

- I. **Call to Order:** 7:01 p.m.
Greetings and introduction
Prayer

- II. **Roll Call**
All teams present.

III. **Approval of 2025 Preseason Minutes**

Motion #1: (Twohy/Darrow) Motion to accept the meeting minutes from February 21, 2024. 23 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries.

IV. **School and Team Updates**

- A. *Review of Team Mergers:* No changes.
- B. [Universal List](#) - As league positions are changing, the Universal List will be updated. The Secretary will send the updated version to the league.

V. **Meet Format and Scheduling**

- A. *Challenges:* John Darrow (Notre Dame) provided an overview of the challenges currently facing the SPL. This includes heavy reliance on volunteers to run successful meets and declining participation due to COVID and the rise of club sports.
- B. *Proposed Modifications:* To overcome waning participation and to reinvigorate SPL track meets, Jeremy Strayer (St. Francis Xavier) presented a proposal that shortens meet length and reduces the volunteer burden. This proposal includes moving to fully automated timing (FAT) and combining grade levels into one meet. To offset the cost of FAT, season length will be shortened from 5 to 4 meets. In this proposal, the league will eliminate one week of regular season meets and the Divisional meets. A relay meet will be added Week 4. This revised meet schedule allows teams the opportunity to participate in the IESA State Series, which has historically been held during the SPL Divisional and Championship meets. **Motion #2: (Darrow/Cudzilo)** Motion to shorten the season to four weeks, combine grade levels into one meet (5th through 8th grade), and adopt FAT timing. 23 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries.
- C. *Next Steps:* The Rules and Events Committees will meet jointly to review existing rules and events in the context of the new meet and season structure and will develop a proposal to be voted on by the League. The Rules and Events Committee meeting will be open to all SPL members. Details to follow.

VI. **League Positions**

The following Executive Board positions were elected:

- A. Vice President will stay with Holy Trinity. Diana Crumrine will assume the position.
- B. Secretary will stay with Immaculate Conception. Katie Twohy will continue in the position.
- C. Treasurer will stay with Sts. Peter and Paul. Justin Busche will continue in the position.
- D. Events Committee Chairperson was filled by Kingswood Academy. Roxanne Packer will assume the position.

VII. **Committee Reports**

- A. *Scheduling:*
 - Based on Easter and spring break schedules, the League has the option of holding Week 0 meets.
 - Tentative 2026 schedule:
 - Week 0: 4/11
 - Week 1: 4/18

- Week 2: 4/25
- Week 3: 5/2 (SPL Championship Meet)
- Week 4: 5/9 (Relay Meet/IESA Sectionals)

B. *Rules:*

- The Rules Chair stated the importance of adhering to field event conflict rules and will continue to emphasize conflict rules next year.
- This season, there were many questions about JV shoes. The Rules Committee will consider allowing spikes for JV. Any recommended changes will be part of the aforementioned Events/Rules proposal.

C. *Events:* No updates.

D. *Treasurer:*

- The Treasurer sent updated financials to the League on June 11, 2025. These financials are not final as many expenses (awards, ribbons) have not been submitted.
- The new dues structure approved on February 12, 2025 has significantly improved the financial position of the league

VIII. Sub-committee Reports

- A. *Equipment:* The Equipment Chair noted that with the new season structure, the League can eliminate one of the three meet bags. St. Isaacs generously covered equipment replenishment expenses for the 2025 season.
- B. *Scoring:* No updates. It was noted that the move to FAT will replace the existing scoring system.
- C. *Awards:* Awards cost still needs to be factored into the financial statements. It was noted that there will be a reduced awards expenditure with the adoption of the new meet schedule.
- D. *Safety:* No updates.

IX. League Records: Motion #3: (Darrow/Kanzer) Motion to approve the new league records set by athletes at the Divisional and Championship meets. 23 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries.

X. Meeting Adjourned: Motion #4 (Busche/Yarusso) Motion to adjourn. 23 in favor/0 opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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