



MINUTES
Cross Country Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
August 8, 2012

Chairman Dave Shapiro called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members Attendance:

Dave Shapiro (Chandler) Chairman
Scott Giddings (Greenway)
Mike Elder (Northland Prep)
Laura Sample (Mesquite)
Eric Fogle (Blue Ridge) *
Dan Nero (CdS)*
Doug Clements (Wickenburg) *
Jody Brase (Catalina FH) *
Trina Painter (Flagstaff) *
Chris Hanson (Desert Vista)*
Mark Goligoski (Prescott) *

Members Absent:

Bruce Wilkison (Gilbert Christian)
Elmer Yazzie (Pusch Ridge Christian)
Rick Baker (Hopi)

AIA Staff present:

Dean Visser, AIA Tournament Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Cross Country committee meeting held on November 22, 2011 were approved. Scott Giddings (Greenway) moved to approve the minutes with a second from Mike Elder (NPA)

NEW BUSINESS

- Action was taken to make a minor change to the State course. Due to the rain and then subsequent flooding in the wash -last year's course was changed. Most coaches and fans seemed to like the change and commented on how much of the race was viewable at multiple locations. Chris Hanson (Desert Vista) moved to approve the changed with seconded by Jodie Brase (Catalina FH). Motion passed unanimously.
- The Schedules for 2012 were discussed and approved. Dave Shapiro (Chandler) moved to approve the schedules with a second from Dan Nero (CdS). Motion passed unanimously.

- The Sectional site for Div I Sectional II and Division IV Section II is going to be changed to Crossroads Park in Gilbert because Freestone is unavailable (Chandler – Tumbleweed is a back up site). Check the AIA web site and Cross Country Tournament Guide for details.

Discussion Items:

- Discussion took place regarding the Skunk Creek course and the limited access that teams have for that before the meet. Dean Visser stated that there is an invitational held at Skunk Creek during the season and he will talk to Mike Iauch (SDO).
- Everyone was reminded to input their entries for the Sectional and the State meet in to athletic.net with a deadline of October 29th by 5:00 pm (Dave Shapiro explained that coaches can make changes up to 8:00 am on the day of the meet).
- The committee discussed the proposed race schedule for the State Meet. Dean Visser explained to the committee that there is a rotating schedule that has race times/schedule made though 2015 as requested by Jody Brase (Catalina FH). For this year the schedule is Div III girls, Div I boys, Div III boys and then Div I girls – with a 7:45 am walk though and 8:00 am packet pick up. Div II and IV will have their walk through at 11:00am with races starting at 11:15 am.
- Scott Giddings (Greenway) inquired about the number of medals for the State Meet. The committee has requested an increase from 14 individual medals to 21 individual medals. Dean Visser and Dan Nero will give the request to the 5A conference representative (Dan Serrano – Perry HS) to bring forward to the AIA Executive Board at their next meeting.
- It was recommended by the race management to try and have different colored bibs for each of the races to make the distribution easier/clearer for the packet pick up by the coach and then given to the athletes. This would include separate colors for the genders as well.
- The committee recommended having multiple sites for the posting of results (one location caused a crowd to form and then it became difficult for the coaches to get result).
- Dave Shapiro brought up the suggestion of have a pre-packet pickup with a dinner the night before at North Hills Church.
 - Teams would get their packets
 - Bib numbers
 - Have last minute questions answered
 - Purchase t-shirt etc
 - Make changes
- Dean Visser reminded the committee members of the increase in the entry price for the cross country spectators to the State Meet (\$10 Adults and \$ 6 Students – similar to other AIA events) this is to cover the additional costs that come with running this type of first class event. The fans and non parking pass holders will still need to use the shuttle service provided by the buses from Glendale School District Transportation Department.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

3:00 p.m., the AIA Offices, 7007 N. 18th ST, Phoenix