

April 28, 1978

Dear Cross Country Coach,

Your help is needed. I'll be very brief. This is the problem. I have mailed to all CCS Board of Managers Representatives the attached information concerning an agenda item for the May 11, 1978 CCS Board of Managers Meeting. What I need you to do is the following and hopefully in the next few days. I would like to you contact _____ who is the CCS Board of Managers member from your league, to find out whether he or she has received the information and also to put in a good word for the meet. We are working on a very close time schedule. If we do receive a yes vote from the CCS Board of Managers, we still must receive a yes vote from the state CIF. However, first things first. We in cross country need to get a yes vote on the May 11, 1978 agenda item referring to the Northern California Regional Cross Country Championship Meet at Crystal Springs.

I believe that the meet will not interfere with the winter sports. It will not take place during school time. We intend to stay well within the budget. It will be a top distance meet for both girls and boys, and distance running needs this type of competition in Northern California. It will make Plato's committee work much easier. Football, wrestling, basketball, etc. have greatly expanded their competition lately. Cross Country is really asking for little when compared with the numbers and length of time that other sports have expanded in the last few years. In Crystal Springs, we have a course which is relative close for most schools in Northern California.

You probably can do a much better job at convincing your board of managers representative than my letter does. Go to it and prove it. Plato and I will most happy. Thanks for your help.



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May 16, 1978

Dear Cross Country Coach,

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. I'll be very brief. Plato Yanicks of Menlo-Atherton High School proposed to the Central Coast Section (CCS) Cross Country Coaches committee that our section sponsor a "Northern California Regional Invitational Cross Country Meet" this November, because his committee was finding it more difficult each year to pick the team. Our coaches voted to place this as an agenda item at the CCS Board of Managers meeting last Thursday. After a great deal of effort on many coaches' part, the CCS Board of Managers passed the request. This comes as a surprise because it has been very difficult to get items like this passed the first time around. We did our "homework" and talked with the board members about the meet.

Yesterday, the CCS Commissioner, Larry Rice, wrote Mr. Russell of the CIF a letter asking that this item, "a CCS sponsored Northern California Regional Invitational Cross Country Meet" be placed on the agenda for the CIF meeting coming up in Bakersfield at the end of this month. Larry also has sent a letter to each section commissioner indicating the outline of the proposal.

Now we hope that you can help us. In order for the meet to be held, the CIF must approve the request. The entire state must vote on it. Here is where we need your help. We asking the cross country coaches in the various sections to contact their section commissioner and voting representatives so that they will know how you feel about the request and hopefully encourage them to vote yes at the state CIF meeting. It was our hope that the Central Section would be invited this year; however, we were advised that since the request was coming from the Northern California Cross Country Committee and they select runners only as far South as Merced for their team, that for the first year only their covered area should be included in the meet. Once under way, it is our intention to expand the meet in the future and we would like to ask the Central Section.

TIME IS IMPORTANT. WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WE DO HOPE THAT YOU CAN HELP US. WE WERE UP AGAINST A TIME LINE IN OUR SECTION ALSO.

We have included (1) a letter sent to CCS Board members
(2) a rationale sheet from Plato Yanicks for the meet
(3) a budget and information sheet about the meet

Thanks for any help that you can give us,

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May 3, 1978

Dear Board Member:

This is a follow-up to the letter you recently received from Verne Thornburg, Cross Country Coach at Lynbrook High School, soliciting your help in obtaining CCS approval for the proposed "Northern California Regional Cross Country Championship Meet."

As Chairman of the CCS Cross Country Committee, I wholeheartedly endorse their recommendation for this meet and personally ask you to give every possible consideration for a favorable vote at our next CCS Board of Managers meeting on May 11th.

The Committee has done its "homework" with this request but is running against the clock in regards to the necessary approvals. May I ask that you come to the Board Meeting prepared to vote, preferably yes, so that the request will not be tabled or referred back to the Leagues for further study.

You have been supplied with all the necessary data regarding the meet. In addition, Verne and I will be glad to answer any question you may have. I believe the time has come for the CCS to take the lead in Cross Country by agreeing to host this outstanding meet and to present it to the Federated Council in June for state-wide adoption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed Fennelly". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "E" and a cursive "Fennelly".

Ed Fennelly
CCS Cross Country Chairman

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