

2025 SPL Cross Country Postseason Meeting MINUTES – **PENDING APPROVAL**

October 28, 2025, 2025 at 7:00 pm

St. Mary of Gostyn

I. Call to Order: 7:00 pm, October 28, 2025

II. Roll Call

- Absent: Ascension, St. Joseph DG, St. Jude, Our Lady of Charity

III. Approve Minutes of 2025 Pre-Season Meeting

- Minutes were approved

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer: Justin Busche

- Balance is in the red - \$860 deficit. Dues will likely have to be raised next year.
- Increased costs for course rentals, portable toilets and starters
- St. Luke has a lot of extra ribbons.

B. Equipment

1. Finish line clocks: St. Leonard
 - No issues reported.
2. Chute components: SMI
 - St. Mary Mokena used them for sectionals.
 - Walkies will be given to St. Isaac for Track.
3. Signs/Mats: SDJCA
 - Good; may need metal posts (yard sign posts could be reused).
4. Scoring Hardware: Julie Fulton
 - Looking at significant costs to update laptops for the current method of scoring
 - It might be the time to upgrade to chipped timing.
 - This would also allow for repurposing of volunteers to new roles.

V. Old Business

A. Confirm SPLXC Officers: All confirmed for next season.

- President: THANK YOU KENDALL! New co-presidents: John McCarthy - Mary Mokena & Jason Wagner- St. Francis Xavier
- Vice President: Abigail Radun (IC)
- Treasurer: Justin Busche (SSPP)
- Secretary: St. Cletus (Maria)
- Safety Officers: Diana Crumrine (HT). OLC designated representative

B. Confirm Universal List:

- Confirmed

C. Rules and Events Committee Members: All confirmed for next season

- John McCarthy (Mary Mokena. Diana Crumrine (HT), John Darrow (ND), Julie Fulton, Jason Wagner (SFX), John Morrissey (LUKE) and Jim Wolf (St. Michaels)

D. Webmaster:

- John Darrow (ND) Confirmed

E. Proposed 2026 Meet Dates/Hosts:

- Meet 1: 9/05 – Perry Farm Park Bourbonnais – Mary Mokena
 - John McCarthy to explore holding meet on 8/29. Will also see if they can add portable toilets.
- Meet 2: 9/12 – Westmont High School – Notre Dame
- Meet 3: 9/19 – Co-Ed Meet – Marmion – SFX
- Meet 4: 9/26 – DGSRC – SMG & Joan of Arc - This date is flexible
- Meet 5: 10/3 – Championship – PETS/ MIKES

- Discussion on changing to new meet location
- Options under consideration: Lewis University, Dellwood Park in Lockport, St. James Farm (limited parking), Lisle Community Park, or shifting Marmion to championship and new location for co-ed.

VI. New Business

A. Continue with pull tags for scoring or move to chip timing and automated results

- After discussion, approved moving to chipped timing and scoring with Palatine Pack Timing for all meets. Approximate cost of \$1200 per meet.
- Settlers Hill no longer to be location for championship meet due to required use of Shazam timing

B. Hall of Fame Nominations

- 8th Grade SPLXC Champions Automatically Inducted
 - Molly Mocko and Luke McConnell
- Approved Induction of Brynn Bartkus (St. Mary Gostyn) for winning IESA State Meet Individual Class A Championship

VII. Other Business

- A. 4th graders: Not allowed to compete in races with older grades per IESA rules
- B. SPL IESA webpage: Send updates about your runners performance at State to John Darrow
- C. 6th Grade Course Distance: Discussed potential changes. No changes adopted
- D. Sportsmanship at championship meet– regarding cutting other runners off/contacting other runners.
 - a. Responsibility of volunteers and coaches to go bring this type of behavior to the meet director.
 - b. Add a protocol at the beginning of meets to make sure the volunteers and runners know that runners can be disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior
- E. Julie will provide a program for ghost runners for championship meet.

VIII. 2026 Pre- Season Meeting:

- Approved change to SPL rules to hold pre-season meeting in first half of June.

IX. Meeting Adjournment: 8:28 pm