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

Orlando, FL

December 14-17, 2009

I. Voting Issues in General Voting Session

- A. All Academic Individual Requirement** **Passed: 122-2-2**
 - i. Motion: To amend the language for All Academic individual eligibility to having completed a minimum of one (1) semester or (1) quarter at the nominating institution.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Harwick, Second.
Passed: unanimously. Motion above
- B. All Academic Team Requirement** **Passed: 98-60-1**
 - i. Motion: To amend the language for All Academic team eligibility to having started at least five (5) runners at the regional meet.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Harwick, Second.
Passed: unanimously. Motion above
- C. Coaching Box at NCAA Championships** **Passed: 130-5-3**
 - i. Motion: To have a 3’x100’ coaching box located ~200-400m from the finish line at the NCAA Cross Country Championships.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Wilson, Second.
Passed: 20-3-0. Motion above
- D. Credentials at NCAA Championships** **Passed: 119-0-0**
 - i. Motion: To open the Coaches Hospitality at the NCAA Championships to all credentialed administrators:
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Wilson, Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above
- E. Protest Period** **Passed: 187-4-0**
 - i. Motion: To have the protest period for both races at the NCAA Regional meets to expire 30 minutes after the posting of results of the second race.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jones, Second.
Passed: 22-1-0. Motion above
- F. Time/Place Recording at Regional Meets** **Passed: 186-3-0**
 - i. Motion: To recommend that the NCAA Track & Field Committee require the following at the NCAA Regional meets:
 - 1. Three (3) methods of timing/recording places
 - a. Chip Timing
 - b. FinishLynx
 - c. Video
 - 2. Hip numbers
 - 3. Complete review of finish
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Gartland, Second.
Passed: unanimously. Motion above

G. Starting Box Size

Passed: 134-49-4

- i. Motion: To amend rule 8.3.c: *The starting line shall be wide enough to provide at least a 50-centimeter space for each of **four** [currently five] front-line team starters and a 50-centimeter space for each individual starter.*
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Hadsell (amended Jones), Second. Passed: 20-3-0. Motion above

H. NCAA Championship Site Recommendation

Passed: 179-9-0

- i. Motion: To provide recommendation to the NCAA Track & Field Committee, by vote of the body, on the NCAA Championship site
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Nester, Second. Passed unanimously. Motion above

I. NCAA Championship Day Recommendation

Passed: 159-31-3

- i. Motion: To change the NCAA Championship day to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the NCAA Regional Championships to the Friday eight days prior.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Hadsell, Second. Passed unanimously. Motion above

(A-D – Membership Votes. E-I – Unit Votes)

II. Voting in Regional Breakout Sessions

A. Men's Regional Representatives

Midwest: Marc Burns (Wichita State – 1st Term)
Northeast: Dan Ireland (Yale – 1st Term)
South: Alan Drosky (Georgia Tech – 1st Term)
Southeast: Brad Herbster (Clemson – 1st Term)

B. Women's Regional Representatives

Great Lakes: Kevin Hadsell (Toledo – 2nd Term)
Southcentral: Lou Snelling (Stephen F. Austin – 1st Term)
West: Ian Soloff (Portland – 1st Term)

III. Executive Committee – Other Topics

A. National Poll Issues

- i. Motion to move the pre-season poll to the weekend preceding the first weekend of competition and to have regular season rankings starting 10 weeks prior to the NCAA Championships. Gartland. Second. Passed unanimously
- ii. Motion to move submission of regional rankings to 10:00 pm on Monday and submission of votes for the national poll to 10:00 pm on Tuesdays. Jermyn. Second. Failed: 7-15-1

B. National Meet Issues

- i. Motion to remove the limitation to top 25 at regionals for individual qualification to the NCAA Championship meet. Gondak Second. Failed: 3-20-0
- ii. NCAA TV issues. Jesse Rosen will chair the TV Committee.

C. Time Period for Telephone Calls to Southern Hemisphere

- i. Considered motion from Kris Grimes to permit telephone calls to prospects in the Southern Hemisphere beginning the first day of the prospect's senior year. Drenth moved to accept Grimes' proposal. Second. Failed unanimously.

D. NCAA Rules Issues

- i. Discussed archaic and inadequate nature of Rule 8 of *2009/2010 NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Rules*. Created an NCAA Rules Committee chaired by Lou Snelling.
- ii. Considered motion from Mark Elliott to limit the number of double duals in cross country that can be used to satisfy NCAA Bylaw 20.9.4.3 to one per season. From Regional Breakout Session. Second. Failed unanimously.
- iii. Discussed variability in interpretation of NCAA recruiting rules by compliance officers. No motion. No action.

E. Female Representation on Executive Committee

- i. Informally discussed need for greater female representation on Executive Committee. Appeal was made at General Session to encourage female involvement in cross country leadership.

F. Committee Reports

- i. **Secretary's Report** – Jones. 2008 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Awards Committee** – Harwick
 - 1. All Academic Award Eligibility Requirements.. See I.A above.
 - 2. All Academic Team Award Requirements. See I.B above
- iii. **Championships Committee** – Gartland
 - 1. No Report
- iv. **Field Expansion Subcommittee** – Jones
 - 1. Discussed updated NCAA data
 - 2. Discussed course constraints on expanding field. See I.G above.
- v. **Qualifying Process Subcommittee** – Harwick/Drosky
 - 1. Discussed regional qualifying. Barry Harwick reviewed justification for current system and Alan Drosky presented alternatives if NCAA mandates the elimination of unfunded first round NCAA competition.
 - 2. Discussed top-25 restriction for individual qualifying for the NCAA Championships. See III.B.i above.
- vi. **Regional Site Selection Subcommittee** – Hipp
 - 1. Discussed need for additional members on this committee
- vii. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones
 - 1. No report
- viii. **Polls Committee** – McGreevy
 - 1. See III.A above for all action
- ix. **Scholarships Committee** – Smith
 - 1. Reviewed history of committee
- x. **Report from Barb Lundquist on USA Triathlon recruitment**
- xi. **Report from Bob Podkaminer on NCAA rules change process**

IV. General Session – other topics

A. Regional Breakout Meetings

- i. Explore ways to extend Directors Cup scoring to 64 teams like other sports. Established Directors Cup Committee chaired by Marc Burns.
- ii. Expand representation on Scholarships Committee
- iii. Explore issues of presentation of cross country meets. Established Presentation Committee chaired by Greg Hipp.
- iv. Enhance communication of legislation passed at NCAA convention
- v. Discussed permissibility of weather-related course changes at NCAA Regional meets.
- vi. Inquired about a conference hosting an NCAA Regional meet.
- vii. Discussed individual at-large qualifier tie-breaking procedure.

B. Presentations

- i. John Pfeffenberger on NCAA Eligibility
- ii. Bob Podkaminer reviewed NCAA rule changes subject to immediate implementation.
- iii. Balfour presented the staffs of the 2008 NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships with rings (male staff members) and pendants (female staff members)
- iv. Liz Suscha, NCAA Assistant Director of Championships, discussed procedures for the online at-large results reporting process that will be introduced in 2010.

Executive Committee Meetings (Bob Braman presiding)

12/14/09 Called to order at 5:05 pm. Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

(Abbott, Bovee, Braman, Burns Cleary, Curcio, Drenth, Drosky, Gartland, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harkins, Harwick, Hipp, Ireland, Jermyn, Jones, McGreevy, Nester, Quintana, Rosen, Snelling, Warren; Guest Beauchem)

12/15/09 Called to order at 8:35 pm. Adjourned at 10:20 pm.

(Abbott, Bovee, Braman, Burns Cleary, Curcio, Drenth, Drosky, Gartland, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harkins, Harwick, Hipp, Ireland, Jermyn, Jones, McGreevy, Nester, Quintana, Rosen, Snelling, Warren; Guest Beauchem)

12/16/09 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 10:15 am.

(Abbott, Bovee, Braman, Burns Cleary, Curcio, Drenth, Drosky, Gartland, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harkins, Harwick, Hipp, Ireland, Jermyn, Jones, McGreevy, Nester, Quintana, Rosen, Snelling, Warren; Guests: Frye, Lundquist, Podkaminer, Sheilley, Smith, Suscha)

General Sessions

12/15/09 Called to order at 1:35 pm. Adjourned for regional breakout sessions at 2:20 pm.

12/16/09 Called to order at 10:00 am. Adjourned at 11:45 am.

12/17/09 Called to order at 10:00 am. Adjourned at 10:45 am.