

New Mexico High School Sports Specific Committee Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2007
Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Attendees:

Rob Hipwood
Alan Lockridge
Salomon Gonzales
Daniel Chinana
Rudy Aragon
David Helm
Roxy Hunt
Gary Schuster
Kelly Osuna
Larry Chavez

I. New Business

A. Rudy Aragon introduced himself as the new NMAA liaison replacing Mark Koski. Rudy said the NMAA wants the committee to take an active role in membership driven decision making. The committee will forward their decisions via proposals to the Athletic Commission for consideration.

B. Larry Chavez reported that the state cross country meet went well. He will be meeting with his committee to review and make improvements where needed. He reported that they want to improve and rake out/ work on actual course conditions. He asked for committee input on flagging the entire course. He reported that they roped the entire course off with five miles of flags. He asked for the committee to consider using less flags on the back half of the course. The committee voted to flag only necessary areas. He has requested more water pressure for next year's meet and will have a custodian dedicated to restroom stocking. He will be utilizing more portable toilets. He will move the copy area into the football offices and will keep hospitality where it is. He wants to create a student athlete parking area for student athletes who drive without their parents. The committee agreed.

C. Rudy brought up discussion on options for replacing the speaker with a dj or dance. Suggested to have pictures/ videos for the cross country athletes. The committee agreed. Larry stated that the spaghetti dinner will continue.

D. Rudy will send forms to all district coaches so they can post entries on-line for the state meet with time to make changes. Coaches will still have the option to change alternates at the start of the race.

E. Rudy said that all cross country manuals will now be accessed on-line. The NMAA will not produce paper copies of the manual.

F. The committee discussed the use of ankle straps rather than shoe chips and any adjustments will happen in 2008.

G. The committee asked Rudy to clarify with the national federation the specific rule on losing chips.

H. The committee recommended not to adjust start times in 2008 and to not go earlier.

I. Rudy informed the group that alternates can't be assigned a number, but two alternates and two managers per qualifying school would be allowed into the state meet.

J. The committee discussed the need for track and cross country certified officials at meets.

K. Rudy let the group know that the RFP will be going out for the 2008 cross country meet.

L. Border Challenge was discussed. Rudy informed the group that schools can't provide transportation, coaches can't take the team, school uniforms cannot be worn and booster clubs can't provide funding. Student athletes may enter themselves as a team or individually. The Border Challenge will take place at Balloon Fiesta Park on November 17, 2008 .

II. Old Business

A. The committee discussed the state meet qualifying process. The committee recommended receiving a seventy five percent response from schools on the proposed sixty percent rule for district cross country meets. The committee recommended that alternate proposals be created as well. The committee discussed a possible wild card qualifying process. The committee recommended that proposals be formulated by December's meeting and that the committee provide the state with three proposals. Mr. Helm said that he would gather and send surveys.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Schuster, CAA