

I. **Call to Order:** 6:30 pm
Greetings & Introductions
Prayer

II. **Roll Call**
Not in attendance: Kingswood, St Joseph (excused), St Isidore/John the Baptist

III. **School and Team Updates**

A. *Team Mergers*

All Saints and Sts Peter & Paul requested permission to merge due to declining track interest in their respective programs. Visitation made motion, St Mike's second, motion passed unanimously. Their merger will be reevaluated each year going forward. Coop status is also conferred upon the following schools:

- All Saints/Sts Peter and Paul
- Holy Trinity/Notre Dame
- St. Raphael/St. Scholastica
- St. James/St. Matthew
- St. John the Baptist/St. Isidore (grandfathered)

B. *New School Members*

St Mary of Mokena wishes to join. Had a great SPL Cross Country experience, loves how organized SPL is. Verified they are a 3A school by enrollment, however due to small track participation size, will enter as a 1A school. Motion made by Sts Peter & Paul to admit, St Pius seconded, motion passed unanimously.

C. *School Probations*

Kingswood, St Isidore, and St John the Baptist have missed several mandatory meetings. Motion was made by St Pius to put these teams on probation. Brian Stetson (St. Isidore), Brian Schwarting (St. John the Baptist) and Dan Catarello (Kingswood Academy) will be notified of their probationary status.

D. *Universal List* was discussed and circulated.

IV. **League Positions**

A. *2023 positions:* Secretary position needs to be filled immediately. IC's Katie Twohy volunteered. Position was filled.

B. *2024 League positions*

- Open positions at that time will be President, Rules Chairperson, Scheduling Chairperson, Webmaster). Should no one volunteer or stand for election, we will go to the Universal List at that time to fill these positions.
- Notre Dame's **John Darrow** has volunteered to fill the Webmaster position being vacated by Vis' Brendan Moriarty.
- St. Francis Xavier's **John Mulholland** has volunteered to fill the Rules Chair position being vacated by SJC's Kim Sarros

V. **Committee Reports**

A. *Scheduling:* Brendan Moriarity (Visitation) discussed current scheduling given limited track availability. Annual goal is to give each school three (3) regular season meets, plus access to a divisional meet (and championship if qualify). Discussed the option of a co-ed meet (no ribbons, mixed boys and girls races, mostly relays). Need approximately 6 teams to make that meet viable, not enough interest. Brendan will be stepping away from Scheduling after

this season. Explained that templates are made, most of his responsibilities are concluded before the season begins. Is looking for a volunteer to shadow him this season.

B. *Rules:*

- Kim Sarros (St John of the Cross) presented and committee recommends implementing the “no running backwards to mark off steps” for long jump and triple jump. It is dangerous and past instances have caused near collisions. It is also a current IHSA rule. Motion was made by Visitation, seconded by St Cletus, motion passes unanimously.
- Discussion of the importance of naming a Games Committee for each meet and should be typed into Meet Letters. Games Committee should be 3-5 individuals (coaches, ADs) to resolve any questions or issues at the time of the meet.
- Discussion on the topic of cancel/postpone/reschedule Divisional meets and Championship meet. Committee proposal is to have officers make that decision, not the coaches. Sts Peter and Paul made motion, St FX seconded, motion passed unanimously.

C. *Events:* Nikki Gorman presented to move high jump to top of field event priority list to increase meet efficiency. St Cletus made motion, St FX seconded, motion passed unanimously.

D. *Treasurer:* Justin Busche (Sts Peter & Paul) gave update. Current account balance is \$5193, and that is right where it should be at pre-season start, before dues are collected. St Mike's motion was made to pay Divisional/Championship scorer (Eric Slagter, St Pius) a \$500 stipend, seconded by St Pius, motion passed unanimously. St Mike's motion was made to pay webmaster \$500 stipend. St Raphael seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. *Equipment:* Julie Potts (SIJ) gave update on equipment. Said she will go through the meet bags before ordering replacements.

B. *Scoring:* Ed Sullivan (St Pius), asked that everyone send their roster in a timely manner ahead of Divisionals.

C. *Awards:* Proposal for decreasing number of awards given out at Divisionals only, citing significant expense involved as well as current shortage on ribbons. Trophies will have no change.

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VII. Open Forum

- A. *Contact List Update*: Everyone was asked to review the current contact list which was distributed and send any changes as soon as possible to League Secretary Katie Twohy

- B. *Hall of Fame Nomination*: St Pius' Ed Sullivan made motion to nominate Brendan Moriarity to SPL Hall of Fame for his ongoing dedication to the League as a coach, Scheduling Committee Chair and Webmaster even though his children have long since been out of the SPL, motion seconded by SFX, and passed unanimously.

- C. *Scorer and Webmaster Stipends*: St. Pius' Ed Sullivan moved: (a) that the League's official scorer be awarded a \$500 stipend; and (b) the League's Webmaster be awarded a \$500 stipend. Both motions were seconded and unanimously approved.

VIII. Meeting Dismissal: 8:37 pm

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