

**USTFCCCA
Minutes of the Division I Track & Field Coaches
Executive Committee Sessions & General Sessions
Orlando, FL
December 17-20, 2012**

I. Division I Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. Ron Mann (RM) presides (president).
- b. Kathleen Raske, Secretary conducted a roll call. All on committee were present except: Amy Deem, Vince O'Boyle, Scott Houle
- c. K. Raske asked for a motion to approve executive committee minutes from 2011 convention. Dean Hayes moved, seconded. VOTE: 24-0-0 PASSED.
- d. Committee Reports-
 - i. **Awards** – Ben Paxton. No new action. Looking for 3 new people to serve on committee. Looking at current awards and have developed awards schedule.
 - ii. **Law & Legislation** – Kathleen Raske new chair. No changes recommended at this time. Looking for 1 more person to serve.
 - iii. **Nominations** - Ben Paxton chair. 2nd V.P. nomination is John Weaver. Board of Directors nominee is Mark Davis.
 - iv. **Championships Advisory**- Beth Alford-Sullivan chair. Reviewed purpose of committee and that it is driven by strategic plan currently in place.
- e. Old Business.
 - i. Review NCAA Indoor Technical Manual. It was recommended by Curtis Frye that we should have rotating meet referees and selections should be reviewed by both NCAA T&F committee as well as this committee.
 - ii. Indoor NCAA Championships Schedule Reviewed.
 - iii. Review NCAA Outdoor Technical Manual. Would like to conduct simultaneous flights whenever possible.
 - iv. Review of NCAA Outdoor Technical Manual.
 - v. Sport Sponsorship requirement (detailed in bylaw 20) for NCAA national championship participation was put on hold due to the legislative moratorium. It will move forward by championships cabinet in the future.
 - vi. RM led discussion on the NCAA T&F committee's reversal on the outdoor split gender schedule proposal that was passed by this body and initially by T&F committee. Reasons given were that the TV experts were not supportive and had strong opposition. It was noted that we fight for TV time with college baseball regionals. Committee developed a list of items to be discussed with NCAA reps Holly Sheilly and Myesha Kelly. They are: TV, Use of Eagle Eye, performance challenge guidelines, use of consolation finals.

- vii. Track indexing is complete and in place. A question and answer session is on the agenda for all to attend.
 - viii. Early signing proposal put on hold due to the legislative moratorium, however it was given to conference commissioners and they are positive on it, but want to wait to see what reform group does prior to addressing.
 - ix. Rules Changes. We now have a separate Rule Committee in place. Many of the rules were changed this year, some were not. Those serving on committee: John McNichols, John Weaver, Andy Eggert, Chaunte Baldwin.
 - x. Bylaw 17 Proposal: October 1st date for Playing & Practice Start. Also put on hold due to moratorium. Making an amendment- Dean Hayes- Motion to move forward without part (c)- Shantel Twiggs, seconded. VOICE VOTE: unanimously in favor- PASSED.
 - xi. Proposal from Gary Wilson to require that any wording changes of proposals passed by Div. I body be taken back to coaching body for approval. Motion: To table. Matt Utesch, seconded. VOTE: 18-10-1 PASSED.
 - xii. Mick Byrne's proposal specific to Bylaw 14 regarding international student-athletes. To specify that participation on an international institution's TEAM be considered as having used a season of eligibility irrespective of how the team is defined with the institution. Motion: Nuttycombe, seconded by Utesch. VOTE: 33-0-0 PASSED.
- f. New Business
- i. Proposal: Never run NCAA final into a headwind (Bob Braman). Motion- to ask for rewrite and clarification with input from Champs Advisory Comm (CAC), Matt Utesch, seconded Nuttycombe. Dennis Shaver to author. VOICE VOTE: unanimously in favor. PASSED.
 - ii. Review of Performance Challenge Guidelines. Motion: To have the NCAA T&F Committee rewrite to clarify their intent. Ben Paxton, seconded Curtis Frye. VOICE VOTE: Unanimously in favor. PASSED.
 - iii. Proposal: To end the qualifying period for indoor track on the Sunday 12 days before the championships (Todd Lane/ Curtis Frye). VOTE: 8-17-4 FAILED.
 - iv. Proposal: Require that for indoors and outdoors, any qualifying performance achieved, must be achieved in a competition that is a team counter event of the NCAA (Todd Lane). No Action. Asked for a rewrite.
 - v. Proposal: Mandatory use of plasticine in the horizontal jumps at the NCAA championships. (Stanley Redwine). Not time sensitive due to the fact that this is not a rules year. Motion to accept by

Dean Hayes, seconded by Steve Rainbolt. VOTE: 14-7-6
PASSED.

- vi. Proposal: Must notify competitors if a protest is filed during the competition. (Stanley Redwine). Motion to table by Ben Paxton, seconded by Nuttycombe. Need more specifics on intent. VOICE VOTE: Unanimously in favor. PASSED.
- g. Other New Business
 - i. Championships Advisory Committee (CAC) Proposal to eliminate the 2nd round of 3 attempts and go to 12 finalists instead of 16 and conducting another round in the throws and horizontal jumps. Motion from Beth Alford-Sullivan, seconded Dean Hayes. VOTE: 33-0-0 PASSED. Time sensitive and will go to floor for vote.
 - ii. RM created agenda for general sessions and conference breakouts.
 - iii. NCAA Head Coaching Suspensions for Level III violations. RM put an adhoc committee together to prepare response.
 - iv. APR results reviewed for our sport compared to other sports and will be in the presidential review process. Suggestion for next year's convention is to come up with a seminar on strategies to improve our sports APR.
 - v. The USTFCCCA is implementing a National Athlete of the Week program to start in week #2 this year for each division.
 - vi. Rankings Date Schedule reviewed. Motion: To re-visit the dual meet rankings (last year it was tabled), by Matt Utesch, seconded by Kathleen Raske. VOTE: 21-4-6 PASSED.
 - vii. Conference calls schedule reviewed. Suggestion to reschedule the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and change the April date from 2nd Wed, to the 3rd Wed.
 - viii. Site selection for NCAA Indoors in Albuquerque, NM a concern due to altitude. What about the sickle cell athletes? Selection process needs to be more transparent and perhaps a coach's vote could be implemented to help with input.

II. Division I General Meeting #1- December 18, 2012

- a. Ron Mann (RM) opened meeting. Welcomed.
- b. Accusplit Awards presented.
- c. NCAA Initial Eligibility Center report given by Mike DeCesare.
- d. Agenda presented by RM.
- e. Kathleen Raske asked for a motion to accept the 2011 minutes as posted on website. Accepted by Dean Hayes, seconded by Shantel Twiggs. VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- f. Committee Reports Given by Chairs.
 - i. Awards- Ben Paxton.
 - ii. Nominations- Ben Paxton.
 - iii. Law & Legislation- Kathleen Raske.
 - iv. Championship Advisory- Beth Alford-Sullivan.
- g. Old Business

- i. To amend the playing and practice season, eliminating part (c) of original proposal by Jack Warner last year. See slides. Supported unanimously by Executive committee.
- h. New Business
 - i. NCAA Liaison discussions regarding TV coverage and use of Eagle Eye.
 - ii. Proposal that plasticine be used at all NCAA championships. Supported by Executive Committee 14-7-6. Non-time sensitive.
 - iii. Proposal for Sport Sponsorship supported by executive committee and non-time sensitive.
- i. Holly Sheilly- NCAA Championships Liaison gave report.
- j. Conference Breakouts to discuss agenda topics.

III. Division I General Meeting #2 - December 19, 2012

- a. Ron Mann called meeting to order.
- b. Balfour recognition and championship ring presentation.
- c. 2013 NCAA Outdoor Championship host- Eugene, OR gave site report.
- d. Rules- Bob Podkaminer gave rules report.
- e. Nominations Committee presented slate-
 - i. Board of Directors at large = Mark Davis (Yale)
 - ii. 2nd Vice President = John Weaver (Appl. State)
- f. Old Business
 - i. Motion: (Mick Byrne's) Bylaw 14.7.1, 14.02.7, 14.2.3.7, 17.02.8.2 International student-athletes: "to specify that participation on an international institution's TEAM be considered as having used a season of eligibility irrespective of how the team is defined within the institution"... A friendly amendment was accepted to include "in the sports of track and field and cross country".
 - ii. To amend playing and practice season and "establish the first Monday in the month of October as the first permissible practice date for in-season activities"
- g. New Business
 - i. NCAA Level III violations resulting in head coach suspensions- adhoc committee working on response to new legislation.
 - ii. APR challenges- low sport APR ranking a cause for concern to both the NCAA and track coaches. Committee is working on APR strategies to share with membership for next year's convention.
 - iii. Championships Advisory Committee proposal to eliminate the 3 attempts in the round of 16 qualifying in the horizontal jumps and throwing events at the NCAA Outdoor T&F Championship preliminary sites. All 48 competitors would receive 3 prelim

- attempts, with the top 12 marks advancing to the NCAA finals.
Discussion ensued.
- iv. Executive committee voted to re-visit the dual meet rankings for next year.
 - v. Motion to adjourn. Meeting ends.

IV. Division I General Meeting #3 / Voting Session – December 20, 2012

- a. RM called meeting to order and thanked executive committee for their work.
- b. Explanation of 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.
- c. Membership Votes-
 - i. Slate of Officers (Weaver/Davis): VOTE: 211-4-2 PASSED.
 - ii. Playing seasons (1st Monday of October): VOTE: 276-27-3 PASSED.
 - iii. Mick Byrne's Bylaw 14, 17 (international student-athletes): VOTE: 235-54-7 PASSED.
 - iv. Eliminate 3 attempts in round of 16: VOTE: 82-154-4 FAILS.

Submitted by: Kathleen Raske, Secretary USTFCCCA