

I. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Ed Sullivan, President at 7:02pm

II. **Roll Call**

All school were present.

III. **Committee Reports:**

a. *Scheduling:* Steve Harris, St. Joseph

Ed Sullivan reported that a few facilities were not taken care of. Ed Sullivan and Scheduling Committee reminded all that these are rented facilities, not to be changed permanently. Special recognition of Steve Harris for his dedication. The next Scheduling Committee meeting will be held on January 9, 2019 7pm – location TBD.

2019 Schedule:

Week 1 – 4/13

Week 2 – 4/27

Week 3 – 5/4

Week 4 – 5/11

Week 5 – 5/18

Team preference for meet location / host preference should be communicated to Steve Harris by January 9, 2019.

b. *Events:* Chuck Cranny, St. Cletus

No reports. Kudos to Steve Harris for coming up with the color cards for finishes. They worked out great!

c. *Rules:* John Mulholland, St. Francis Xavier

Suggestion from SJA – the wording in the SPL Events Document need to be evaluated for high jump start.

IV. **Subcommittee Reports:**

*School Volunteers:* Shannon Ryson, St. Irene

Reported significant reduction in volunteers this year. Ties into later conversation regarding consolidation of teams.

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*Equipment:* St. James

Provided list of equipment. They will be adding extra card sets and chalk to equipment bag. Additionally, a reminder was provided to turn off walkie-talkies as the SPL expense is great.

*Scoring:* Sacred Heart

Ed spoke about the challenges of getting all the data together for Eric due to weather. Much time/effort is required with the scoring program therefore any delay is cumbersome.

### V. **New Business:**

*a. Positions up for election:* President, Rules Chair, and Scheduling Chair

Scheduling Chair sought to make sure host schools have certificate of insurance, setting up location. Host scheduling meeting.

Mike Enos nominated and unanimously nominated.

Rules Chair responsibilities include hosting one meeting. Rules changes are written up and submitted at League Meeting. Connect with equipment manager to ensure rules are in equipment bag.

President runs meetings, works at meets, hires starter, athletic trainer...set up t-shirt fundraiser. A member school recommended splitting responsibilities of these positions as finding replacements is difficult.

NOTE: there is NO charter for each position. **John Mulholland** will evaluate position requirements and create position descriptions.

*b. Awards* responsibilities is up to change as long time owner is stepping down. OLP has currently. New AD (Andre?) coming up. OLP will follow up. Pets may do it based on Perpetual List. Or ASCA.

Less ribbons are needed for 2019 season due to many extras from Divisional meets. 2018 participation was down again 150. Participation is down 500 competitors in 6 years.

*c. SPL future* given challenges with smaller rosters, fewer volunteers/coaches.

Discussion of combining teams to make two Divisional meets instead of three.

However, individual schools will want to be represented somehow. Smaller schools go back to principal to discuss possibility. By July 31, schools interested in combining will communicate to Shannon Ryson. Scheduling meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>.

d. *Prospect of non-qualifying athletes participate in two (2) Open events at final meet.* Ed Sullivan brought forth. Visitation supported idea. IC seconded it. To be discussed at Events Committee meeting. Potentially increase points? Open javelin possibility?

e. *Continued membership of first year programs*

Bylaws indicates that each team is on probation in first year. St. Luke learned from the year; they didn't fully realize weekly commitment and feel they cannot meet volunteer requirements on their own in 2019. Visitation is open to accept St. Luke. St. Luke will also discuss combining with other surrounding schools. League officers will discuss around 8/30 re: combining Divisions. SMG will continue as a member.

VI. **Open Forum**

a) Suggestion: Technology at finish line. iPhone video for place and timing. Test at one of the first few meets to determine viability. Suggestion by Ed Sullivan to trial. Video may need waiver. **Rules Committee**

b) Suggestion: evaluate field events participation at Divisionals. By Laws could be changed to allow two athletes per team. Evaluate separate alternative. Send proposal for scenarios to **Rules Committee**. Ed Sullivan reminded teams that the spirit of the league is to compete.

c) Suggestion: Run Divisional in different week. **Scheduling Committee**

d) Suggestion: Major / Minor...keep both? **Events Committee**.

e) Suggestion: Possibly add Varsity 4 x 400. **Events Committee**

f) Suggestion: Clarification on substitution rules. **Rules Committee**

g) Host change: IC cannot host Divisional AAA. **Scheduling Committee**

h) Suggestion: All Divisional championships have co-host. **Scheduling Committee**

i) Suggestion: Training needs to be more efficient for relay judges. Put something in the bag to clarify roles. **Rules Committee/Equipment**

j) Suggestion: Allow coaches in staging. Argument against states that kids listen to coaches and not stagers. **Rules Committee**

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**VII. President's Report -**

Ed Sullivan, Sacred Heart and St. Pius X

Reminder that Championship Meet host hands out awards.

Single A Program will talk with principals. Feedback by 7/31. Proposal by 8/15 from Executive Board.

**VIII. Meeting Dismissal: 9pm**

Created by Shannon Ryson, Secretary, SPL

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