

**NSCIF TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011  
ANDERSON HIGH DISTRICT OFFICE, ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA**

**In attendance:**

Liz Kyle	NSCIF Commissioner		
Norm MacKenzie	Track Commissioner		Oroville
Scott Fairley	Track Chairman		West Valley
Pam Borg	NAL	XC	Yreka
Bob Hall	NAL	Track	Corning
Jim Deaver	EALN	Track	Enterprise
Kevin Girt	EALN	XC	Chico
Bob Hastings	EALS	XC	Las Plumas
Corey Hein	EALS	Track	Red Bluff
Gary Teague	SVL	Track	Pierce
Jean Murphy-Atkins	SVL	XC	Durham
Jason Soderlund	BVL	Track	Wheatland
Tony Hermann	MVL	XC	Williams
Paul Turk	MVL	Track	Redding Adventist
Steve Nesheim	SCL	XC	Mt. Shasta
Les Helsley	SCL	Track	Etna
Dennis Boyle	USATF Official/Starter		Palo Cedro

1. The meeting was called to order by Track Chairman, Scott Fairley at 9:40 a.m.
2. Introductions were made. There were no representatives from the Mountain Valley League or the Evergreen League. MTL rep., Todd Hamer (Los Molinos) sent information to Fairley to share in his absence.
3. M/S/C Hastings/Hermann to approve the minutes of February 2, 2011.  
Fairley reviewed the minutes. M/S/C Hall/Hastings to approve the agenda.

**4. 2012 Championship Meets:**

State Meet	Fresno	Buchanan High School	June 1/2
NSCIF Finals	West Valley H.S.	West Valley/Fairley	May 25, 4pm
D1	Enterprise H.S.	Enterprise/Deaver	May 18
D2	Yreka H.S.	Yreka/Culp	May 18
D3	Co. of Siskiyou	Mt. Shasta/Nesheim	May 18
D4	West Valley	Los Molinos/Hamer	May 18, 10:30
NAL	Central Valley	Central Valley	May 11
EALN	Enterprise	Enterprise	May 11
EALS	Oroville	Las Plumas	May 11
BVL	Orland	Orland	May 11
EL	Tulelake	Tulelake	May 10
SCL	Tulelake	Tulelake	May 10
SVL	Oroville/Yuba	Live Oak	May 10
MTL	UPrep	UPrep	May 10
MVL	Yuba College	Hamilton/E. Nicolaus	May 11

## 5. 2012 Track Calendar:

March 9	Norm MacKenzie Friendship Meet @ Harrison Stadium
March 16	North State Relays @ CSU, Chico
March 16	Panther JV Invite @ Chico High School
March 23	Eagle Classic Relays @ West Valley High School
March 23/24	Stanford Invitational @ Palo Alto
March 24	Burt Williams Invite @ Central Valley High School
March 31	Black Butte Invite @ Orland High School
March 31	Hornet Invitational @ Enterprise High School
April 14	John Frank Invite @ Central Valley High School
April 21	Burney Spring Classic @ Burney High School
April 20	Pleasant Valley JV Invite @ Chico H.S.
April 20	West Valley/Chico Invite @ CSU, Chico
April 27	Yreka Lions Invite @ Yreka High School
April 28	Sacramento Meet of Champions @ Hughes Stadium
May 4	Mt. Shasta Twilight @ Mt. Shasta High School
May 4	Gary Burton Invite @ Corning High School
May 4	Nevada Union Invite @ Nevada Union H.S.

6. **Track Commissioner's Report:** Norm MacKenzie reviewed the financial report from last track season. As always, the committee discussed the need to keep costs down at these meets. The end result was a \$4,586.17 profit for the section.

**Duplicate Medals:** Norm will be ordering several duplicate medals without a year or event engraved on the back to be used in case of a tie at the championship and section final meets.

7. **Officials Report:** Dennis Boyle of the Pacific Association USATF discussed the need to continue to recruit new officials in the Northern Section. Following a one day certification course, new officials will be assigned a mentor to assist them at meets. Dennis is hoping that Northern Section coaches will recommend potential recruits prior to February. Dennis will be putting together a master list of all certified officials to be available to meet directors.

**Safety:** Dennis Boyle has offered to visit track sites, at a coaches' request, if there is a concern about a safe competition venue. He will also write letters to administrators to encourage repairs if it is so needed.

**New Rules for 2012:** Dennis Boyle reviewed the new rules for the 2012 season. Major rule changes:

- A visible garment worn under the uniform top or bottom displaying contrasting "stitching" to the single, solid color undergarment does not constitute a rule violation.
- A first violation of the jewelry rule will result in a warning to the individual. A second violation by the same individual will result in disqualification of that individual. There are no longer any 'team' warnings.
- Pole vaulters may use more than a two layers of grip tape as long as the tape is uniform in thickness.

8. **Track & Field Discussions:**

**The following proposals are being seriously considered by the committee. Please discuss these with ALL interested parties prior to the Feb. 1 meeting. They will be an ACTION ITEM at that meeting.**

**Moving NSCIF Finals Date:** With numerous Northern Section schools holding graduation ceremonies on the Thursday or Friday of the NSCIF Finals each year, there has been a proposal to move the Northern Section CIF Finals to a Wednesday date each year. A second related proposal would include moving the championship and league finals meets to Wednesdays also, to maintain a seven day preparation period between championship meets.

**Realignment Qualifiers:** With minimal changes in Divisional makeup in the next realignment cycle (West Valley to D1, Lassen to D2), the committee is considering the following qualifying procedures:

Leagues to Divisional Championships:

Division 1 -	EALN	2	or	3
	EALS	2	or	3
	At large	4	or	2
Division 2 -	NAL	2	or	3
	BVL	2	or	2
	At large	4	or	3
Division 3 -	SVL	2	(No change)	
	MVL	2		
	At large	4		
Division 4 -	SCL	2	(No change)	
	EL	2		
	MTL	2		
	At large	2		

Divisional Championships to NSCIF Finals – D1 (2), D2 (2), D3 (1), D4 (1), (2) at large

**NSCIF Qualifiers in 800 meters:** There is a proposal to increase the number of qualifiers to the NSCIF Finals in the 800 meters from 8 to 10 qualifiers. Two alleys would be set up with the top 4 qualifiers in the outside alley, and the remaining 6 qualifiers in the inside alley. Current qualifying procedures will continue, with the top 4 times after all the automatic qualifiers are determined, moving onto the section race. The *rationale* for this change is that most distance runners drop races at the section finals in order to concentrate on one race. This will help to ensure full fields at the meet.

**Pole Vault Order of Events:** There is a proposal to make the order of events in the pole vault more consistent from the league meet to the divisional meets by contesting the varsity boys and girls pole vault before the JV boys and girls. The following order of events has been proposed: VB, VG, JVB, JVG. *Rationale* included consistency, safer for varsity boys who vault higher to compete while fresh, and var. competitors qualifying for the next round of competition with less conflicts.

**Moving JV Relay Members to Varsity level at Sections:** The committee would like to change the section constitutional wording to enable JV athletes the option to move up to the varsity level at the NSCIF Finals to compete on a relay team once their competitive season is complete. Currently, frosh/soph athletes are able to move up and down throughout the season. However, if an athlete competes at the JV level at the league finals, they must stay at the JV level for the championship meet and may not move up to the varsity level for the section finals. The following is the proposed re-wording:

**By law 301.2 D track** *In the sport of track and field, an athlete may change classification until the league final meet or contest. The classification in the league's final meet or contest determines classification until the frosh/soph season is completed. Athletes on the frosh /soph roster may be moved up to compete with the varsity team at the NSCIF Section Championship meet and State meet.*

Rationale includes better relay teams at the NSCIF Finals, other sports may move JV athletes up once their season is complete, and JV's can compete on a varsity relay team at the State Meet.

#### 9. **Cross Country Report:**

**2011 NSCIF Date:** The 2011 NSCIF Cross Country Championships will be held at West Valley High School on Thursday, November 10, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Rotation order is: Var. Boys, Var. Girls, Open Boys, Open Girls.

**2011 NSCIF Divisions:** The committee reviewed the 2010 CBED report and discussed school placement within the cross country sliding scale divisions. Due to declining enrollment, Chico will move down into Division 3, but Oroville will move up into Division 3. Pleasant Valley is left as the only Division 2 school. Willows and Downieville will be fielding cross country teams this year and will compete in Division 5. Willows will compete in the BVL and Downieville in the MVL for league. It appears that Esparto has dropped their program.

**6<sup>th</sup> Division at State:** There is a proposal at the state level to add a sixth division in cross country. However, the added division will have little effect on the Northern Section since the added division will be for schools over 2600.

#### **NSCIF Cross Country Honor Coaches:**

This is the twentieth year the section has honored coaches in cross country. The Honor Coach for 2011: Coach – Tony Hermann (Williams) Congratulations!! Criteria for this award includes longevity in the sport (at least 5 years), contribution to the betterment of the sport within our section, and sportsmanship. Other nominations included: Paul Stevens (Chico), Howard Brodmerkle (CV), Annette Wilson (Foothill).

10. **State CIF Track Committee Report:** Jim Deaver will attend the state meeting at the end of September. Jim will get more information on the proposed sixth division for cross country.

11. **Critique of 2011 Championship meets:** All championship meets seemed to run smoothly. Great job!

12. **Track Coaches Clinic:** A track coaches' clinic will take place in late February at Enterprise High School. More information, including an exact date, will be announced at our winter meeting.
13. **Web site:** Coaches are reminded that entries are required to be posted on [www.athletic.net](http://www.athletic.net)
14. A **tentative date** for the next NSCIF Track Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Fairley, Chairman