

Suburban Parochial League – Cross Country

Minutes of the 10/27/2015 Post-season Meeting
held at St. Francis Xavier's Joyce Hall, LaGrange, Illinois

I. Call To Order / Invocation

The meeting was called to order by John Mulholland at 7:00 PM followed by a prayer.

II. Introductions:

John Mulholland introduced SPL CC Officers Ed Sullivan (Vice President) and Sharon Garvy (Treasurer).

Members of the Rules and Events Committee are:

Scott Butler (St. Joan of Arc), Sharon Garvy (St. Raphael), Nena Lavoie (Notre Dame), Ed Sullivan (St. Pius / Sacred Heart) and John Mulholland.

III. Attendance:

(A) All schools were present with the exception of St. Isaac Jogues, who had advised of their absence prior to the meeting. However, as provided for the League's Rules and Procedures, SIJ will be placed on probation for the 2016 season; SIJ's AD and HC to be notified.

(B) The current Contact List (Vol_1.6) and Worker Assignment sheets were circulated for updates / changes.

IV. Minutes of the August 4, 2015 pre-season meeting

The chair suggested waiving the reading of the pre-season meeting minutes and solicited approval of the minutes as submitted. The action was moved, seconded and approved on a voice vote.

V. Reports:

(A) Equipment: St. Irene (chute and flags), St. Leonard (finish line clocks), St. Joan of Arc (watches and scoring equipment) reported that all equipment was collected, appears to be in good condition and has been stored for the off-season.

All Saints (meet box) reported that two, two-way radios are still missing from the Championship Meet. The chair requested that coaches contact their parent volunteers to see if the radios can be retrieved. St. Pius reported that the scorer's tent might be damaged; Ed Sullivan is to follow-up to determine if it needs to be replaced.

(B) Treasurer - Sharon Garvy reported:

Opening Bk Balance:	\$1,966.53 – Reserve
2015 Income Sources:	\$4,050.00 – Dues; 27 x \$150/member school
	<u>\$2,299.51</u> – Gross t-shirt Sales*
	\$8,316.04 – Gross Income / Reserve
2015 Expenses:	(\$1,108.25) - Supplies: \$404.63 – equipment/starter's boxes
	\$168.78 – web site
	\$503.68 – scoring
	\$ 17.00 – checks
	\$ 14.16 – finish line clocks batteries
	(\$1,190.00) - Rentals: \$340.00 - DGS&R Club; Meet #4
	\$450.00 - Lewis Univ; Meet #5
	\$400.00 - Marmion; Meet #3
	includes Port-O-Potty
	(\$2,346.65) - Awards: \$1,661.65 – banners, plaques and ribbons
	\$ 685.00 – Competitor's Championship t-shirts
	(\$3,568.50) – "For Sale" t-shirts expense*
	\$ 102.64 - Closing Bank Balance

* Final t-shirt sales / expenses were determined after the post season meeting

VI. Old Business:

- (A) Creating a formal process for canceling the Championship Meet Awards Ceremony, previously deferred, was discussed. No one favored eliminating the Awards Ceremony, even in view of low attendance. However, it was agreed that any cancelation due to inclement weather should be determined by a vote of the head coaches, as is the cancelation of a meet. The process will be formalized as part of an on-going revision of the League's Rules and Procedures.
- (B) There is to be no change to the Rules and Procedures regarding religious ed students participation on SPL CC teams, to include home schooled students.

VII. New Business:

(A) Championship Meet Wrap-Up and Issues

It was determined, using both GPS and wheel measurements, that the distances for all races at Lewis University were short, coming in at:

0.965 mile (5,189 feet) for the 5th grade 1.0 mile course; and

1.410 mile (7,445 feet) for the 6th grade 1.5 mile course; and

1.940 mile (10,225 feet) mile for the 7th & 8th grades 2.0 miles course.

As a consequence, no records were set, and the use of "projected times" rejected by the membership.

It was further determined that when Lewis University was chosen as the 2014 meet site, the courses set out by Lewis University were not measured with a measuring wheel as required by the League's Rules and Procedures. In addition, Lewis' "rabbit" golf cart does not follow the outer perimeter of the course, as set out on the course maps.

When the outer perimeter of the 1.0 mile course shown on the map was measured by wheel, the length was 5,253 feet, significantly longer than the measured 5,189 feet. As a consequence, for the 2016 season's Championship Meet, the courses will be laid out by the SPL host school and Lewis University, utilizing the outer perimeter course shown on the course maps.

In further discussion:

- (1) Given the multiple meet sites over which Championship Meets have been contested the past few years, members discussed the possibility of no longer maintaining Championship Meet records. However, it was determined that if courses were accurate maintaining course records would be desirable, but the course where the record was set should be noted.
- (2) Meet manager, Julie Allman requested help with additional staffing from all League teams to help supply sufficient course spotters. As a result of the discussion, Jeanne Ives (St. Michael's) volunteered to co-host with St. Petronille.

As a result of this discussion, and acknowledging the difficulty of having sufficient parent volunteers at one school, League teams volunteered to co-host Meets #'s 1 and 4.

Consequently, all meets with the exception of Meet #3, the GVM Co-Ed, will have co-hosts. The League will continue to seek to have a school co-host with St. Joan of Arc.

(B) Hall of Fame Nominations:

The winners of the 8th grade boy's and girl's races, Ethan Kelly (SMG) and Alexis Palmer (SFX), were formally nominated and elected to the SPL CC Hall of Fame. The athletes or their coach were presented with the Morello Hall of Fame medals at the Championship Meet Awards Ceremony. Going forward, it was agreed by the Membership that these medals will continue to be awarded at the Championship Meet and that Hall of Fame membership is automatic.

(C) Future Meet Scoring

With the retirement of Scott Butler as the League's Head Scorer, SPL CC will need to determine whether scoring meets will remain in house or be outsourced to an outside vendor. Outsourcing will require an increase in annual dues to cover the expense.

John Darrow (ND) was asked to chair an ad hoc committee to determine which alternative will meet the needs of the League, which includes the scoring of two meets that are different from the norm; GVM Co-Ed and Championship Meet. Members were invited to join the committee, which will report back to the membership in January 2016. In addition to John Darrow, joining the committee are Scott Butler, Julie Fulton (SMG), Sharon Garvy (St. Raphael), Monica Sowers (St. James) and John Mulholland (SFX).

(D) New League Officers.

No action taken; deferred to the 2016 pre-season meeting. All current officers will remain in their current positions during the off season.

(E) Revised Rules and Procedures:

All members were asked by the chair to review the draft copy of the revised *SPL CC Rules and Procedures* sent them prior to the meeting.

(F) Championship Meet Division A and AA banners:

The members were polled on the continuing to award Division A and AA Champions banners vs. plaques. The membership choose to continue to award banners, as the majority of schools hang their banners in their school gym.

VIII. President's comments:

The chair addressed the membership regarding the importance of: (1) the timely payment of annual dues; and (2) the submission of (a) roster input forms and (b) 5th – 8th grade enrollment on a timely basis, as specified in the League's Rules and Procedures.

In addition the chair solicited proposed new team mergers; no teams responded. (Note: OLP is looking for a team to merge with due to low participation.)

IX. 2016 Worker Assignments:

No changes were made to 2015 Worker Assignments list circulated at the meeting and will remain the same for the 2016 season.

X. 2016 Proposed Meet Schedule:

Meet #1: Sept 03 co-hosted by St. Irene and St. James @ Summerlakes Park, Warrenville

Meet #2: Sept 10 co-hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul and All Saints Academy @ a meet site TBD

Meet #3: Sept 17 GVM Co-Ed hosted by St. Joan of Arc @ Marmion Academy, Aurora

Meet #4: Sept 24 co-hosted by St. Mary of Gostyn and St. Joseph @ DGS&R Club, Downers Grove

Meet #5: Oct 01 Championship Meet co-hosted by St. Petronille and St. Michael @ Lewis Univ.

XI. Pre-season Meeting:

The 2016 pre-season meeting will be Monday, July 25, 2016 at a location TBD

XII. Adjournment:

The chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was moved and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

John Mulholland
SPL CC Interim President