

2000 USTCA ANNUAL CONVENTION DECEMBER 8, 2000

- ◆ The meeting was called into session at 11:15 a.m. by the president, Terry Crawford. She thanked everyone for their attendance. “Your presence makes this organization valuable and important.” Seventy people were in attendance.
- ◆ To clarify who can vote in this meeting you must be a paying member of USTCA. Your nametag has a color dot on it signifying you are a paying member.
- ◆ Treasurer Report: The balance as of December 1, 2000 is \$27,293.60. This year’s expense totaled \$11,797.50.
- ◆ Title IX Pamphlets: Terry bought enough pamphlets, entitled “Title IX Athletics Issue In-Depth” for each member. She encouraged everyone to take one.

Slate of Officers:

- Ralph Lindeman will take over the president in June 2001. Amy Deem moves into the 1st vice president role. John Korlenson remains on as treasurer. The secretary position and the 2nd vice president position will open in June. The executive committee recommends Dennis Craddock as 2nd vice president and Diane Wholey as secretary. The floor was opened for nominees. No nominees came from the floor. Sue McGrath made the motion to accept the executive committee’s recommendation for Dennis Craddock as 2nd vice president. Dave Murry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Billy Carson made the motion to accept the executive committee’s recommendation for Diane Wholey as secretary. Kathleen Sperry seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Angel Shelton: Coaching strategies for the workplace. She pointed out areas that coaches need to pay attention to regarding employment.

1. Contracts
 - make sure it is executed properly
 - renewed on proper timeline
 - make sure it includes review dates, if contract is only 9 months then technically you are an employee of will
 - term length of contract
 - states law varies between states “employees of will” do not need reason when fired
 - if you have an informal review, write a memo and send to your supervisor in order to have documentation
2. Sexual Harassment: Student-athletes can file a lawsuit if someone in authority does not report or respond accordingly.
 - Coaches need to be careful stressing sexuality, talking about sex, and encouraging conversation about sex.
 - Make sure you give out team rules, and record them with athletic director’s office.

- Check with your administration about how much information you can share with parent. The Buckley Amendment.

3. NCAA Violation:

- academic fraud
- make sure to report anything you hear to compliance even if a rumor
- report outside employment
- Also familiarize yourself with your university “Due Process” rules

- ◆ The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ The meeting resumed with Terry explaining to the group that Diane Howell, chairperson of the NCAA Track and Field Committee sends her regrets for not being present. Diane ask Rick McGuire to speak to the body about the current information regarding regional qualifying.
- ◆ The championship committee passed the proposal a year ago, but it could not move forward due to the budget subcommittee of championship, can only review a proposal that effects the budget that is current. The proposal will be reviewed the first week of February. If passed, we must be ready to implement by 2002.
- ◆ Gordan Thompson informed the group that his athletic director is the head of the budgetary committee and she felt that Diane was the best presenter. This proposal really emphasizes the NCAA mission, which is to offer as many student-athletes as possible the opportunity to attend the NCAA Championship.
- ◆ Ralph Linderman presented questions that the Championship Committee formulated when they reviewed the track and field proposal.
- ◆ The Championship Committee liked that the regional proposal increases opportunities for minorities and that conference champions automatically advance to the regionals.
- ◆ Ralph explained that the Track and Field Coaches Executive Committee met in San Diego, and discussed the questions mentioned above. Below are some of their recommendations.
- ◆ If we get 40% increase then the cap on participants is 540 men and 540 women.
- ◆ Question 1: How many “automatic” qualifiers will come out of each region?
 - if 30% then five – individuals automatically qualify and three relay team
 - if 40% then six – individuals automatically qualify and four relays
- ◆ Question 2: How will “at-large participants be selected?”
 - Season-long descending order list or
 - descending order list taken from regional qualifying meets.
- ◆ Question 3: How would qualifiers for exempted events be determined?

- The committee recommends that the first five from each region would automatically qualify the remainder of “at large” selections would be taken without respect to region.
- ◆ Should 10,000m be exempted from regional qualifying?
- ◆ Ralph explained to the group the above issues can still be tinkered with.
- ◆ If the concept passes in February then we need to have feedback to the Track and Field Rules Committee by June for their summer meetings.
- ◆ Pat Henry is still in the opinion we can have increased number without the regional meet. He feels he is speaking for many that regionals are being forced on them.
- ◆ Coaches spoke on how this meet could diminish conference championships.
- ◆ The question arose why tie the descending order list to regional finals. Ralph explains that society is familiar with sudden death qualifying systems and we will have trouble enforcing honest effort rules if the finish at the regional meet is not tied to qualifying.
- ◆ Ben Palilo made the motion to exempt the 10,000 from the regional meet. Dick Booth seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: the 10,000m athlete will not be able to run conference, regionals and nationals. Dave Murry said coaches will have to make good coaching decisions.
 - The vote was 32 for and 44 opposed. The motion failed.
- ◆ Bill Webb made the motion to exempt the multi-event in the regional meets. Rodney Price seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: Craig Poole spoke to the difficulty of trying to have two multi-events and the remaining events in two days.
 - Call the Vote: The motion passed 52 for, 14 opposed.
- ◆ There was much discussion concerning the at-large selection process. Dale Kennedy made a motion “that there be no at large selection.”
 - The motion failed because it was not seconded.
- ◆ Craig Poole thought the original concept of having the descending order list was to help athletes who got hurt/or sick along the way.
- ◆ Sam Bell made the motion “that the final round of the regional meet will be the first round of the national meet. Seconded by Chris Rainy.
 - After much discussion the vote was called. Twelve votes for and 40 opposed the motion. It fails.
- ◆ Curtis Frye made the motion to accept the at large-selection process that the executive committee recommended. Dale Kennedy seconded the motion.
 - The vote was tied, 19 in favor of 19 opposed to the motion.

- ◆ Chris from Riverside made a motion that the regional meet be three days. Dave Murry seconded the motion.
 - Sixty votes supported the motion, one opposed. The motion carried.
- ◆ Part of the discussion concerning this proposal is that teams will still chase marks due to the descending order list and the cost to attend the regional meet is very high.
- ◆ The rationale for four regions. It started 25 months ago in Chapel Hill. A subcommittee began studying the questions of regionals. They chose four regions because it was the fairest, due to less chance of disparity between regions. Another rationale on having the lines vertical is the inclusion of the sunbelt in each region. The four region proposal looked at strengths of each state and the number of qualifiers per state and decided regions based on that strength.
- ◆ A question posed is "are the number of schools evenly divided between regions." "No" was the answer.
- ◆ One trade-off the committee was very aware of was the cost of travel to the regional meets.
- ◆ John Moon spoke about horizontal lines versus the vertical lines. Regional concept has been sold as an equity issue and he feels this is not equity.
- ◆ Dennis Mitchell made the motion "to accept the model on the floor for four regions based on vertical lines." Dale Kennedy seconded the motion.
 - The vote was 39 for, eight opposed.
- ◆ The discussion concerning the regional proposal came to an end at 5:00 p.m. Terry encouraged the body to look at the US Track Coaches Committee for the minutes of this meeting.

Sponsorship:

- ◆ Terry was asked last year to study the issue concerning sponsorship. She handed out the interrupt she received from the NCAA. She asked the group what their pleasure was.
- ◆ Dennis Mitchell made the motion to accept the USTCA recommendation charging the Track and Field Rules Committee to enforce the rule that teams or individuals who participate in the NCAA Championships must meet minimal team and minimal individual requirements established in the NCAA manual prior to participation in the NCAA Championships. The motion was seconded by Sue McGrath Powell. The vote was 45 for, one opposed, and four abstained.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Team Power Ranking – John McNichols informed the group that Team Power Ranking will represent the top 20 teams. They are looking for sponsorship. They are trying to place a full ad in the USA Today listing the outcome of the ranking on the Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the start of the Indoor NCAA Championships, and Monday or Tuesday prior to Outdoor.

- ◆ Billy Carson informed the body that he is investigating a recommendation to the Track and Field Rules Committee concerning how preferred lanes are decided.
- ◆ Curtis Frye made a motion to recommend to the Track and Field Rules Committee to add a round for the 60m dash and 60m hurdles at the Indoor Nationals. The motion was seconded. The motion failed. Only four votes were in favor of the motion.
- ◆ Curtis Frye made a motion to recommend to the Track and Field Rules Committee that for the Outdoor 2001 Championships that a round in the 200m's be eliminated. 49 votes for, nobody opposed. The motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ Dave Murry made the motion to the Track and Field Rules Committee to recommend that for this year, 2001 that at the National Championship distance for the placement of the women's steeple barrier be 60 cm forward from the men's position. Dennis Mitchell seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- ◆ Proposal from the executive committee recommends that the institutional cost of the All-American certificate will rise to \$10.00. The athlete certificate is free of charge and any additional certificates are \$5.00. John Kornelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.
- ◆ Information concerning all-academic certificates will be publicized in "Coaches Review" magazine that comes out of the national office. One can also find this information where coaches pick up the All-American certificates.

New Business:

- ◆ Motion by Dennis Mitchell to eliminate early signing and make us have one signing date from February to August, which would bring us into line with other fall sports. John McNichols seconded. Fifteen for, 26 against. Abstentions 11.
 - The motion failed.
- ◆ Motion: "We ask the NCAA for legislation to require that the USTCA Convention be a declared dead period." Passed.
- ◆ Motion Curtis Frye – "In the event of a protest, if a video is available then the games committee can use it to reinstate the athlete or athletes."
 - The motion passed.
- ◆ The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.