

# ***USTFCCCA***

## **Minutes of the Division I Cross Country Coaches Executive Committee and General Sessions**

**Phoenix, AZ**

**December 15-18, 2008**

### **I. Voting Issues in General Voting Session**

#### **A. Men's Pre-national race distance**

**Failed: 54-99-1**

- i. Motion: Recommend that the championship course and distance be run in the men's sections of the pre-national meet
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Drenth (amended Warren),  
Second. Passed: 18-2-1. Motion above

#### **B. Women's Pre-national race distance**

**Passed: 98-60-1**

- i. Motion: Recommend that the championship course and distance be run in the women's sections of the pre-national meet
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Drenth (amended Warren),  
Second. Passed: 19-1-1. Motion above

#### **C. All Academic Recognition for Freshmen**

**Passed: 135-17-0**

- i. Motion: Allow freshmen to earn All-Academic honors after the successful completion of one academic year, to be awarded in June.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Curcio, Second. Passed: 14-7.  
Motion above

#### **D. Credentials at NCAA Championships**

**Passed: 160-2-0**

- i. Motion: Recommend the distribution of credentials at the NCAA Cross Country Championships based on the following formula:  
Single-gender team: 3 credentials  
Combined program: 5 credentials  
Individual qualifiers: 2 credentials
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Drenth (amended Hadsell),  
Second. Passed unanimously. Motion above

#### **E. Slate of Nominees**

- i. Barry Harwick for Second Vice President representing men's cross country.
- ii. Bob Hamer for men's At-large Representative
- iii. Gary Wilson for Division I Cross Country At-large Representative to the USTFCCCA Board of Directors
- iv. Motion from Nominating Committee, approved by Executive Committee: 17-1-3
- v. Alan Drosky nominated from the floor for Division I Cross Country At-large Representative to the USTFCCCA Board of Directors
- vi. Voting Results
  1. Harwick: 88-4-0
  2. Hamer: unanimous voice vote
  3. Wilson: 92, Drosky 24

## **II. Voting in Regional Breakout Sessions**

### **A. Men's Regional Representatives**

West: Scott Abbott (Sacramento State)  
Mid-Atlantic: John Gondak (Penn State)  
Northeast: Shawn Green (Quinnipiac)

### **B. Women's Regional Representatives**

Mountain: Paul Pilkington (Weber State)  
South: Jessica Raby (Georgia State)  
Southeast: Christine Engel (Elon)

## **III. Executive Committee – Other Topics**

### **A. National Poll Issues**

- i. Motion to have Cross Country Executive Committee review National Poll prior to release. Nester. Second. Passed unanimously
- ii. Motion to maintain rank and allocate points proportionally if not all votes are received. Drenth. Second. Passed unanimously
- iii. Motion to pay Poll Coordinators' expenses to attend NCAA Cross Country Championships. McGreevy. Second. Passed unanimously
- iv. Motion to eliminate polling the week before Pre-nationals, Conference weekend and Regionals (however region reps may correct mistakes in regional rankings). Drenth. Second. Passed unanimously
- v. Discuss moving pre-season poll to an earlier date. Poll Coordinator (Braman) and Rosen will work on this.

### **B. National Meet Issues**

- i. Motion to remove the limitation to top 25 at regionals for individual qualification to the NCAA Championship meet. Abbot. Second. Failed: 1-17-3
- ii. Discussion of requiring individuals qualifying to the NCAA Championship meet to be part of a scoring team at the regional meet. No motion. No action.
- iii. Discussion of NCAA drug testing at NCAA Championships. No motion. No action.
- iv. Discussion to request that NCAA hosts follow Rule 8.6.11.c and have timers call out audible splits on the course.
- v. TV issues. Jesse Rosen will work on TV improvement plan.
- vi. Louie Quintana suggests presenting results in inverse order of finish. No motion. No action.

### **C. Regional Meet Issues**

- i. Motion to present team awards to the top 2 teams at the regional meet. Drosky. Second. Passed unanimously
- ii. Motion to list all teams in a region in the regional meet results – scoring teams by order of finish, then non-scoring teams (designated by “INC”) and then non-represented teams (designated by “DNS”). Masanet. Second. Passed: 13-6-2
- iii. Discussed regional meet qualifying. No Motion. No action.
- iv. Discussed “mandatory” technical meeting prior to regional meet. No motion. No action.

- v. Discussed consistency of regional meet declaration process with Liz Suscha from the NCAA office. She will work with regional meet directors to standardize published instructions regarding declarations.
- vi. Discussed regional meet starting time. Suscha says there is latitude to adjust starting time (e.g. for weather conditions).

**D. Pre-nationals Issues**

- i. Motion to move the Pre-national meet prior to the “countable meet” date. Etters. No second.
- ii. The 5-step seeding process for the Pre-national races was briefly reviewed.

**E. Committee Reports**

- i. **Secretary’s Report** – Jones. 2007 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Awards Committee** – Parks
  - 1. All Academic Award for Freshmen. See I.C above.
  - 2. Assistant Coaches or SIDs complete All Academic nominations (as is done in track & field). Motion – Drosky. Second. Passed unanimously.
  - 3. Award top two teams at regional meet with USTFCCCA award. See III.C.i above.
  - 4. Briefly revisit All-American criteria. No motion. No action.
- iii. **Championships Committee** – Drenth
  - 1. Discussed drug testing at NCAA Championships. No motion. No action.
  - 2. Discussed increased credentialing. See I.D above.
- iv. **Field Expansion Subcommittee** – Jones
  - 1. Discussed Quintana proposal to expand NCAA Championship field to 35-36 teams. No motion. No action.
  - 2. Motion to explore future field expansion – Warren. Second. Passed: 17-1-3
- v. **Qualifying Process Subcommittee** – Masanet
  - 1. Discussed regional qualifying. Qualifying Process Subcommittee will put together justification for current system. Bill Schnier provided initial justification statement to the committee.
  - 2. Discussed top-25 restriction for individual qualifying for the NCAA Championships. See III.B.i above.
  - 3. Discussed requiring individual qualifiers to the NCAA Championships to be on a scoring team at the regional meet. No motion. No action.
  - 4. Discussed eliminating team at-large selection criteria and top 4 teams from each region qualify to NCAA Championships. No motion. No action.
  - 5. Discussed consistency of regional meet declaration process. See III.C.v.
- vi. **Regional Site Selection Subcommittee** – Hipp
  - 1. Reviewed site selection process and paperwork
- vii. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones

- 1. No report
- viii. **Polls Committee – Braman**
  - 1. See III.A above for all action
- ix. **Report from USTFCCCA Ethics Committee – Joe Rogers**
  - 1. Presentation of a draft version of the Code of Ethics.

#### **IV. General Session – other topics**

##### **A. Straw poll to retain status quo for regional meets**

For: 123  
 Against: 2  
 Abstain: 2

##### **B. Straw poll to explore championship field expansion**

For: 104  
 Against: 12  
 Abstain: 1

##### **C. Regional Breakout Meetings**

- i. Explore ways to extend Directors Cup scoring to 64 teams like other sports
- ii. Explore new cross country scholarship ideas (e.g. individuals on a cross country scholarship can only qualify for NCAA T&F Championships in events from the 800m and up).
- iii. Explore capping the place of a team in regular season meets to score countable points.

#### **Executive Committee Meetings (Bob Braman presiding)**

12/15/08 Called to order at 2:05 pm. Adjourned at 5:55 pm.

(Braman, Parks, Jones, Snelling, Warren, McGreevy, Drenth, Boyle, Rosen, Nester, Herbster, Quintana, Harvey, Masanet, Hipp, Hadsell, Harkins, Curcio, Cole, Etters, Drosky)

12/16/08 Called to order at 12:35 pm. Adjourned at 1:50 pm.

(Braman, Parks, Jones, Snelling, Warren, McGreevy, Drenth, Boyle, Rosen, Nester, Herbster, Quintana, Harvey, Masanet, Hipp, Hadsell, Harkins, Curcio, Cole, Etters, Drosky, Green)

12/17/08 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 10:05 am.

(Braman, Parks, Jones, Snelling, Warren, McGreevy, Drenth, Boyle, Rosen, Nester, Herbster, Quintana, Harvey, Masanet, Hipp, Hadsell, Harkins, Curcio, Cole, Etters, Drosky, Green, Abbott)

#### **General Sessions**

12/16/08 Called to order at 2:15 pm. Adjourned for regional breakout sessions at 3:30 pm.

12/17/08 Called to order at 10:00 am. Adjourned at 11:40 am.

12/18/08 Called to order at 8:35 am. Adjourned at 9:25 am.