

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:30 pm
Greetings and introductions
Prayer
- II. **Roll Call**
Not in attendance: St. John the Baptist
- III. **Approval of 2023 Meeting Minutes**
Motion #1: (Kojak/Darrow) Motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 21, 2023. 22 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries
- IV. **School and Team Updates**
 - A. *League Withdrawals:* Kingswood Academy has withdrawn its appeal to rejoin the league
 - B. *Team Mergers:*
 - St. Mary of Gostyn and St. Joseph (Downers Grove) petitioned to merge teams due to declines in enrollment and program size as well as the close proximity of the two schools.
Motion #2: (Darrow/Dulik) Motion to approve merger of St. Mary of Gostyn and St. Joseph. 22 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries
 - St. James and St. Isidore and St. John the Baptist petitioned to merge teams due to declining enrollment and program size and the closure of St. Matthew (previously merged with St. James). St. Isidore and St. James each have approximately 20 athletes, and St. John the Baptist has less than 10.
Motion #3: (Darrow/Strayer) Motion to approve the merger of St. James, St. Isidore, and St. John the Baptist. 22 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries
 - C. *New Schools:* None.
 - D. *School Probations:* The following schools have been placed on probation:
 - St. Joseph for not attending the 2023 post-season meeting and the 2024 Scheduling Committee meeting
 - St. John the Baptist for not attending the 2024 pre-season meeting
 - St. Pius X for not attending the 2024 Rules Committee meeting
 - St. Scholastica for not attending the 2024 Rules Committee meeting
 - E. *Universal List:* As no league positions are changing, the Universal List stands as-is. Secretary to send the most recent version list (last edited on June 22, 2023) to the league.
- V. **League Positions:** No changes to league positions. Executive Committee to determine which positions will be up for election at the next post-season meeting.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - A. *Scheduling:*
 - Due to limited track availability on Saturdays, the league is moving to two meets per week. This also alleviates the volunteer burden on individual schools. Because of this, meets will need to be held on 8-lane tracks.
 - Going forward, starters will be secured by the Scheduling Chair (changed from meet directors) as part of the scheduling process.
 - Starred schools on the schedule are responsible for the meet bag.
 - Week 1 meet will trial combining JV and Varsity, with the goal of improving efficiency and reducing total meet time. Details to follow in the meet letter.

League is not piloting an automated meet for the 2024 season but would like to in 2025.

- Weeks 3 and 4 meets at Naperville Central will require additional volunteers to escort athletes to the throwing area, which is across the street.
- St. Francis Xavier and St. Petronille are moving from AA to AAA. St. Mary of Gostyn/St. Joseph and Visitation are moving from AAA to AA. St. Francis Xavier will co-host the AAA meet, and St. Mary of Gostyn/St. Joseph will co-host the AA meet.
- Championship location will be finalized this week.

Rules:

- Rules Committee submitted their Meeting Minutes from 1/30/2024 to the league for review, including five proposed revisions. (See Rules Committee Meeting Minutes for details.) St. Petronille on record against the revision to the safety charter, specifically in regard to the tent policy.

Motion #4: (Strayer/Kojak) Motion to adopt the changes proposed by the Rules Committee. 21 in favor/1 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries

- Reminder that the “no runbacks” rule for long jump and triple jump will be enforced for the 2024 season.

B. *Events:*

- Events Committee recommends combining grade levels for the high jump in order to keep the event running as efficiently as possible.
- Field events will start 30 minutes before running events.
- Meet directors may allow up to 3 athletes per division in the high jump (changed from 2). This does **not** apply to the Divisional Meet or the League Finals Meet.

C. *Treasurer:*

- Treasurer proposed raising school fees to \$1,200 for one year to offset rising costs for track rentals and other necessities.

Motion #5: (Strayer/Darrow) Motion to raise fees to \$1,200 per school (not team). 22 in favor/0 opposed/1 abstention. Motion Carries

- Recommendation to consider charging schools based on roster size or enrollment in the future.

VII. Sub-committee Reports

A. *Equipment:* For the 2024 season, track officials will be asked to provide their own guns and ammunition. Bullhorns will be added to the meet bags.

B. *Scoring:* No update.

C. *Awards:* Awards were ordered assuming 9 regular season meets vs. 6. There will be a surplus of ribbons that will be available for the 2025 season.

D. *Safety:* Proposal to adopt cross country tent policies for track meets at the discretion of the meet director.

Motion #6 (Reilly) Motion to allow for the use of tents at track meets. 6 in favor/11 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Rejected

VIII. Open Forum

A. John Darrow (Notre Dame) promoted Naperville Running Company, which has been a longtime supporter of the SPL. Naperville Running Company provides 15% shoe and spike discounts to all athletes. SPL coaches receive a 20% discount.

- B. John Darrow (Notre Dame) will continue to run the SPL Facebook and Instagram accounts. The goal of the accounts is to help grow participation in the sport.
- C. Dominick Romano (St. Pius X): reminder that schools are responsible for bringing the equipment needed for the events they are running. Details are on the league website.

IX. Meeting Dismissal: 8:09pm

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