

U.S. TRACK & FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION -USTFCCCA

Minutes of the Division I Track & Field Executive Committee Sessions & General Sessions Phoenix, AZ December – 15-18, 2014

I. **Call to order**- President, Dennis Shaver (DS) presides.

II. **Roll Call** - Kathleen Raske, Secretary. Present: Connie Price-Smith, Diane Wholey for Wes Kittley, Jim Sprecher, Lonnie Green, Mark Guthrie, Dave Shoehalter, Joe Compagni, Bryan Fetzer, Dave Beechum, Beth Alford-Sullivan, Shantel Twiggs, Tod Wolin, Jeff Jacobs, Aaron Fox, Fabien Corbillion Warren Bye, Jon Bell, Eric Heins, Trey Clark, Jon Elders, John Weaver, Jason Drake, Pauline Banks, Chris England, Dave Dopek, Matt Utesch, Curtis Frye, Marc Harrison, Angie Martin, Stephanie Rielly, Doug Molnar, Trey Clark, Pauline Banks, Lucky Huber, Trisha Steidl.

III. **Opening remarks** from Dennis Shaver. Dennis read a statement from Sebastain Coe regarding the relevance of track and field and needing to move our sport forward. He urged the committee to understand that we need to develop strategies and be open minded regarding change in our sport. He asked Beth Alford-Sullivan to give a recap on the Board of Directors meeting. Beth gave update and read the board's resolution. The board felt that it is imperative for this body to unify and not look at things from our own situation, but to think for the entire sport and develop strategies to make our sport more reliant in order to preserve our sport for the future.

IV. **Minutes**- Motion to approve executive committee minutes from 2013 convention, Utesch, seconded. VOICE VOTE: 33-0-0 PASSED.

V. **Standing Committee Reports-**

a. **Awards** –The association has created new All-American Medals to award at the final NCAA indoor and outdoor meet.

b. **Law & Legislation** – Kathleen Raske. Reviewed committee make up. Looking for one other member to serve. No changes recommended at this time.

c. **Championships Advisory**- Beth Alford-Sullivan and John Weaver reviewed the work previously submitted to change the outdoor schedule format which separates men and women into days of presentation either Wed-Fri or Thu-Sat. ESPN representative called in on speaker phone to re-address this new format. They want to present all four days for next 2 years, then re-evaluate. Currently, our championships are only a webcast. Motion was made by Beth Alford-Sullivan "To re-affirm support for the new championship format previously submitted", seconded.

VOTE: 33-0-0 voice vote. A second motion was made by Beth "To re-affirm original schedule format that includes the new field event procedures", seconded.

VOTE: 33-0-0 voice vote.

d. Nominations- Election for 2nd vice president and at large board of directors will be voted on during this convention. Committee will move a slate forward:

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e. Law & Legislation- Kathleen Raske reviewed the committee structure. Looking for one more member to serve on committee. No updates or amendments to the bylaws.

VI. Working Group Reports

Marketing & Promotions- Terry Vanlaningham gave report on results from survey conducted. They are working on a marketing manual to be published on association website that will include marketing guidelines, best practices, social media usage, etc.

VII. Miscellaneous Presentations

a. NCAA Membership Services representative Charnell Kemper gave update on new NCAA governance structure and answered questions regarding structure of the board, division I council and autonomy conferences.

b. Track & Field/Cross Country Assessment Project- Jeff Schemmel

c. NCAA Sport Committee Chair & Liaison- Jeff Mylinski/Gina Sperry-

Asked for feedback on separate genders for outdoor championships. Discussion on ESPN's role reversal this year moving forward with support for change. NCAA committee wanted entire membership involved. The championships cabinet will be changing with the new governance structure.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Reorganization of Outdoor Championship final site (see championships advisory committee)
- b. Review of Indoor and Outdoor technical manuals.
- c. Implementation of Early Signing Period and February date. Motion: To change(Fetzer). 2nd (Wolin). Vote: 43-0-0. Passed.
- d. Non-Accepted Rules Proposals Submitted 2015. John Weaver reviewed responses from survey that 70% of the membership participated.
- e. Implementation of NCAA Strength & Conditioning Legislation
- f. Restructuring of NCAA Division I Governance. We will know more after NCAA meetings in January 2015.
- g. Continued Discussion on Defining Collegiate Track & Field Competitions. The approach will be to look at outdoor track first. Creation of a working document of broad concepts first to be brought forward and continue work throughout the year.
- h. Proposals Previously Passed/Reviewed (after moratorium)
 - a. Consideration of Delayed Enrollment for Former Military Personnel (Hayes)
 - b. Submittal of 144/156 Day Practice Season Legislation (Henry)

IX. New Business-

- a. Proposals Submitted for Consideration

- a. Assigned Practice Times at Indoor & Outdoor Championships (Henry). Motion: To table this and created a working group to look at how this would be assigned and overall feasibility (Shaver). Vote: 34-0-0.
- b. Permitting Covering of Travel Expenses of Recruit's Parents/Guardians (Henry). Motion: To table and wait until the autonomy group votes (Raske/Fetzer). Vote: 34-0-0.
- c. Permitting of Text Messaging with Recruits. Motion: To allow the use of text messaging to PSAs under the same rules as phone calls (Utesch/Price-Smith). Vote: 34-0-0. Passed. Time Sensitive.
- d. Access Maximum Scholarship Equivalency Limits (Vanhootegeem). Non-time sensitive. Motion: Table for further discussion and review (Frye). Vote: 32-2-0.
- e. Expanded Recruiting Duties for Volunteer Coaches (Hipp). Time sensitive. Motion: To allow volunteer coaches to call recruits (Frye). Vote: 32-2-0. Passes.
- f. Seeding Procedures at the NCAA Championships (Gondak/Compagni). Motion: To reseed NCAA running events that advances from 1st to final round based on seasonal best performances. Vote: 0-34-0. Defeated. DS appointing a working group to study this, chaired by Gondak.
- g. Reduced Number of NCAA Qualifiers from 48 to 32 at Preliminary Sites (Dudley). Vote: 33-1-0. Defeated.
- h. Establish distinct Cross Country and Track & Field Seasons with no overlap of season. (Kraft). Vote: 34-0-0. DS to create a working group chaired by Chris Baptiste.
- b. TFRRS Meet Schedule Database on hold.
- c. Prepare Agenda for NCAA Sport Committee Meeting
- d. Prepare Agenda for Conference Breakout Sessions

X. Reports from Conference Breakout Sessions

XI. Announcements & Closing Comments

12/15/14- Meeting called to order 8:00am. Adjourned at 12:30pm.

12/16/14- Meeting called to order 8:00am. Adjourned at 11:00am.

12/17/14- Meeting called to order 8:05am. Adjourned at 10:00am.

12/18/14- Meeting called to order 8:05am. Adjourned at 9:00am.

II. Division I T&F General Sessions Meeting Minutes - December 16-18, 2014

- a. **Call to order**- President, Dennis Shaver (DS) presides. Dennis welcomed membership and commented on our "state of union" and that we must think globally to make positive changes and fight for our sports.
- b. **Minutes**- Secretary, Kathleen Raske. Motion: To approve convention minutes from 2013 convention as submitted (Utesch/Weaver). VOICE VOTE: Unanimous. PASSED.
- c. **NCAA presentation**- Charnell Kemper presented the changed in NCAA governance structure.
- d. **Indoor NCAA announcements**- University of Arkansas shared updates to the facility with new areas for warm ups and throws.

e. **Outdoor NCAA announcements-** University of Oregon shared information regarding media, hospitality, fan zone and future dates for Hayward Field events.

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d. **NCAA Updates-**

i. Gina Sperry and Jeff Mylinski explained processes and role in NCAA process with the primary responsibility of oversight for championships. Jeff shared website information including meet management violations and where this is located within website.

ii. Bob Podkaminer reviewed rules process including how to submit rule changes and criteria (i.e. need support of 2 head coaches). Rules chair (John McNichols) commented on the rules survey conducted with almost 70% response was written b by the NCAA.

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4. Access Maximum Scholarship Equivalency Limits for programs that sponsor XC/IT/OT (Vanhootegem). Non-time sensitive. Tabled for further discussion and review.
5. Expanded Recruiting Duties for Volunteer Coaches (Hipp). To allow volunteer coaches limited additional recruiting responsibilities beyond those already permitted. Time sensitive.
6. Seeding Procedures at the NCAA Championships (Gondak). Failed. DS to create a working group to study, chaired by Gondak.
7. Reduced Number of Qualifiers (32) at Preliminary Sites (Dudley). Failed.
8. Distinct Cross Country and Track & Field Season (Kraft). Passed with DS creating a working group to establish dates. Opened to floor for discussion.
9. Definition of a collegiate track and field meet. DS opened floor for discussion.

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 18, 2014

- a. Dennis Shaver called session to order.
- b. 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.
- c. Voting Session Results:
 - i. Reorganization of the NCAA outdoor championships schedule at final site. VOTE: 304-45-42. Passes.
 - ii. Implementation of early signing period. VOTE: 320-77-17. Passes.
 - iii. Exemption for military from NCAA rule 14.2.3 VOTE: 282-94-35. Passes.
 - iv. Use of text messaging in accordance with phone regulations. VOTE: 354-51-8. Passes.

- v. Allow for expanded recruiting duties for volunteer coaches (phone calls and emails). VOTE: 139-255-20. Failed.
- vi. Election for Division I officers. President Connie Price-Smith; 1st VP John Weaver; 2nd VP David Shoehalter. VOTE: 355-19-40. Passes.
- vii. Motion to adjourn, seconded.

12/16/14- Meeting called to order 4:15pm. Adjourned at 6:30pm.

12/17/14- Meeting called to order 2:45pm. Adjourned at 5:00pm.

12/18/14- Meeting called to order 9:15am. Adjourned at 10:30am.

Submitted by: Kathleen Raske, Secretary USTFCCCA