

# ***USTFCCCA***

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

**Orlando, FL**

**December 16-19, 2013**

### **I. Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in General Voting Session**

#### **A. Election of Women's At-large Representative**

- i. Candidates
  1. Sara Vergote
  2. Andrea Grove-McDonough
  3. Mason Cathey

- ii. Voting Result

1. Grove-McDonough: 94, Cathey: 44, Vergote: 30

#### **B. Cross Country Minimum Race Distance **Passed: 143-12-0****

- i. Modification of cross country start rule regarding placement and number of recall starters, For a race prior to the regional championship to count for NCAA National Championship qualifying purposes the course must be a minimum of 75% of the NCAA Championship race distance
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Murray, Second.  
Passed 21-3-0. Motion above

(A – Membership Vote)

### **II. Non Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in General Voting Session**

#### **A. NCAA Regional Format **Passed: 165-6-3****

- i. Motion to support the traditional current nine-region format of regional meets.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Smith, Second.  
Passed: 20-0-2 (2012) Motion above

#### **B. Meet Scoring of Mixed Division Races **Passed: 130-13-14****

- i. Motion to specify that scoring of Division I schools only should be used for determining wins for at-large qualifying purposes when reported to TFRRS-XC.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Hadsell, Second.  
Passed 20-2-2 (2012) Motion above

#### **C. NCAA Sports Sponsorship Issue **Passed: 132-15-6****

- i. Motion to request the NCAA to add cross country to the list of sports exempted under Bylaw 20.9.5.1.3 from the multi-team two-thirds Division I sports sponsorship requirement.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Smith. Second.  
Passed 24-0-0 (2012) Motion above

(A – Membership Vote)

### **III. Non Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in Executive Session**

#### **A. All Academic Individual Criteria**

- i. Motion to change the wording of item b for USTFCCA All-Academic Individuals to USTFCCCA Division I Cross Country All-American finisher or top ~~(15)~~ 25 finisher (or top 10% finisher) at an NCAA Cross Country Regional meet.
- iii. Motion – Awards Committee, Second.  
Passed 22-2-0

#### **B. NCAA Regional and Championship Meets Clerking**

- i. Motion to allow athletes to check in from eighty (80) minutes to twenty (20) minutes before their event at a clerking tent at the NCAA Regional and Championship meets.
- ii. Motion – Braman. Second.  
Passed 15-8-3

#### **C. Packet Pickup and Technical Meeting at National Championships**

- i. Motion for packet pickup to take place at the course from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the day prior to the championship races and following the mandatory Technical Meeting. The Technical Meeting will start at 4:00 pm.
- ii. Motion – Harwick. Second.  
Passed 21-3-0

#### **D. NCAA and Regional Meet Time Schedule and Protest Period**

- i. Motion for the protest period to start at the posting of the unofficial results for the second race. The unofficial results will include and notate all disqualified runners (DQ) and runners who do not finish (DNF). The time between the start of races is fifty (50) minutes
- ii. Motion – Harwick. Second.  
Passed 24-0-0

### **IV. Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions**

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

Great Lakes: Lisa Senakiewich (Michigan State – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
Mountain: Jon Murray (Texas Tech – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
South Central: Scott Slade (UT-San Antonio – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term)

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

Mid Atlantic: Dan Ireland (LaSalle – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
Northeast: Greg Blake (Central Connecticut – 1<sup>st</sup> Term)

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

#### **A. NCAA Championships Issues**

- i. Discussed the 2015 combined division championship site exploration.
- ii. Discussed suggestions for creating a direct line of communication from the NCAA to cross country coaches, without reliance on Senior Administrators or Head Track & Field Coaches by

requesting that information at NCAA Championships packet pickup.

**B. NCAA Scholarship Issues**

- i. Discussed establishing an equivalency limit on the certified squad list Motion – Li. No Second
- ii. Received updates on the return to a November Early Signing Period

**C. NCAA Committee Structure**

- i. Continued the discussion expressing the desire to have a separate Cross Country Sports Committee

**D. Other Issues**

- i. Continued discussion of XCRPI, its validity and its implementation.
- ii. Tom Lewis presented the preliminary work of the Joint Divisional Stats Package Standardization Committee for results formatting and presentation.
- iii. Greg Hipp of the Joint Divisional Course Review Committee discussed potential liberalization of course requirements for Regional meets.
- iv. Jason Kronstat from DirectAthletics provided an update on TFRRS-XC

**E. USTFCCA Division I Cross Country Committee Reports**

- i. **Secretary's Report** – Jones. 2012 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Nominations and Elections** – Braman. See I.A above
- iii. **Awards Committee** – Mitchell. See III.A above. Introduced new award for excellence in communication to debut Spring, 2014.
- iv. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. No report
- v. **Championships Committee** – Harwick. See III.B and III.C above
- vi. **Polls Committee** – Smith. Reviewed 2013 rankings and polls

**F. 2014 Executive Committee Conference Call Schedule**

- i. February 5, April 2, June 4, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3

**VII. General Session – other topics**

**A. Presentations**

- i. Jeff Schemmel of College Sports Solutions on how to make collegiate track & field/cross country more prominent

**Executive Committee Meetings (Sean Cleary presiding)**

12/16/13 Called to order at 8:02 am. Adjourned at 12:35 pm.

(Bell, Braman, Cleary, Connelly, Esche, Gondak, Hamer, Harwick, Haynes, Herbster, Hesser, Houchin, Ireland, Jones, Metcalf, Mitchell, Murray, Oglivie, Parks, Rosen, Senakiewich, Severns, Slade, Smith, Wartenburg. Guests: Jason Kronstat-DirectAthletics, Tom Lewis-USTFCCA, Sam Seemes-USTFCCA)

12/17/13 Called to order at 8:06 am. Adjourned at 10:55 am.

(Bell, Braman, Cleary, Connelly, Esche, Gondak, Hamer, Harwick, Haynes, Herbster, Hesser, Houchin, Ireland, Jones, Metcalf, Mitchell, Murray, Oglivie, Parks, Senakiewich, Severns, Slade, Smith, Wartenburg. Guests: James Li-Arizona, Jeff Mylinski-NCAA, Susan Seaton-NCAA T&F/XC Sports Committee)

12/18/13 Called to order at 8:05 am. Adjourned at 9:45 am.

(Bell, Braman, Cleary, Connelly, Esche, Gondak, Hamer, Harwick, Haynes, Herbster, Hesser, Houchin, Ireland, Jones, Metcalf, Mitchell, Murray, Oglivie, Parks, Senakiewich, Severns, Slade, Smith, Wartenburg)

**General Sessions**

12/17/13 Called to order at 1:35 pm. Adjourned for regional breakout sessions at 2:06 pm.

12/18/13 Called to order at 10:05 am. Adjourned at 10:43 am.

12/19/13 Called to order at 10:45 am. Adjourned at 11:05 am.