

USTFCCCA

Minutes of the Division I Track & Field Coaches Executive Committee Sessions &
General Sessions

Orlando, FL

December 14-17, 2009

- I. Division I Executive Committee Meeting - December 14 & 15, 2009
 - a. Beth Alford-Sullivan (BAS) presides (president). BAS made roll call and introductions.
 - b. Discussion of 2008 minutes. They are still waiting for submission from former secretary. Assurance made that they will be submitted to her within the week.
 - c. Committee Reports given
 - i. Awards – Dennis Shaver. Proposal to have All-American certificates go to top 8 finishers regardless of citizenship. Mark Young second. Vote: 5-22-0 FAILED. Proposal to change the wording from “Regional” to NCAA preliminary round. Vote: 27-0 PASSES.
 - ii. Ethics – Ralph Lindeman. Code of Ethics document final after 3 years of work. Discussion ensued regarding statute of limitations and adding a timeline into the document, in which unethical conduct can be reported and acted upon. Research further on adding timeframe, but valid point to be considered. Motion to accept document, Ben Paxton. Mike Maynard second. Vote: 28-0 PASSES.
 - iii. Strategic Planning Committee- Mark Young. BAS asked purpose of this document, Rick McGuire gave history. It represents our organization and gives direction to our CEO, so we have a common mission and is a Division I only document. It works as a vehicle/map for movement forward in improving our profession and sport. Kathleen Raske suggested a statement be added in under “Professionalism” the concept of protecting or protection of coaches. Discussion ensued and the consensus was this should be added/considered and will put in additional statement. Motion to accept document with additional statement of protecting coaches, Mark Young. Dennis Shaver second. Vote: 33-0 PASSES.
 - d. Old Business.
 - i. BAS reviewed old business. NCAA stood firm on 2 sites due to equity concerns.
 - ii. Proposal to increase coaching staffs. Still seeking a conference sponsor. Gary Wilson asked who sponsors this type of legislation. Liz Susa said it has to be an institution and conference.
 - iii. Proposal to change 156 day calendar count. Craig Poole presented how and why this would be advantageous. It would allow us to promote periodization of training and map out our seasons.

- Baseball and softball already use this method. Mountain West Conference is supporting and garnering movement.
- iv. The recruiting calendar change to August 1 has no sponsor. Therefore no movement forward.
 - v. Championship practice times expanded.... NCAA approved.
 - vi. To use IAAF meeting format for NCAA technical meeting proposal.... NCAA said it will “explore”.
 - vii. 3-day indoor championship proposal... no movement and committee does not support, therefore will be dropped.
 - viii. Separation of sessions by gender at NCAA Outdoor Championships. The USTFCCCA executive committee voted last June at outdoor meet to approve, however the track and field committee did not act on it. This should be brought to floor as new business to allow body to vote.
 - ix. 2010 Outdoor Technical Manual... NCAA made approval for all except 4.e. and 5.b. (preferred lanes, 8 lanes).
- e. New Business
- i. BAS created a committee to address weather related issues at outdoor championships. She appointed Ed Nuttycombe to chair this committee.
 - ii. Proposal to amend recruiting calendar to be able to make calls to PSA’s in the southern hemisphere before July 1. BAS wants to garner feedback at conference breakout sessions on this issue.
 - iii. Proposal to allow coaches who do not attend convention to vote. BAS said it is a programmatic vote and each school should be able to send a representative. Motion to allow made by Danny Williamson. Second Joe Piane. Vote: 2-30-0 FAILED. Motion made by Curtis Frye that the USTFCCCA send a letter to all AD’s/institutions that strongly encourages that their institution be represented at our coach’s convention, at the cost of the institution. Discussion ensued. Mark Young second. Vote: 32-0-0 PASSES.
 - iv. Proposal by Gary Wilson to add the flat 3k and DMR at Outdoor Championships. Discussion ensued. Second Joe Piane. Vote for 3k: 3-21-2 and Vote for DMR: 5-20-2. Both FAILED.
 - v. Proposal made by Gary Wilson that at least 2 coaching positions for each international staff be selected from those who attend the USTFCCCA convention. Discussion ensued regarding the USATF and CAC expansion. BAS explained that we would have no power or effect on selection process. Gary made motion that the USTFCCCA invite the Coaches Advisory Committee of USATF to have their annual meeting at the USTFCCCA convention. Kathleen Raske seconded. Vote: 32-0-0 PASSES.
 - vi. Gary Wilson proposed that the coach’s hospitality of the NCAA’s include athletic administrators. Perry Jenkins second. Vote: 32-0-0. PASSES.

- vii. Proposal to allow volunteer coaches to call PSA's- Gary Wilson. He explained that this is being sponsored by the Big Ten currently.
- viii. Pat Henry asked for further indexing of indoor tracks as there is a problem with many last chance meets and that 11/12 DMR's all came from oversized tracks at a last chance meet. Liz Susha said that the NCAA will continue to study this and that the flat 200m tracks standards have softened already. Mark Young second. NCAA said that there isn't enough significant data to accomplish currently, but with the use of tfrss, they can do a better job in the future.
- ix. Pat Henry proposed that curbing should be an NCAA requirement if national qualifying marks are accomplished. Discussion ensued. If a facility was built to have a curb, then it should be used. A curb rule is already in place and should be enforced, as well as use of adequate officials.
- x. Pat Henry would like to establish a permanent rotating site for outdoor NCAA's. Noted for discussion with Sam Seemes endorsing for betterment of our championship.
- xi. Todd Lane motioned to establish a common bar increment progression in the vertical jumps for all meets held on the last 4 days of qualifying for indoor championships. Discussion ensued. No second.
- xii. Todd Lane proposed that video technology be used at the areas of protest in the field events at the NCAA's. Discussion ensued. Liz Susha said sport committee is working on getting it passed for 2011, pending budget approval. No second.
- xiii. Todd Lane proposed that a minimum of 1 official watch not more than 2 athletes/team per race for lane violations or exchange zone violations at all NCAA's. Diane Wholey motioned that this be taken to conference breakout sessions to garner feedback. Perry Jenkins second. Vote: 32-0-0.

f. Other New Business

- i. SEC proposal to re-institute the early signing period and move back to the original dates (Nov-April). Vote: 7-17-4 FAILED.
- ii. Involvement in professional team's legislation already moving forward which includes our sports. Motion made by Perry Jenkins to remove our sport from this legislation. Second Danny Williamson. Vote: 32-0-0. PASSES.
- iii. Holly Sheilley, chair of track and field committee, brought forth a task to review and garner feedback for restructuring procedure/process on how we qualify for our NCAA Outdoor Championships. She submitted 4 possibilities and asked for additional proposals. The NCAA Cabinet is asking for 3 directives to be included in proposals: 1-cost containment; 2-access to championships; 3- deference to automatic qualifiers. Discussion ensued. BAS said we should look at the options developed by t&f

committee. Also, to have Holly present task to body and get copies to all members to start working on it and come up with a plan to meet deadline of Feb. 15, 2010 for proposal submission.

- g. BAS gave plan for general session and conference breakout sessions.
- h. Motion to adjourn. Meeting ends.

II. Division I General Meeting - December 15, 2009

- a. BAS opened meeting. Welcomed. Explained agenda. Explained status of 2008 minutes.
- b. Holly Sheilley and Liz Susha presented 2010 Outdoor Technical Manual.
- c. Dave Stelnik of Direct Athletics gave presentation and general overview of the new Track & Field Results Reporting System- TFRRS.
- d. Committee Reports Given by Chairs.
 - i. Awards- Dennis Shaver. Review of current award structure, change of the term “regional” and reported results of the vote of executive committee on All-American status, resulting in no change to our current structure.
 - ii. ByLaws- Ron Mann. Copies were sent out to body. Approved unanimously by executive committee. Bylaws were cleaned up and now in line with new USTFCCCA.
 - iii. Ethics- Ralph Lindeman. Copies were sent out. Ralph added changes in the 2nd section regarding statute of limitations to make document complete. Any feedback can be given to conference reps. Unanimous support by executive committee.
 - iv. Strategic Planning- Mark Young. Copies were sent out. He added statement of support to protect coaches and support programs.
- e. BAS emphasized purpose of conference representatives and process to get all voices heard.
- f. Conference Breakout Sessions commenced.

III. Division I Executive Meeting – December 16, 2009

- a. BAS opened meeting.
- b. Reviewed OLD BUSINESS with reps reported in.
 - i. Recruiting calendar- we need a unified system. No support.
 - ii. 3-day Indoor format- No support.
 - iii. 156 days- already in action by Mountain West Conference.
- c. Reviewed NEW BUSINESS with reps reporting in.
 - i. Separate genders at outdoor championships. Discussion ensued. Mark Utesch motioned to table the issue. Mark Young second. Vote: 31-0-0. PASSES.
 - ii. Inclement weather committee established with Ed Nuttycombe as chair to look at scenarios.
 - iii. Amend recruiting calendar for PSA’s in southern hemisphere. No support.
 - iv. Letter sent to institutions to support their coach to attend convention at the cost of the institution. Supported by all.

- v. Addition of 3k/DMR at outdoor championships. No support.
 - vi. Letter sent to Coaches Advisory Committee to hold their annual meetings in conjunction with USTFCCCA. Supported by all.
 - vii. Indexing of indoor tracks. Need to look at more data. Discussion ensued.
 - viii. Use of curbing on indoor tracks. NCAA should request that a survey be submitted as a requirement to hold a final qualifying meet. No Action.
 - ix. Establishment of a permanent/rotating site for outdoor championship. It was just announced the sites through 2014. Holly Sheilley said that the committee likes repeat years for hosts. Suggestion was made to make a requirement for promotions/marketing\$ in bid process and set up consequences if you don't. No Action.
 - x. Set common bar increments for vertical jumps at final qualifying meets. Discussion ensued on how to do that and timeline. No Action.
 - xi. SEC proposal to go back to original signing dates. Already been submitted and in the motion. Rick McGuire made motion: The USTFCCCA determine the opinion of the Division I coaches and report to collegiate commissioners. Joe Piane second. Vote: 32-0-0. PASSES.
 - xii. Technical Manual was discussed and questions answered.
- d. Meeting adjourned.

IV. Division I General Meeting - December 16, 2009

- a. BAS called meeting to order.
- b. Sam Seemes introduced Balfour Representative to present National Championship Rings to 2008/2009 winning programs and their staff.
- c. Mike Reilly gave quick presentation on NCAA outdoor championships. Emphasis was placed on getting your tickets early before released to public on January 22.
- d. BAS presented the agenda.
- e. NEW BUSINESS
 - i. Separation of genders at outdoor championships. Tabled by executive committee.
 - ii. Inclement weather committee formed.
 - iii. Calls to PSA's in southern hemisphere- FAILED.
 - iv. Allow coaches to vote if not in attendance at convention. Would require a bylaw change. Executive committee passed motion to approved letter to be sent to institutions in support of sending coaches to convention at institution cost.
 - v. Addition of 3k/DMR at outdoor championships- FAILED.
 - vi. Invitation to hold Coaches Advisory Committee meetings in conjunction with USTFCCCA convention. Ralph Lindeman spoke to body about the restructuring of the Coaches Advisory

Committee and that his goal is to bridge that gap between USATF and the USTFCCCA in selection of international staffs.

- vii. Allowance of athletic administrators into coach's hospitality – full support.
- viii. NCAA legislation to allow volunteer coaches to call – in motion.
- ix. Support removal of our sport in allowance of professional involvement for one year.
 - x. SEC recruiting calendar proposal. Discussion ensued.
 - xi. Indexing of indoor tracks.
 - xii. Use of curbing.
 - xiii. Permanent Site/Rotating Site
 - xiv. Setting common increments for vertical jumps. Dennis Mitchell made motion. Ralph Lindeman second. Discussion ensued. Ties concern that it will skew numbers to NCAA's.
 - xv. Use of video.
 - xvi. Use of officials / umpires to watch for lane violations.
- f. NCAA Outdoor Technical Manual for 2010 (Holly Sheilley & Liz Susha) question and answer session.
 - i. Tie breaking procedure will be revised.
 - ii. No preferences taken can cause problems for an athlete who is 50th place in both 5k/10k. Preferences will be revisited.
 - iii. These 2 sticking points will be looked at by NCAA.
- g. BAS introduced the letter sent to her and USTFCCCA from the NCAA cabinet with charge to come up with a new format for qualifying to our outdoor championships. She reviewed the 3 directives: 1. Access to championships; 2. Cost containment; 3. Deference to obvious qualifiers. BAS reviewed reporting timelines. Holly Sheilley presented the 5 models as consideration and BAS explained it will be posted on website. Discussion ensued. Kathleen Raske recommended to put task in hands of the executive committee with straw votes being taken from body on narrowing down final proposals recommended to NCAA Committee.
- h. Kim McGreevy made MOTION: To charge the Division I Track & Field Executive Committee of the USTFCCCA, in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Track & Field Sport Subcommittee, with accepting proposals and collecting feedback from the membership to produce a result of a, viable model for our 2011 Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Tina Fernandez second.
- i. Holly gave housekeeping items.

V. Division I Executive Meeting – December 17, 2010

- a. BAS opened meeting and suggested we do a quick summary of bullets points to share with body via email by January conference call.
- b. Suggestion to bump up conference call to January 13th with deadline for proposals of January 6th.

- c. BAS suggested that we get a smaller group of proposals to work through and pair down to 5-7 models or send out all proposals to executive committee and have entire executive group vote.
- d. Rick McGuire suggested that proposals be categorized and work through it that way and that we should have representation of all the categories.
- e. Kurt Craft submitted his proposal (see attached).

VI. Division I General Meeting / Voting Session – December 17, 2010

- a. BAS called meeting to order. Shannon Wright explained the voting procedures. Membership Vote: One vote per member coach. Unit Vote: One vote per member program. Men's and women's programs have one vote each. Combined programs have two votes each.
- b. MOTION: To accept the Bylaws revisions as presented. (Membership Vote; Accept-Reject-Abstain) RESULT= 192-2-4 PASSED.
- c. MOTION: To accept Code of Ethics as presented. (Membership Vote) RESULT= 206-7-5 PASSED.
- d. MOTION: To accept the Strategic Plan as presented. (Membership Vote) RESULT= 196-6-12 PASSED.
- e. MOTION from SEC to return to previous signing dates. (Unit Vote) For return to previous signing dates. Against return to previous signing dates. Abstain. RESULTS= 75-179-1 FAILED.
- f. MOTION: To set common bar increments in the vertical jumps to arrive at the 14th best mark on descending order list for all final qualifying meets. RESULTS= 158-80-11.
- g. MOTION: To charge the Division I Track & Field Executive Committee of the USTFCCCA, in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Track & Field Sport Subcommittee, with accepting proposals and collecting feedback from the membership to produce a result of a working, viable model for our 2011 Outdoor Track & Field Championships. (Unit Vote) RESULTS= 229-5-1 PASSED.
- h. BAS explained the timeline for proposals. Proposal Process
- i. Submit all proposals by January 6th to Beth Alford-Sullivan at bx10@psu.edu. Proposals should reflect criteria requested: Access to championships. Cost containment. Deference to obvious qualifiers. From January 6 through January 13, all proposals reviewed by Executive Committee. All viable models will be sent to the body for straw vote on January 20. Voting will be open until January 25th. Results will be reported to the NCAA Track & Field Committee on January 27th.
- j. Dennis Mitchell MOTION: To survey the student-athlete's on what they would favor for both the qualifying and championship experience. Gary Wilson second. VOTE RESULTS= 59-147-7 FAILED.
- k. BAS gave closing remarks and meeting was adjourned.