

IATO BOARD MEETING
NOV. 17, 2024 – 9:00 AM
WAUKEE NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

Meeting called to order by IATO President Mark Tigges at 9:00 am.

Those in attendance: Mark Tigges, Jim Nichols, Larry Parker, Timm Lamb, Randy Baker, Terry Fischer, John Zietlow, Curt Anderson, Josh Rasmussen, Bill Neal

1-Approval of minutes from June 4, 2023-MM-Timm Lamb SM-Jeff Cook

Amended item #5 under old business. Delete sentence about plaques.

2-Membership Report

- *Current membership-96 paid IATO members
- *New members-9 new member since last years clinic
- *Honorary members-1
- *Members not renewing yet-29
- *Members removed from membership-6 (two years inactive membership)

3-Treasurers Report-\$14,490.08 All bills paid. MM-Terry Fischer SM-Curt Anderson

4-IGHSAU/IHSAA XC Updates-Madison Melchert (IGHSAU) & Andy Umthun (IHSAA)

- *Course was widen in several places from 2023 due to crowding of runners on the course.
- *SQM-Very good meets with fast times around the state. Things went well.
- *Five additional qualifiers at SQM meets is working well.
- *State meet had good weather and outstanding individual performances. Several course records in various classes.
- *Host recommendations for cross country meets for schools is valuable resource.
- *Working to increase starters pool for cross country meets.

Old Business:

1-Track & Field Advisory Report-Jim Nichols passed out minutes of the T & F Advisory report.

- *Implementing the new false start rule went well.
- *Concerns with lane width for hurdle races at various SQM sites. Lanes may be to narrow.
- *Improvement in school weighing implements at local meets. Continue to work on this.
- *Requiring live scoring at track meets will not be mandated.
- *Host schools decide length of spikes for their meets.
- *Discussion on expectations of hosting a SQM. This will be addressed for 2025 track season.
- *Concerns over athletes leaving field events to compete in running events. Need consistency from all field events at State meet. This will be addressed at the clinic in Ames.
- *Discussed the use of Drake Field house and Mediacom Stadium for State meet. Drake will provide only one facility. More discussion in the future.

- *Relay cards will continue to be used at the State meet.
- *Double waterfall for distance events was discussed. Top seeded runners in front waterfall and rest in back waterfall. All 8 lanes are to be used in back waterfall.
- *Discussion of adding other field events for high school. Triple Jump - Denied
- *JH shot put weight will remain the same. 8 lb shots are illegal.
- *Discussion of expectations of coaches to know the high school track and field rules. The IATO and IATC will get together at the clinic to discuss some of the new rules.

2-Volunteer Certificates-Will be made available at IATO clinic in Ames.

3-Blank Shells & New Ammo Chairperson

- *Fran Long (Ft. Dodge) will be the new Ammo Chairperson starting in 2025. Starters should be buying all shells at the clinic as the IATO doesn't send ammo out.
- *IATO sells .22 CCI blanks, .32 S & W blanks and 9 mm UMAREX blanks.

4-Cross Country Advisory will meet with IGHSAU/IHSAA in December. Only item the IATO recommends to Cross Country Advisory board is that schools work on making all cross country courses double lined. It helps the athletes and spectators at meets. It takes more time to mark double lined course but cones can be used as well.

5-IATO Officials Clinic & Agenda-Discussion of this years speakers and IATO favors.

6-25 & 50 year service awards & IATO Awards-Reviewed the list. Presentation will take place on Saturday at the State meet. More information later.

7-Regular season & SQM reminders XC / Coaches Meeting reminders-Will continue these.

8-Misc. – Mark Tigges brought up the IATC State Junior High meet. Workers are needed and can contact Mark Tigges if interested in working this meet.

New Business:

1-IATO Board of Directors

- *Terms ending-Thanks to those who have served the past few years.
- *New Board of Directors-Announced new Board of Directors. New name tags ordered.

2-2024 IATC Indoor track & field meet at Ames, Iowa-

- *Workers have been secured. Number of heats have been reduced. Coaching packets will have lay out of track and exchanges. No tennis balls can be used. Field events may start sooner. Park in legal spaces only.

3-IATO Clinic Favors (2025) – Discussion to continue at next meeting.

4-IGHSAU/IHSAA webinars-Field event webinars will be available before the season for coaches and officials. Starters need to watch these as well. Trying to educate all parties on how to run the field events. To many issues during the season and SQM.

5-2025 IATO Procedures Manual – Bill Neal & Greg Blank are Co-Editors of the manual. Its be completely redone for the 2025 track and field season. Officials will need to print out the new copy and throw away older copies of this manual. Will be sent out in January.

6-SQM track visits & checklist – Board of Directors at the direction of the IGHSAU/IHSAA will conduct visits of all SQM sites for each school hosting with the meet director and IATO Board of Director. A check sheet will be provided.

7-IATO Sec. / Treasurer Resignation – Bill Neal has submitted his resignation from the position. He's served in this position for the past 9 years and will be stepping down for personal reasons. Anyone interested in the position should contact IATO President, Mark Tigges. The position will be filled at the IATO clinic in December.

8-Cross Country Official of the Year – Jeff Cook (Pleasantville) was selected by the IATC.

9-Misc. –

***IATO will continue to focus on educating officials through clinics, webinars and the IATO Procedures Manual. If your going to work and officiate track and field then you need to know the rules.**

***IATO will work to continue working closely with the IATC, IGHSAU and IHSAA. We feel we are in a good place with the leaders of all these organizations.**

Meeting adjourned by IATO President Mark Tigges at 11:23.

MM-Terry Fischer SM-John Zietlow

**Bill Neal
IATO Sec. / Treasurer**

