

2025 SPL Cross Country Pre-Season Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm

St. Mary of Gostyn

I. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

II. Roll Call: (see image at bottom of notes for breakdown)

- A. ABSENT Mary Nativity and Everest.
- B. Our Lady of Charity missed the first couple votes.

III. Approve Minutes of 2024 Post-Season Meeting:

- Minutes were approved

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer: Justin Busche

- 1. Around \$5,400 in the account
- 2. \$425 per school (not per merged team)
- 3. Invoices will come later this week
- 4. Payments due end of August

B. Equipment

- 1. Finish line clocks: St. Leonard
 - Need to order new clocks (one was smoking this season)
- 2. Chute components: SMI
 - Megaphone is missing– SFX will check for megaphone(s)
- 3. Signs/Mats: SDJCA
 - No issues with signs/mats.
- 4. Scoring Hardware: Julie Fulton
 - Need new scanners for scoring.

V. Old Business

A. Confirm SPLXC Officers: All confirmed for next season.

- President: Kendall Fulton
- Vice President: Abigail Radun (IC)
- Treasurer: Justin Busche (SSPP)
- Secretary: Shannon Fuller (JAMES)
- Safety Officers: Diana Crumrine (HT). OLC Rep

B. Confirm Universal List: All confirmed for next season.

C. Rules and Events Committee Members: All confirmed for next season

- Diana Crumrine (HT), John Darrow (ND), Julie Fulton, Jason Wagner (SFX), John Morrissey (LUKE) and Jim Wolf (St. Michaels).

D. Webmaster: Website is functioning as designed.

- John Darrow (ND)

E. Upcoming 2025 Meet Dates/Hosts per R&P:

- Meet 1: 9/06 – Perry Farm Park Bourbonnais – Mary Mokena
- Meet 2: 9/13 – Westmont High School – Notre Dame
- Meet 3: 9/20 – Co-Ed Meet – TBD – St. Francis Xavier will host this– contact St. Joan for help
- Meet 4: 9/27 – DGSRC – SMG & Joan of Arc
- Meet 5: 10/4 – Championship – PETS/ MIKES

F. Confirm merged teams

- VIS/IC- Yes
- All Saints/SSPP- Yes
- St. James/St. Isidore/St. John the Baptist- Vote- 100% YES of schools in attendance (30/30) 3 schools absent (no vote from Everest, Mary Nativity, Our Lady of Charity).

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VI. New Business

A. New Starter for meets

- ☐ Justin- good to hire an official starter– if someone wants to become a certified starter, that's another option- league would reimburse. Otherwise, "outsourcing" could cost between \$500-1000 extra for the league.
- ☐ John will reach out to another SPL hall of fame starter.
- ☐ St. Mike's suggested we look into possibly using an electronic whistle.

B. Proposed amendment to Rules & Procedures

- ☐ Section 9, B. Shoes
(a) Junior Varsity (5th & 6th) competitors racing in SPL junior varsity races are NOT allowed to wear "spikes", regardless of the spikes having been inserted in the spike sockets or left empty. (Note: Running in "spikes", without the spikes being inserted is dangerous and presents a hazard to the athlete.) Shoes that do not have sockets into which spikes, pins or plugs are inserted, are legal and acceptable.
 - ☐ John Darrow proposes to allow 5th and 6th graders to wear spikes.
 - ☐ Reasoning: 7th/8th were first allowed to use spikes; there have been no safety issues. Harriers have had 3rd/4th graders and there have not been any injuries.
 - ☐ Vote- 100% YES of schools in attendance (30/30) 3 schools absent (no vote from Everest, St. Mary Nativity, Our Lady of Charity).

C. New Members in the SPL

- ☐ St. Jude -Trish Kovacs- No program before. Good for conditioning. There were 18 kids interested; 10 were 5th graders. Volunteers would come with this. Vote- YES. 100% of schools in attendance (31/31) 2 schools absent (no vote from Everest, St. Mary Nativity.)
- ☐ St. Andrew- Ingrid Wilin – Did not attend
- ☐ Mother Theresa- Erin Narcisi - Did not attend

VII. Other Business

A. Nomination of John Mulholland to SPL Hall of Fame (Jason Wagner SFX)

- ☐ Coach for 20 years. Volunteered and was a starter for many years. VOTE 100% YES -- 31/31 schools (no vote from Everest, St. Mary Nativity)

B. Individual awards ribbons and (tshirts) only at the Championship meet based on the live results from Shazam. Team results will be calculated and sent out later that day. Plaques can be picked up by coaches at a later date.

- ☐ This will help because there will still be a crowd there to celebrate athletes.

C. Have a priest lead the league in prayer before each meet

- ☐ Justin will reach out to parishes to see if a priest would want to come out at 8:45 before first meet.

D. Porta potties.. Minimum of 4. League pays for it. Around \$125 per- Justin has a contact if needed.

E. St. Pius is hosting its annual preseason cross country meet on August 16th in Lombard.

F. Juniors race for 3rd/4th on October 1st Prospect Park Clarendon Hills – FREE.

Misc: Have we ever considered combining 7th/8th grade? Answer: No because it's already around 70-80 kids at those.

Confirmed that Julie is still timing for all the meets.

VIII. 2025 Pre- Season Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 , Location TBD

IX. Meeting Adjournment: 7:44 pm

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SCHOOL	PRESENT	ABSENT	Vote for St. James/Isidore/El	Allowing Spikes Vote	Approval of St. Jude
All Saints	X		Y	Y	y
Ascension	X		Y	Y	y
Cletus	X		Y	Y	y
Everest		X			
Francis Xavier	X		Y	Y	y
Giles	X		Y	Y	y
Holy Family	X		Y	Y	y
Holy Trinity	X		Y	Y	y
IC	X		Y	Y	y
Isaac Jogues	X		Y	Y	y
Isidore	X		Y	Y	y
James	X		Y	Y	y
Joan of Arc	X		Y	Y	y
Joes DG	X		Y	Y	y
Joes Manhattan	X		Y	Y	y
John of the Cross	X		Y	Y	y
John the Baptist	X		Y	Y	y
Kingswood	X		Y	Y	y
Leonard	X		Y	Y	y
Luke	X		Y	Y	y
Mary Immaculate	X		Y	Y	y
Mary Mokena	X		Y	Y	y
Mary Nativity		X			
Mary of Gostyn	X		Y	Y	y
Michael	X		Y	Y	y
Notre Dame	x		Y	Y	y
Our Lady of Charit	X				y
Peter and Paul	X		Y	Y	y
Petronille	x		Y	Y	y
Pius	x		Y	Y	y
Raphael	x		Y	Y	y
Scholastica	x		Y	Y	y
Visitation	x		Y	Y	y