

GATFXCCA General Association Meeting

Atlanta Track Club Facility

1/23/16

8:00 a.m.

Opening Statement – Cathi Monk

- Welcome and introduction.

Budget:

- Looking to approve the budget for the 2016 fiscal year.
- Desire for PR to make a presence around the state.
- Continue to support the Team Georgia program and the Coaches Clinic.
- Looking for growth: increasing the clinic to be larger than Georgia, increasing the scope to include more speakers and gain more coaches from around the Southeast.
- Awards: - Coaches Awards, Athlete Awards, Hall of Fame, Scholarships for athletes (performance and character aspects included)
- Total annual budget = \$13,000
- Open for questions: none
- Mike Beaudreau: some monies going to the search from proposals and ideas to make a presence with the GHSA throughout the year and not just when the GHSA Advisory Committee meets
- Budget approved unanimously

Introductions of the board

Proposals:

- Any Christie – XC Proposal
 - o Concern over the manageability at the State XC Meet with the increase to 7 classifications
 - o E-mail has gone out about the proposal through email to coaches and ADs. Still need about 130 coaches to get everyone's votes. A letter will be sent to those coaches who have not voted, this will go out in the next couple of weeks.
 - o Proposals (attached)
 - o Discussion of feedback already received from the voting.
 - o Questions from members
 - How would various proposals impact the number of races and help condense the race?
 - 1 & 2 would keep the total # of teams at the state meet similar to previous years
 - 3 would result in more teams at the state meet
 - Quality of competition is a concern with nearly 70% of the 7A schools qualifying for state compared to other states where 12 – 20% of the schools qualify.
 - In trying to improve the state meet, what about providing mats for the state XC meet?

- Could be revisited, possible help with storage through the Atlanta Track Club
 - Would a proposal be made to the GHSA?
 - If 1 or 2 is the top vote receiver or if 1 & 2 combined are more than 3, a proposal will be presented.
 - If 3 is the top vote recipient, results will be made public and no proposal would be necessary.
- John Roland – North Gwinnett High School – XC Proposal
 - Proposal to change the XC state athlete race to a format similar to Track & Field, where a scratch meeting closer to the meet is held.
 - Voting is currently overwhelming in favor of this change.
 - Why does the current situation exist?
 - Some don't know why it was in existence.
 - One reason was that some regions did not report entry information in a timely manner
 - What are the negative aspects of the proposal?
 - The “ringer” rule.
 - Track & Field rule book says that entries are up to the Region to decide, but not in XC.
 - Could you change the list after the region meet?
 - Roland would prefer to be able to change after region, but would not make that a part of the proposal.
 - Clarification about the proposal does not address requiring runners to run in any race before the region meet.
 - Roster is still set ahead of the region meet, but would allow Regions to be
- Will Wood – Track & Field Proposal
 - Possible proposals:
 - Changing the state meet locations, dates, number of entries based on movement to 7 classifications, combining the boys and girls locations, use of certified officials at the state meet
 - Surveys will be available about proposals soon.
- Matt Henson
 - New website – www.gatfxcca.org
 - Use of social media to gain support and a presence.
 - The help of the Atlanta Track Club and their desire to get involved more in youth track & field and XC.
 - Thanks to Cathi Monk for setting up the relationship with the ATC and the Coaches Clinic.
 - Things to look into:
 - Honorary members
 - Hall of Fame criteria
 - All-State Standards to create an All-State Team
 - GHSA has come to the GATFXCCA with questions about proposals and changes
 - Push for membership to create a formal organization and a collective voice (we want this to be a state organization)