

USTFCCCA
Minutes of the Division I Track & Field Coaches
Executive Committee Sessions & General Sessions
Orlando, FL
December 16-19, 2013

I. Division I T&F Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. **Call to order**- President, Dennis Shaver (DS) presides.
- b. **Roll Call** - Kathleen Raske, Secretary. Present: Connie Price-Smith, Jim Sprecher, Ed Nuttycombe for Lonnie Green, Mark Guthrie, Ryan Moore, Steve Rainbolt, Dave Shohalter, Wayne Angel, Joe Compagni, Eric Blake, Bryan Fetzer, Ryan Godfrey for Dave Beechum, Beth Alford-Sullivan, Shantel Twiggs, Harlis Meaders, Wes Kittley, Tod Wolin, Jeff Jacobs, Danny Williamson, Curt Kraft, Warren Bye, Jon Bell, Eric Heins, Trey Clark, Jon Elders, John Weaver, Ben Paxton, Jason Drake, Pauline Banks, Chris England, Cassandra Goodson, Dave Dopek, Matt Utesch, Curtis Frye.
- c. **Minutes**- Motion from Connie Price-Smith to approve executive committee minutes from 2012 convention, seconded. VOICE VOTE: 35-0-0 PASSED.
- d. **Committee Reports-**
 - i. ***Awards*** – Ben Paxton. New award developed- “Excellence in Communication Award” will award those who do a great job promoting our sports of XC/TF. Sports Info Directors/Conference offices, etc. can be nominated. The association will now give out All-American Medals to the top 8 finishers at the NCAA meet.
 - ii. ***Law & Legislation*** – Kathleen Raske. No changes recommended at this time.
 - iv. ***Championships Advisory***- Beth Alford-Sullivan chair. Reported that the NCAA has not yet responded regarding the requested changes from last meeting. Discussion ensued regarding site selection for NCAAs and the need for coaches to have a voice and say in site selection process.
- e. **Old Business-**
 - i. Early Signing Period proposal update. The NCAA is in a moratorium, so no action.
 - ii. First permissible Starting Date proposal update. NCAA moratorium, no action.
 - iii. International Student-Athletes Countable Seasons update. NCAA moratorium.
 - iv. ATSM Standard update on PV box collar. Rules committee passed this. All will required to use. Discussion ensued.
 - v. Indoor Track Indexing update. Same indexes will be used again this year.
 - vi. Indoor Technical Manual update. All things submitted were accepted excepted the 200/400 seeding and relay substitutions, both will remain the same. Discussion ensued regarding relays. John Weaver made motion that the technical manual should not be allowed to change by sport committee. Discussion ensued. No second on the motion.
 - vii. Dennis Shaver led a discussion and reviewed the committee structure and asked for a legislative process flow chart. John Weaver will prepare. Recommendation- a liaison from this committee to sit in on all NCAA T&F Sport committee to report back. This body should know when and how to get on the committee. Those that serve on both committees have been valuable to us and we must work together in collaboration, not confrontation. The information we provide must be heard. We

need to review the structure and process each year at our convention, especially for the good of the new/younger coaches. Discussion ensued regarding the rules committee and who is in charge of enforcement of the rules.

viii. Indoor Championship Schedule proposal.

ix. Outdoor Technical Manual.

f. New Business-

i. Independent Assessment of our organization done by Jeff Shimmel. Sam Seems introduced Jeff to the group. He spoke on the process of his review.

ii. Sam Seems reported on his meetings with the BCS/FCS commissioners. He doesn't know what will happen, but something will happen by August 1st.

iii. NCAA proposal regarding all those who work with strength and conditioning activities are certified. The Board of Directors discussed and voted 13-0 to not support this legislation, unless it is rewritten. Discussion ensued. Motion by Utesch, seconded: To not support NCAA Proposal 2013-18. Vote: 35-0-0 by voice, unanimous.

iv. NCAA uses Arbiter Sports website as a clearinghouse to select officials for many national championships and wishes to have our sport of track and field also included. Discussion ensued.

v. The Rules Committee has proposed 27 new rule changes (Item #7). The definition of a "Bonafide Meet" was discussed. The Board of Directors supported (12-0-2) in concept; but not acceptable as written and needs more work. Discussion ensued. Motion by Utesch to take Item #7 to floor for discussion. VOTE: 29-0-1. PASSED.

vi. Proposal to change 200/400 seeding- Motion by Fetzer, seconded. See slides. VOTE: 32-0-0. PASSED.

vii. Proposal for seeding the 1st round- the top 4 times are rewarded with the top 4 preferred lanes assigned randomly and the next 4 times get second 4 lanes assigned randomly. Motion by Raske, seconded. VOTE: 32-0-0. PASSED.

viii. Proposal for relay substitutions- See slide. Motion by Frye, seconded. VOTE: 28-1-3. PASSED.

viii. Proposal for first permissible starting date- Dennis Mitchell. Discussion ensued. There is a similar proposal from the previous year on moratorium. Tabled.

ix. Proposal for the revision of 17.23.1 regarding the 144/156 playing and practice season, allowing for increased flexibility in the designation of 20hr weeks- Pat Henry. To allow each institution to design their own 156day training calendar, shaped for optimal training effect, to include 26 20hr weeks. Without regards to segments. Motion by Frye, seconded. VOTE: 23-5-1. PASSED.

x. Proposal for the exempt of military service/church mission from NCAA 14.2.3.2, delayed enrollment-seasons of competition- Dean Hayes. Motion by Frye, seconded. VOTE: 30-2-0. PASSED.

xi. Proposal to complete the competition of the vertical jumps at the NCAA preliminary round. Motion by Rainbolt, seconded. VOTE: 32-0-0. PASSED.

xii. Proposal for the combined event qualifying to take top 12 from each region using the descending order list- Joe Piane. Motion by Fetzer, seconded. VOTE: 19-10-1.

xiii. Proposal to change the format for NCAA national championship- Zeller/Hill. No support to move forward. VOTE: 1-19-12.

xiv. Proposal to change nominating committee to bring forth multiple nominations- Dennis Mitchell. No support to move forward, however, President Shaver will clarify the nominating process to body.

- xv. Proposal to create a committee that focuses on the marketing of our sport- Dennis Mitchell. No vote needed, President Dennis Shaver can and will create a committee to work on issues regarding the marketing of our sport.
- xvi. Proposal to eliminate time sensitive legislation- Dennis Mitchell. No support to take forward. VOTE: 0-30-1.
- xvii. Proposal to allow indoor marks to be used for outdoor qualifying through the first week of April- Bruce Lehane. No support to move forward. VOTE: 2-27-3.
- xviii. Jeff Mylnsky/Susan Seton the NCAA T&F Committee chair reported on performance challenge process and use of ncaa.org website. He also spoke about using certified officials and the arbiter sports website for selection of officials for NCAA championships. A brief discussion ensued regarding site selection.

12/16/13- Meeting called to order 8:00am. Adjourned at 12:30pm.
 12/17/13- Meeting called to order 8:00am. Adjourned at 11:00am.
 12/18/13- Meeting called to order 8:05am. Adjourned at 10:00am.
 12/19/13- Meeting called to order 8:05am. Adjourned at 9:00am.

II. Division I T&F General Sessions Meeting Minutes - December 17-19, 2013

- a. **Call to order**- President, Dennis Shaver (DS) presides.
- b. **Minutes**- Secretary, Kathleen Raske. Motion from Connie Price-Smith to approve convention minutes from 2012 convention, seconded. VOICE VOTE: Unanimous. PASSED.
- c. **Committee Reports**-
 - i. ***Awards*** – Ben Paxton. New award developed- “Excellence in Communication Award” will annually award those who do a great job promoting our sports of XC/TF. Sports Info Directors/Conference offices, etc. can be nominated. The association will now give out All-American Medals to the top 8 finishers at the NCAA meet. Athlete of week will continue. We are reviewing the presentation of coach of year and athlete of year.
 - ii. ***Law & Legislation*** – Kathleen Raske. No changes recommended at this time.
 - iii. ***Championships Advisory***- Beth Alford-Sullivan chair. Reviewed duties. Reported that the NCAA has not yet responded regarding the requested changes from last meeting. Discussion ensued regarding site selection for NCAAs and the need for coaches to have a voice and say in site selection process.
 - iv. ***Nominations***- John Weaver reviewed functions/duties of committee.
 - v. **Legislative Process Review**- John Weaver. Flow chart of process for making legislative changes in our sport.
- d. **NCAA Updates**-
 - i. Eligibility Center report given by Leanne Kennedy. 2016 new requirements start. National office will send out to body.
 - ii. NCAA T&F Committee chair- Jeff Mylinski gave info on performance challenges and the NCAA portal.
 - iii. NCAA Rules Committee Report- John McNichols. Reviewed committee structure. Shared the results of the survey they did regarding a “bonafide” competition. PV box collar rule now in place, but is being challenged by ATSM. They are working on re-designing the rule book for 2016 so it is more user friendly.

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- viii. Indoor Championship Schedule proposal.
- ix. Outdoor Technical Manual.
- x. Use of plasticine at the NCAA championships. Discussion ensued.

f. **New Business-**

- i. Dennis Shaver (DS) created a new committee charged with ideas for better promotion and marketing of our sport. This group will work with Jeff Schemmel. Chair: Terry VanLaningham. Members: Fetzer, Henry, Harvey, Bucknam, Zeller, Teaberry.
- ii. DS reported on NCAA Division I Restructuring Governance, sharing that they will meet in January and April and may have a new structure as of August, 2014.
- iii. NCAA proposal regarding all those who work with strength and conditioning activities are certified. The Board of Directors discussed and voted 13-0 to not support this legislation, unless it is rewritten. DS opened up discussion from floor for proposal 2013-18. Motion: To oppose 2013-18 by Kitley, seconded. Whereas track and field/xc are the sports of strength and conditioning, the NCAA Div. I coaches strongly opposes prop 2013-18 in order to preserve and protect the health and safety of all track and field athletes.
- iv. DS opened the floor for discussion on the use of Arbiter Sports for selection of officials for our national championships. NCAA uses Arbiter Sports website as a clearinghouse to select officials for many national championships and NCAA wants to have track and field also included. Discussion ensued.
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- xii. Proposal for the combined event qualifying to take top 12 from each region using the descending order list- Joe Piane. Discussion ensued.
- g. **Other-**
 - i. 2014 NCAA Outdoor Championship host- Eugene, OR gave site report.
 - ii. Accusplit Relay Awards Presentation- Steve Simmons.

III. Division I T&F Voting Session Meeting Minutes - December 19, 2013

- a. Dennis Shaver called session to order.
- b. Discussion ensued regarding the definition of a track meet.
- c. Voting Procedures were explained using the new technology. 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.
- d. Voting Session Results
 - i. Use plasticine at NCAA championships- Redwine. % VOTE: 39-47-14 (Raw vote: 84-102-30) -FAILED.
 - ii. 156 day flexibility- Henry. % VOTE: 72-23-5 (Raw vote: 152-48-11) – PASSES.
 - iii. Completion of vertical jumps at prelim round- Lindeman. % VOTE: 89-9-2. (Raw vote: 184-18-5) - PASSES.
 - iv. Combined events qualifying top 12 from each region- Piane. % VOTE: 43-51-6. (Raw vote: 87-105-12) FAILED.
 - v. Indoor 200/400 seeding for finals- Board of Directors. % VOTE: 61-27-12. (Raw vote: 126-57-25) PASSES.
 - vi. Seeding of Outdoor prelim rounds with preferred lanes- Board of Directors. % VOTE: 67-30-3 (Raw vote: 135-61-7). PASSES.
 - vii. Relay substitutions- Board of Directors. % VOTE: 72-24-3. (Raw vote: 149-50-7) PASSES.
- e. Motion to adjourn, seconded.

12/17/13- Meeting called to order 4:15pm. Adjourned at 6:30pm.

12/18/13- Meeting called to order 2:45pm. Adjourned at 5:00pm.

12/19/13- Meeting called to order 9:15am. Adjourned at 10:30am.

Submitted by: Kathleen Raske, Secretary USTFCCCA