSAA?  
04:24:35 1A - Brad Elliott: Would like to plug Altis option for member incentives, Even if u don't fly to phoenix the online content is excellent.  
04:24:46 Greg Thompson - Panorama: Is the list of those on the board of directors at the association/union anywhere on their website?  
04:25:32 Bob Saunders: I agree with Brad!

04:26:51 Ben Duea: Deron Durflinger, Van Meter, 2021 Steve Pettit, Southeast Polk, 2023 Dave Wiebers, Denison-Schleswig, 2023 Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee, 2024 Amanda Whaley, West Branch, IASB, 2024 Dr. Ann Lebo – ex-officio, Department of Education Dr. Rod Earleywine, Chairperson Sergeant Bluff-Luton, 2020 Barb Schwamman, Vice-Chairperson Osage, 2022 Brent Cook, Treasurer Dubuque, Senior, 2022

04:28:24 Greg Thompson - Panorama: Ben, please post the URL link for that.

04:28:55 Ben Duea: <https://www.iahsaa.org/about/board-representative-council/>

04:31:35 Eric Cogdill: From April 2018 IGHS AU board minutes -

During the March administrative session, Directors asked Berger to meet with her team to determine which items from the Ad Hoc Committee’s “Long-term Strategic Planning” and “Continued Investigation” recommendations should be first priority. The staff determined that 1) implementation of a state-mandated break in the calendar 2) the structure of post-season schedule-format, schedule and length and 3) possible movement of sport(s) from spring to fall from “Continued Investigation” category and number of contests/length of season from the “Long-Term Strategic Planning” receive first consideration. Within discussion, Berger mentioned that the IHSAA is also interested in researching the implementation of a state-mandated break in the calendar. Directors supported and are comfortable with the staff pursuing the aforementioned items.

04:34:46 Robert Cast: I also struggle with morning (voluntary) softball practice during our track season.

04:36:39 Nate Hopp: that was great

04:37:12 Douglas Cutler: Thank you for giving those of us that made it to this end of this meeting that  
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