

Suburban Parochial League – Cross Country

Pre-Season Meeting: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- I. Call to Order/Invocation
- II. Attendance/Update Contact List: **Not present St. Isidore, Our Lady of Charity, St. Dennis. Contact list updated at end of meeting.**
- III. Approve Minutes of 2021 Post-Season Meeting: **motion by Ed Sullivan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mulholland, group approved, minutes approved**
- IV. Reports
  - a. Treasurer: Justin Busche, **will resend treasurer reports, balances are correct to our knowledge, \$7600 right now in surplus. We will not raise dues this year, which is \$350. Invoices will come out this week to schools. Dues needs to be sent in prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> meet (late August). Expenses that are outstanding can be discussed with Justin Busche.**
  - b. Equipment
    - i. Finish line clocks: St. Leonard **no issues, set to go**
    - ii. Chute components: SMI, **no issues, SFX stated polyposts should have been there as well. Polyposts will be looked at by the schools running the 1<sup>st</sup> meet and figured out. They were used at the championship meet.**
    - iii. Signs/Mats: St. Joseph/St. Dennis...**St. Joseph does not have them. St. Dennis was not present, but should be with them? This needs to be check on.**
    - iv. Scoring Hardware: Julie Fulton **no big equipment needs.... potentially need one battery as a backup. Overall, everything seems to be good.**
    - v. Separate bag for SPLXC equipment? **At this point we are sharing with the track league. It would be best if we had our own, which it would make it easier to keep track of everything. What is in the bag now is a 1<sup>st</sup> aid, starting gun, flags, walkie talkies, pennies, lightning detector. We would need to purchase a 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, 24 pennies (12 pennies is about \$40), walkie talkies, and a lightning detector. Motion by Ed Sullivan, Seconded by John Mulholland, all approved, no one opposed. We will need to make a formal list of what to purchase for the bag.**
- V. Old Business
  - a. Confirm SPLXC Officers
    - i. President: Kendall Fulton
    - ii. Vice President: Bradley Johnson (IC)
    - iii. Treasurer: Justin Busche (SSPP)
    - iv. Secretary: JR Paige (JAMES)
  - b. Update/Confirm Universal List: **No concerns at the time, but later other issues were brought forward. Question was raised by St. Mike's regarding the universal list. It was discussed that to move down you need to take an officer**

**position or run/co-host a meet. New teams just added will enter the list after next year.**

- c. Confirm Rules and Events Committee Members:
  - i. Diana Crumrine (HT)
  - ii. John Darrow (ND)
  - iii. Julie Fulton
  - iv. John Mulholland (SFX)
  - v. Ed Sullivan (PIUS/SH)
  - vi. Nena Lavoie
    - 1. Left committee in 2021, needs replacement – **will be replaced by John Morrissey from St. Luke for rules and events**
- d. Confirm 2022 Meet Dates/Hosts:
  - i. Meet 1: 09/03 – May Watts – SSPP **good to go**
  - ii. Meet 2: 09/10 – DGSRC – SMG **good to go**
  - iii. Meet 3: 09/17 – Co-Ed Meet – SJA, VIS/IC?
  - iv. Meet 4: 09/24 – Lombard Commons – PIUS **good to go**
  - v. Meet 5: 10/01 – Championship, Lewis University – **PETS just need to send the certificate of insurance and then we should be good. Starting line was close to end of the race, possibly adjust the starting line.**
    - 1. **\*\*NO DOGS\*\* Make sure all of your athletes/families know this. Awards ceremony will continue as it has in the previous year.**
- e. Safety Officers:
  - i. Need new volunteer to be a safety officer. Josh Grove (St. Dominic) no longer with SPL due to school closing.

**St. Isidore not present and is at the top of the universal list. They should be the new safety officer, but it was not decided. This will need to be decided electronically.**

- 1. Responsibilities as stated in “Rules & Procedures”:
  - a. Charged with making sure meet venues are safe for student-athletes, coaches, volunteer officials and spectators, the SPLCC requires two safety officers. Their responsibilities include but are not limited to: 1) Assuring that the meet site presents no hazardous conditions that could cause injury to an athlete when competing. 2) Team tents are made secure and are compliant with the League’s “tent safety protocols” that call for tents to be properly anchored with weights, and properly staked when done so, and taken down when severe weather conditions or wind would cause a hazardous environment when tents could become airborne. 3) Monitor weather conditions and implementing the League’s severe weather policy when threatening weather is approaching.

VI. New Business

a. New schools seeking membership in SPLXC:

- i. Four schools from the SSCC have expressed interest in becoming members of the SPL and participating in the upcoming 2022 XC Season (see attached letters).

**All schools gave statements regarding wanting to join the league.**

- 1. St. Mary Mokena...has a relationship with Providence, possible help run a meet in the future**
- 2. St. Mary Nativity**
- 3. Everest Academy**
- 4. Holy Family**
- 5. Everest Academy**
- 6. St. Raymond**
- 7. St. Joes Lockport**

**Ed Sullivan motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mulholland to accept all schools  
All present voted for approval**

b. Proposed additions/amendments to “Rules & Procedures”

i. Section 11C (John Darrow):

“A first-place plaque or trophy differentiated from all other awards and plaques shall be awarded in all three Divisions (A, AA and AAA) for each gender. Division A Boys Champions - Division A Girls Champion  
Division AA Boys Champion - Division AA Girls Champion  
Division AAA Boys Champion - Division AAA Girls Champions. In addition to the six (6) Division awards, there will be a plaque for each 1st place boy’s and girl’s team at the individual grade levels 5 through 8 in each Division along with smaller plaques for 2nd and 3rd place. A total of plaques 24 plaques awarded will be awarded at the grade/gender team level.”

**John Darrow discussed his rationale for the proposal and took questions.**

**Motion to accept by John Mulholland and seconded by Ed Sullivan.**

**Rule went in front of the league as two separate votes. The first was to reduce the plaques give out at the championship meet from 3 to 1 for each division (A, AA and AAA for boys and girls). Rule passed 18 yes to 15 no.**

**The second rule was to add an overall SPL Champion for boys and girls. This passed 32 yes to 1 no.**

ii. Section 1 – League Members

1. Delete schools who are no longer SPLCC members:  
**St. Dominic (school closed)**

2. Add schools who have petitioned for membership if approved by the membership:

**Everest Academy**

**Holy Family**

**St. Joseph Manhattan**

**St. Mary Mokena**

**St. Mary Nativity**

**St. Raymond**

**St. Joseph Lockport**

Add to list of teams in Rules

- c. 2022 Merged Teams?
  - i. The intent of allowing member schools to create a team by merging is to (a) enable their student-athletes to compete and (b) create a scoring team. Merger of two schools is not intended to allow the merged team an advantage by creating a larger pool of students from which to draw student-athletes from, but rather create a team that can score.
- d. Update Volunteer Worker Assignments for 2022
  - i. Vacant Volunteer Positions:
    1. Boys Timer, vacated due to St. Dominic closing.....**Nobody took this volunteer position. It will need to be determined electronically, since SJB has not had any runners in several years and does not believe they will have any this year either. The responsibility of for 4 races per meet, 5 meets over the course of the season.**
    2. OLC probationary year over, also need volunteer assignments **Not present at the meeting**
  - ii. Confirm Volunteer Positions:
    1. St. Giles: Chute control, 1 volunteer **yes**
    2. St. Isidore: no league responsibilities due to Irene closing
    3. St. John the Baptist: no league responsibilities due to Irene closing
    4. Kingswood: Scorekeeper **yes**
    5. St. Scholastica: Boys Timer **yes**
    6. Visitation: Scorekeeper, SPL Webmaster **yes**
    7. Our Lady of Charity: no league responsibilities, new addition
- e. Rosters needed by Monday, August 22
  - i. Send to Julie Fulton: accomplishmint@gmail.com  
**rosters are due August 26<sup>th</sup> the VERY latest. Julie Fulton discussed for the new school how the bib scoring works**

**A question was asked about moving awards ceremony forward so families (younger) could leave earlier. Lots of moving parts makes this very difficult, so it doesn't seem possible.**

**Preseason Race Saturday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Lombard Commons \$125 to participate, contact Ed Sullivan if you want to participate.**

- VII. 2022 Post-Season Meeting: Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD
- VIII. Adjournment