

USTFCCA

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

San Antonio, TX

December 13-16, 2010

I. Voting Issues in General Voting Session

- A. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2010-30** **Passed: 136-22-0**
- i. Motion: To oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2010-30 (telephone calls to juniors)
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Warren, Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above
- B. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2010-86** **Passed: 159-8-1**
- i. Motion: To oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2010-86 (cross country-only programs, no missed class time for competition during the non-championship segment)
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Burns, Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above
- C. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2010-88** **Passed: 161-3-3**
- i. Motion: To oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2010-88 (cross country-only programs limited to two dates of competition – one home, one away – during the non-championship segment)
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Burns, Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above
- D. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2010-95** **Passed: 164-3-0**
- i. Motion: To oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2010-95 (10-week cross country season)
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Gondak, Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above
- E. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2010-99** **Passed: 150-9-3**
- i. Motion: To oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2010-99 (elimination of foreign tours)
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Harwick, Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above
- F. Ranking of Top 64 Teams** **Passed: 146-9-3**
- i. Motion: The national office shall release a top-64 ranking of teams after the NCAA meet, using the NCAA finish for the top thirty-one teams and using the same procedure utilized to determine the Championships at-large selections for the remaining thirty three teams.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Burns Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above
- G. Results Reporting for Championships** **Passed: 158-0-0**
- i. To charge the national office to work with the appropriate entities to establish a reporting protocol for Regional and National Championship results to be provided thirty minutes after the end of the protest period..
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jones Second.

Passed unanimously. Motion above

H. Unofficial Scores at National Championships **Passed: 137-15-3**

- i. Unofficial team scores at the National Championships shall be announced immediately after the race..
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Hipp Second.
Passed: 17-4-1. Motion above

I. Broadcast of NCAA Championship **Passed: 154-3-2**

- i. To express extreme displeasure with this year’s Championships broadcast and the lack of television coverage. As a body, we are in full support of a quality television broadcast of our championships every year.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jones (amended Drenth) Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above

J. Coach of the Year Balloting **Passed: 150-1-1**

- i. On the online ballot for the National Coach of the Year include the Regional Coaches of the Year, the coaches of the top-5 finishing teams and athletes, and a season bio for the nominees
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Drenth. Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above

K. Poll Coordinators **Passed: 140-1-4**

- i. To retain the Poll Coordinators in their current form of payment and expenses to the national championships and USTFCCCA Convention until the retirement of one or both
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Drenth. Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above

L. USTFCCCA Division I Code of Ethics **Passed: 140-5-3**

- i. To adopt the USTFCCCA Division I Code of Ethics
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Drosky. Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above

M. Slate of Nominees

- i. Dave Smith for Second Vice President
- ii. Rebecca Wilmes for Women’s At-large Representative
- iii. John Gartland for Division I Cross Country At-large Representative to the USTFCCCA Board of Directors
- iv. Motion from Nominating Committee, approved by Executive Committee unanimously
- v. Voting Results
 1. Smith: unanimous voice vote
 2. Wilmes: unanimous voice vote
 3. Gartland: unanimous voice vote

N. NCAA Recruiting Procedures **Passed: 200-9-0**

- i. Recommendations on implementation of Recruiting-person days for Division I Cross Country/Track & Field (consistent with Division I Track & Field)
 1. Prefer to maintain status quo

2. Otherwise recommend Recruiting-person Days over Evaluation Days
 3. Recommend 200 recruiting-person days per gender
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jones. Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above

- O. Starting Box Assignments** **Passed: 193-0-0**
- i. For championship meets box assignments be published and/or available at the course by the first course inspection period.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jones. Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above

- P. Entry Period for Regionals** **Passed: 178-23-3**
- i. For regional championships the entry period opens 13 days prior to the race and close 10 days prior to the race.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Jermyn. Second.
Passed unanimously. Motion above

- Q. Regional Technical Meeting** **Passed: 170-19-0**
- i. To mandate that an institutional representative be present at the Coaches Technical Meeting the evening prior to the race and receive their team's meet packet.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Drosky. Second.
Passed: 22-1-0. Motion above

- R. Coaching Box at National Championships** **Failed: 79-108-2**
- i. When available require an area at least 400m in length from the finish line where coaches may have full access to their runners.
 - ii. From floor: Motion – Piane. Second.

(A-M – Membership Votes, N-R – Unit Votes)

II. Voting in Regional Breakout Sessions

A. Men's Regional Representatives

Great Lakes: Lisa Senakiewich (Michigan State – 1st Term)
Mountain: Paul Harkins (New Mexico State – 2nd Term)
South-Central: Scott Slade (UTSA – 1st Term)

B. Women's Regional Representatives

Northeast: Vicki Mitchell (Buffalo – 1st Term)
Mid-Atlantic: Desmond Dunham (Maryland – 1st Term)

III. Executive Committee – Other Topics

A. National Meet Issues

- i. Motion make attendance at the Pre-championships banquet mandatory.
Burns. Second. Failed: 10-11-0
- ii. Discussed Pre-nationals seeding. No action.
- iii. Discussed motion to require, as part of bid process for the national championships, the host to work with local hotels to block off rooms for participants. Tabled to consult with Division I T&F Executive Committee

B. NCAA Rules Cycle for Cross Country and Track & Field

Discussed the two-year cycle for proposal and approval of NCAA rules changes. Proposed changes are due by May 1 in even-numbered years. Problems with that deadline were discussed. USTFCCCA will lobby for modification of this deadline.

C. NCAA Division I Track & Field Sport Subcommittee Issues

- a. **Time/Place Recording.** Will resubmit request to require the three-part timing protocol proposed last year.
- b. **NCAA Championships Site.** Will resubmit request to provide recommendation to the T&F Subcommittee on the championship site.
- c. **Championship Day Change.** Will resubmit request to change the national championships to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the regional meets to the Friday eight days prior, along with the requested information on the physiological effects on the runners, impact on the regular season and missed class time.

F. Committee Reports

- i. **Secretary's Report** – Jones. 2009 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Nominations and Elections** – Drenth. See I.M above
- iii. **Awards Committee** – Harwick. See I.J above.
- iv. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. No report.
- v. **Championships Committee** – Gartland
 - a. **Qualifying Process Subcommittee** – Drosky – No report
 - b. **Field Expansion Subcommittee** – Jones
 1. Discussed updated NCAA data
 2. Discussed course constraints on expanding field.
 - c. **Regional Site Selection Subcommittee** – Hipp
 1. Discussed need for additional members on this committee, including one from each region to be selected at Regional Breakout sessions.
- vi. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. No report
- vii. **Polls Committee** -- Established rankings/poll dates for 2011
Regional rankings due on Sundays:
August 28, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 16, 30
National rankings submitted Mondays:
August 29, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 17, 31, November 14
- viii. **Date Change Committee** – VanAlstyne. Presented data requested by T&F Sport Subcommittee for President Braman to provide.
- ix. **Cross Country-only Committee**– Burns. See I.B&C above
- x. **Meet Presentation Committee** – Hipp.
 - a. Discussed “nuts and bolts” issues such as results reporting and requirements for regional bids.
- xi. **Scholarships Committee** – Smith. No report.
- xii. **Directors Cup Committee** – Burns. Recommend ranking top 64 teams. See I.F above.
- xiii. **Television Committee** – Rosen. No report (but see I.I above).

IV. General Session – other topics

A. Regional Breakout Meetings

Proposed making Championships Banquet mandatory. See III.a.i above

B. Presentations

- i. Bob Podkaminer reviewed NCAA rule changes subject to immediate implementation.
- ii. Balfour presented the staffs of the 2009 NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships with rings (male staff members) and pendants (female staff members)

Executive Committee Meetings (Bob Braman presiding)

12/13/10 Called to order at 4:35 pm. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

(Abbott, Bovee, Braman, Burns, Drenth, Drosky, Gartland, Gondak, Hamer, Harkins, Harwick, Herbster, Hipp, Ireland, Jermyn, Jones, Mitchell, Rosen, Snelling, Solof, VanAlstyne, Warren)

12/14/10 Called to order at 8:05 am. Adjourned at 10:35 am.

(Abbott, Bovee, Braman, Burns, Drenth, Drosky, Gartland, Gary, Gondak, Hamer, Harkins, Harwick, Herbster, Hipp, Ireland, Jermyn, Jones, Mitchell, Rosen, Snelling, Solof, VanAlstyne, Warren, Guest: Walton)

12/15/10 Called to order at 8:50 am. Adjourned at 9:25 am.

(Abbott, Bovee, Braman, Burns, Drenth, Drosky, Gartland, Gary, Gondak, Hamer, Harkins, Harwick, Herbster, Hipp, Ireland, Jermyn, Jones, Mitchell, Rosen, Slade, Snelling, Solof, VanAlstyne, Warren)

General Sessions

12/14/10 Called to order at 1:35 pm. Adjourned for regional breakout sessions at 2:20 pm.

12/15/10 Called to order at 9:45 am. Adjourned at 11:10 am.

12/16/10 Called to order at 10:05 am. Adjourned at 11:30 am.