

Suburban Parochial League – Cross Country

Post-Season Meeting: October 25th, 2022

- I. Call to Order/Invocation – Meeting at St. Issac Jogues began at 7:02pm
- II. Attendance – All Present, except the following: St. Isidore, St. Leonard, St. Giles, Kingswood, St. Dennis, and Our Lady of Charity
- III. Approve Minutes of 2022 Pre-Season Meeting – Minutes approved all Yes, No - Nay
- IV. Reports
 - a. Treasurer: Justin Busche –
 - i. Funds are in good standing
 - ii. Justin (Treasurer) asks for any reimbursements to be submitted by end of this week
 - iii. No concerns with the financial report
 - b. Equipment
 - i. Finish line clocks: St. Leonard – Not present, so we do not know the standing of them. We will have to check on their status at the preseason meeting
 - ii. Chute components: SMI – There were no issues reported with the chute components. All is in good working order
 1. Finish line banner for next season – This was discussed (see IVbv below)
 - iii. Signs/Mats: St. Joseph/St. Dennis – St. Dennis (not present) has the signs. We will need to check with St. Dennis at the preseason meeting to make sure they are all in good order. We may not need the mats anymore due to the signs being sufficient this season (possibly discard them?).
 - iv. Scoring Hardware: Julie Fulton – There were no issues reported with the scoring hardware, but we will need to purchase a battery replacement.

There was a discussion regarding purchasing bibs for the runners. We have the option of either: 1) purchasing one bib per runner that would last them the entire season (therefore they would have the same number every race) or 2) purchase one bib for each runner for each race. Each bib costs anywhere from 15 to 50 cents. Bibs would make it easier to identify each runner.

There was also a discuss of purchasing video equipment for the finish line. This could be used for verification purposes for close races and in case a bib happens to fail.

- v. Purchase more course flags – There was confusion of some runners of where to go at the finish, especially in the co-ed (Marmion meet). A discussion on possibly purchasing some sort of “Finish Line” banner. We would need something rather simply to set up, since it would be up to the

race host to set up. In the past we have had finish line banners that have been difficult to set up, which were not feasible.

V. Old Business

- a. Confirm SPLXC Officers
 - i. President: Kendall Fulton – Will continue for next season
 - ii. Vice President: Bradley Johnson (IC) – Will continue for next season
 - iii. Treasurer: Justin Busche (SSPP) – Will continue for next season
 - iv. Secretary: JR Paige (JAMES) – Will continue for next season
- b. Update/Confirm Universal List – Universal has been updated
- c. Confirm Rules and Events Committee Members:
 - i. Diana Crumrine (HT) – Will continue for next season
 - ii. John Darrow (ND) – Will continue for next season
 - iii. Julie Fulton – Will continue for next season
 - iv. John Mulholland (SFX) – Will continue for next season
 - v. Ed Sullivan (PIUS/SH) – Will continue for next season
 - vi. John Morrissey (LUKE) – Will continue for next season
- d. Confirm Safety Officers:
 - i. Diana Crumrine (HT) – Will continue for next season?
 - ii. OLC Representative – Was not present
- e. Confirm 2022 Meet Dates/Hosts:
 - i. Meet 1: 09/02 – May Watts – SSPP & St. Raphael
 - ii. Meet 2: 09/09 – DGSRC – SMG & St. Joseph DG
 - iii. Meet 3: 09/16 – Co-Ed Meet – SJA, VIS/IC? SJA will continue, but no one to co-host with them
 - iv. Meet 4: 09/23 – Round Barn _Joe Manhattan (+ co-host?) – St. Joseph Manhattan will confirm with the Round Barn. This location is a southern location. It has a large parking lot and the course is large course. The course can accommodate both a 1 mile loop and a 2 mile loop. The 2 mile loop can be made, without the runners having to make two of the same lap.

The group discussed “losing” Lombard Commons, which is a nice course. We need to be mindful of picking up a new course because it means we may lose another course, which could be difficult to get back in the future if we wanted it back.
 - v. Meet 5: 9/30 – Championship, Lewis University – PETS will continue for next season
 1. Change meet schedule to start after Labor Day Weekend? If we pushed it back it would conflict with Sectionals. A discussion was had about possibly having the first meet the weekend prior to Labor Day weekend. This was motioned by Ed Sullivan and John Mulholland seconded the motion to have a vote. The motion needed 2/3 majority to pass, but did not with 21 yes and 12 no votes. Those schools not in attendance did not vote.

VI. New Business

a. Co-Ed Meet Rules

- i. Should all runners that received a ribbon in the first 2 meets be required to run in Flight 1? **The question of can a runner who placed in the top 25 (therefore received a ribbon) in the first two races be required to run in Flight 1 in the third race, even if they move up grade levels to race. It is currently at the coach's discretion. This rule will need to be clarified by the Rules and Event Committee. We will then revisit the rule at the pre-season meeting.**
- ii. Should running up be an exception for flight placement? **See explanation above**

b. Championship Awards

- i. Should the awards be held on a separate day so that all runners are present? **Currently not all runners attend the awards ceremony. The question becomes; why is the awards ceremony not attended by all runners? Suggestions were that it was possibly due to how long it take to tabulate the awards. It also could be due to runners having other scheduling conflicts (playing another sport).**
 1. **Suggestions were to have a Mass/Awards Ceremony the following day on Sunday.**
 2. **The new bibs/video equipment may speed up the process**
 3. **Have a lunch option to encourage teams/runners to stay**
 4. **Have other possible awards (sportsmanship, best attitude, etc) to get runners to stay, who may not win an award for placement in the race**
- ii. **Current set up for awards ceremony is time consuming and most runners/teams do not stay to collect their awards**

Overall, the runners want closure and awards to end the season. It was decided to keep the status quo this next season and not adjust the awards ceremony.

c. Video at Finish Line

- i. **A motion was put forth to purchase two video recording devices, with software, and extra batteries. John Mulholland motioned for a vote and Ed Sullivan seconded the motion. All were in agreement. Julie Fulton will research the options. Scoring will be responsible for these devices and scoring will need another volunteer, which will be assigned, most likely at the pre-season meeting.**
- ii. **The tags have been dropped many times in the past, and most recently at the Championship, resulting in finishing times/places being nullified (see above)**

- iii. Should we look into purchasing a camera/tablet to film the finishes of each race as a backup if there are issues with tags? (see above)

Hall of Fame Nominations

8th grade St. John of the Cross boy and girl winners

5th grade girls St. Pets Molly Macco (sp?) record

Tie for 6th grade Joey and Jacob McKillop for Vis/IC

All 5th and 6th graders listed above will be put into the Hall of Fame

VII. Other Concerns

A bylaw will be discussed by the Rules and Events Committee regarding compensation for executive board members. Compensation that was suggested was \$750 for the president, \$500 for the treasurer, \$200 for the Vice President, and \$200 for the secretary. This will be voted on at the pre-season meeting.

A centralized “SignUp Genius” could be created for volunteers and sent out prior to meets. Julie Fulton has a template.

A clarification was discussed regarding coaches sending runners to other cross country meets that are not SPL meets. Coaches are allowed to have runners at meets other than SPL meets at any point. If the time of the other meet conflicts with an SPL meet, the team absent from the SPL meet, must still adhere to their volunteer position for that SPL meet and must be in good standing with the league.

Any teams that are merged or schools that do not have any runners running for the season, must still do volunteering at the meets to remain in the league.

Schools that will most likely merge for next season are St. Joes Lockport/ St. Dennis and Sacred Heart/St. Pius X.

As a league, we need to help the new schools out on where they can help/volunteer for a meet. This blends into the Rules and Events Committee needing to relook at enrollments and current job assignments. We may need to reassign jobs based off of school enrollment and needs at the specific meets.

A clarifying email should be sent out regarding universal list and what constitutes moving down on the list (executive board role, hosting a meet, being on the Rules and Events Committee, etc). Remember, the universal list is only used if no one volunteers for a position.

VIII. 2023 Pre-Season Meeting: Monday, July 24th , Location TBD

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm