



**Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 24, 2014  
 Location: Conference Call  
 Group: Cross Country

**PRESENT**

MAC Office: Ken Andrews & Marie Stroman					
Albright:	None	Elizabethtown:	N/A	Manhattanville:	Megan Patterson
Alvernia:	Eric Bennett	FDU-Florham:	Dante Fedeli	Messiah:	Dale Fogelsanger
Arcadia:	N/A	Hood:	Brent Ayer	Misericordia:	Chris Wadas
Del Val:	None	King's:	None	Stevenson:	Dave Berdan
DeSales:	Al Weiner	Lebanon Valley:	James O'Brien	Widener:	Vince Touey
Eastern:	Mike Wilson	Lycoming:	Regina Collins	Wilkes:	Addy Malatesta

**Call to Order: Brent Ayer called the meeting to order at 9:05AM**

<b>Future MAC Cross Championship Sites</b>	<b>Proposed by: Ken Andrews</b>
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Coach Touey began with a discussion of the benefits of establishing a single championships site. He believes this might guarantee adequate shelter, locker rooms, bathroom facilities, and a standardized course. The general agreement was that coaches preferred a rotating site.

Lebanon Valley received praise for the recently concluded championships which focused on the quality of organization, the spectator-friendly course, and the general enthusiasm of the organizers and spectators. The only complaint received by Director Andrews related to an inadequate number of port-a-potties (8) given the number of participants (350).

Present championship order is 2015 at Delaware Valley and 2016 at Messiah. Concerns were raised about Delaware Valley's new home course containing a stretch of about 200 meters of macadam and that this raised safety and practical concerns about the use of spikes. It was noted that new Delaware Valley Coach Felix Moreno was inadvertently left off the notifications on this conference call. The consensus was to bring these concerns to Coach Moreno's attention to permit him an opportunity to make the appropriate changes. Coach Ayer offered to call Coach Moreno.

<b>Motion: Vince Touey</b>	<b>Seconded by: Dale Fogelsanger</b>
To establish a new rotation for MAC Cross Championships of Delaware Valley (2015), Messiah (2016), Hood (2017), Misericordia (2018), Stevenson (2019), DeSales (2020), and Lebanon Valley (2021).	
Brief Discussion followed.	

For	Opposed	Abstained	Result
Unanimous			Adopted

<b>Preseason Conference Call</b>	<b>Proposed by: Ken Andrews</b>
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Director Andrews would like to institute a pre-season conference call with all MAC Cross Coaches.

<b>2015 NCAA Legislation</b>	<b>Proposed by: Ken Andrews</b>
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Director Andrews reviewed proposed legislation; primarily related to recruiting, that is to be decided at the January NCAA Division III meeting and urged coaches to get in touch with their athletic directors if they wished to express their opinions. Proposals include: permitting on campus try-outs, allowing contact with prospective recruits after their sophomore year, providing for a ceremonial non-binding signing date, and expanding contact with prospective recruits during a day of competition as long as the prospect was not involved in a team activity.

<b>Update MAC Fact Book</b>	<b>Proposed by: Ken Andrews</b>
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There is general agreement that the FACT Book is functioning well. Please contact Director Andrews if there are errors or omissions.

<b>MAC Junior Varsity Championship Race</b>	<b>Proposed by: Nick Wadas</b>
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It was noted that this was discussed last year and turned down. Coach O'Brien expressed that the JV race would divert attention from the main championship and water it down. Coach Touey observed the Centennial Conference contested a JV meet that was essentially a time trial for Johns Hopkins Athletes. Coach Wadas (Misericordia) noted that some MAC teams have a surplus of athletes while others struggle to field complete teams which creates a very uneven competition. Director Andrews stated that he doubted incomplete teams did so intentionally and that he believed as more schools added Track & Field, it would become easier to fill Cross rosters.

In addition, coaches made recommendations regarding low-key, late season meets at Haverford and Lehigh that might provide JV runners with an additional opportunity to compete.

No motion was offered.

<b>Final Notes</b>	
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Director Andrews thanked Coach O'Brien and his staff for a great job in hosting the 2014 MAC Championships. Coach Touey added his appreciation of the great environment, music and excitement, and competent execution of the meet. Director Andrews also thanked Marie Stroman and John Hower of the MAC office for their efforts.

Coach Weiner congratulated the MAC representatives at the recently concluded NCAA Cross Country Championships: Widener's Men, Nate Noll (DeSales), Bianca Bolton (Misericordia), and Kelsey Patrick (Lebanon Valley).

Coach Weiner reminded that the MAC Track Coaches Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25 at DeSales University. He observed that this day was one of the heaviest travel days in the nation and urged coaches to allow additional time to deal with traffic. Track coaches have reserved a room from 4:00-8:00PM, with dinner starting at 5:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05AM.

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<b>Coach Ayer to Call Coach Moreno</b>	<b>Coach Ayer</b>	<b>11/24/14</b>