**Competition and Training Advisory Committee Meeting (Face to Face)**

**June 15, 2017**

Attending the meeting were: Dawn Criss, Ray Strekal, Rob Wagner (interns Jacob & Taylor), Erin Birkenholtz, Bruce Wilson, Jason Miller, Trudy Messerschmidt, Mike Riley(GRC)

Agenda Items:

**#1. Work plan for the 2017-18 competition year**

* Does there need to be as many phone calls?
  + July 18th phone call- topic of more competition,
  + August 15th phone call- discuss Softball survey results, help with securing more volunteers/coaches
  + September 19- phone call, review fall sports rules
  + October 17- phone call , Equestrian ,Flag Football and Volleyball
  + November 21- phone call w/ survey results of fall sports
  + No December meeting
  + January 9 meeting at hotel restaurant during Winter Games
  + February 20- Winter Games Review
  + March 20- survey results from Mid-Winter Tournament
  + April 17- Summer Games rules
  + May 18- Town Hall Meeting? Still necessary?
  + June- Face to Face
* Change the night of the week? Decided to keep 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
* 2nd Face to Face meeting? Not at this time

**#2. Survey Monkey review of Summer Games 2017**

Overall Themes-

* Softball Throw
  + Instead of just bullhorns, have speaker systems at each check-in
  + 5th check-in area?
  + Male check-in, Female Check-in, Separate Awards areas as well
  + Mandate a distance cap, Can exceed certain distance then athlete must participate in Mini Jav or Shotput
* Shot Put
  + No DQ’s for improper throw?
* Cycling
  + Check-in was a VERY long wait
  + Mechanics took 25 minutes/bike inspecting
  + Designate bike shops throughout the state where bikes can be inspected prior to competition. Take approved card and check off requirements and present at competition.
  + 250 M race going at the same time as the 10K to get those individuals done
  + 2 awards stands next year, plenty of volunteers to do so
* Bocce
  + Broken Ramps
  + Ground was uneven, muddy- wheelchairs got stuck, put down mats
  + Courts were mowed very short
  + Too many teams playing others in their own delegation
  + Cedar Rapids able to hold a District competition 2018-2019
* Swimming
  + Not enough lunch options
  + Not enough souvenirs available
  + Athletes aren’t able to get to healthy athletes
  + Need to add clarification of block use in Coaches Guide, needs to be consistent with area competition as well
* Tennis
  + Scratches after April 21st deadline
  + 3-5 in a division and all scratched, so no competition for that 1 athlete
  + Athletes chose to do track or bocce and scratched last minute on tennis
  + Too many volunteers with nothing to do
* Soccer
  + Slide Tackling and offsides needs clarified in Coaches Guide
  + Great that the soccer refs stayed all day for the first time in years

Suggestion of Survey Monkey sent out about all over services and what coaches need (finances, transportation, volunteer coaches)

**#3. Social Media- Facebook and Twitter**

Stephanie- website was sitting dormant when she first started, biggest following right now is on Facebook. Do have a twitter and Instagram. Summer goal has been to showcase our athletes more other than just fundraisers. Event calendar now features area competitions, local events, etc. Experiment more on Instagram and twitter to get more followers. Hashtags have been created for all state competitions and a Snapchat filter was first featured at Summer Games.

Website comments: liking the progress and change in pictures used, dates and forms are more up to date and accurate. Request pictures from Area Directors and delegation managers of athletes.

**#4. Substitutes/Alternates- lots of different interpretations**

Would like to still have alternates on team sports. Basketball, for example, we turn in entries in November and state isn’t until March. Many things can change those teams in that matter of time. He would like for us to follow the roster size and amount of alternates that SOI does.

Explained substitution suggestion for relays. Many liked the explanation and that it will be put in the coach’s guide.

Bocce- why can’t there be listed alternates? Instead of removing the ball as the only option. Called and were told that there could NOT be any alternates. Other were told that there could be roster changes and additions/substitutions

**#5. How do we create more competition?**

Put on backburner until later meeting.

**#6. Swimming and Regional competition?**

Issue- some areas do not hold competition and those athletes are able to advance to state. No consistency and not fair to those who hold a competition and don’t receive a blue. Areas make athletes choose to go to state in track or swimming. Can’t do both.

Do we make it so that athletes must compete at a district competition? Regional competition?

* Those in Southeast and South Central Area’s would not travel to the regional competitions.
* Suggestion of doing 2 Regional Competitions- East & West
* Other states have more competitions available that aren’t necessarily qualifying. Less qualifiers at state, but must attend 1-2 events before state competition for more training opportunities

Athletes that like to swim and do track & field. What do we do?

* Stand-alone competition?
  + For some delegations, if they had to travel to one more state competition they would probably drop out of swimming
  + Athletes look forward to staying overnight at Summer Games, with swimming separate they would then just choose track
* Survey monkey to swim coaches- would you attend a stand-alone meet? Regional competition to advance to state?

**#7. Any other items?**

Regional Bocce or State Qualifying competition? Answer: add Bocce Skills for next year