

**IATO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**NOV. 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**  
**WAUKEE NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL**

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Mike Stanley, IATO President at 9:00 am.
- 2) Minutes from June 6, 2021 were approved. MM-Kevin Long SS-Curt Anderson
- 3) Membership Report was given by IATO Sec. / Treasurer-Bill Neal
  - \*Currently in membership drive phase for IATO. Cut off is Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*One new member-Tim Squires, Belle Plaine
  - \*IATO has no Honorary Members at this time
  - \*Two officials have not renewed their membership for 2022 season
- 4) Treasurer's Report was given by IATO Sec. / Treasurer Bill Neal--\$11,832.00
- 5) IATO Board of Directors Status was given by Mike Stanley, IATO President
  - \*Out going Board Members-Ray Wilden, Clarence Dawson, Kevin Long  
Each will be presented an IATO Plaque for serving on the board for two terms
  - \*Incoming Board of Directors-Fran Long-Central; Jeff Cook-Central,  
Terry Fischer-NE; John Zietlow-NE
- 6) State Cross Country and Track & Field Review by Jared Chizek (IHSA) and Gary Ross(IGHSAU)
  - \*Two day State Cross Country meet will be reviewed by the Cross Country Advisory Committee in December. Coaches have made many positive comments about the two day state meet.
  - \*Schools that host Cross Country meets should have pre-meet meeting
  - \*Track season-Practice will start one week earlier on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>
  - \*Uniform-Logo on waist band of short can be any size going forward
  - \*Rule 6 in new NFHS rule book has been reorganized
  - \*1A/4A-morning session 2A/3A-afternoon session (2022-season)
  - \*Saturday at State will just be one session like in the past
  - \*Concerns over the length of J.H. meets-Recommend only 8 teams on 8 lane track
  - \*Scrimmages/Non-traditional track meets-Held by a few schools
  - \*Couple of schools used True Team scoring at home track meets
  - \*Concern about opening height in High Jump in Class 1A at SQM
  - \*Official shortage in Iowa High School athletics

**Old Business:**

- \*Track Advisory Report-Mark Tigges
- \*Covid played a big part in the decisions of 2021 track season (regular, SQM, State)
- \*Track season in 2022 will begin one week earlier as Track Coaches Association requested for another week. This was due in part to a larger than normal amount of injuries competition one week after season started and there wasn't enough preparation time before the first indoor meet.
- \* Volunteer Certificates-Certificates will be available at the clinic. Pick them up from Mike Stanley, IATO President

**\*Blank Shells-Bill Neal reported that track starters should pick up their shells at the IATO clinic on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> in Ames or be sure to make arrangements to have them picked up. The IATO doesn't mail them out. We have a good inventory of shells and the sale of shells has been brisk. Tim Sanderson has placed an IATO shell order for 2022. The IATO is working hard for its members to ensure that we have plenty of shells each year at the clinic. The IATO provides shells to its starters at a discounted price but starters can expect prices to be higher in the future.**

**\*IATO Clinic Handout-The IATO will be passing out to IATO members at the clinic a procedures handout on the four field events. Hopefully, IATO members will share the handouts with high schools that they work at during the track season. Suggest that you get the handouts into the hands a month prior to working their meet. To IATO members not at the clinic we will be sending the files out via email to you.**

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**New Business:**

**\*Dragonfly concerns-New system for all officials in the State of Iowa. Stay patient and work thru the new system. Still working thru the bugs with new system.**

**\*IATO Calendars-Discussion was held on the cost of the calendars and whether officials are using them or putting dates on their cell phones. Cost has went up double since we last ordered them. We are working with a vendor on options.**

**\*Cross Country Advisory meeting on Dec. 2. Officials who have concerns should email Bill Neal prior to that meeting.**

**\*50 Year Official Awards-Discussion was held as to whether the IATO would be interested in recognizing active IATO Track & Field officials in the future at the State Track & Field meet. We have twenty officials with over 50 years. The Board of Directors approved to recognize IATO Track & Field officials with 50 years of service. The IATO will start the process this spring by honoring five with the most years each spring and continue doing so until we catch up. This will be done at the same time that we honor our 25 years of IATO service. MM-Timm Lamb SM-Ray Wilden**

**\*2022 Cross Country Official of the Year-Terry Fischer-Cascade**

**\*2022 Officials Clinic-Brief discussion on what topics officials would like to hear in 2022. Visited the topic of clinic favors as well. Any ideas send to Bill Neal.**

**\*Recruiting of Officials-This will be a topic at the clinic in December. If you have ideas be sure to share.**

**\*Members of the IATO Board of Directors joined members of the Coaches Association for lunch.**

**7) Adjournment-IATO President Mike Stanley adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.  
MM-Curt Anderson SM-Jim Nichols**