Division II Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association  
2006 National Convention  
San Antonio, Texas  
December 10-13, 2006

General Meeting, Monday, December 11, 2006, 3:15pm  
Meeting opened at 3:23pm by Division II Track & Field President Kirk Pedersen, Central Missouri State

I. Opening Remarks  
A. Attendance; 80 institutions represented for Division II, mid 30’s last year  
B. Review of voting credentials/process (all done on Wednesday)  
C. Sign-up sheets will be posted on wall of general meeting for those interested in serving on committees.

II. Voting  
A. Many positions opening  
1. Eight region representatives for track and field  
2. Second Vice President for track and field  
3. Second Vice President for cross country  
4. Secretary  
5. At-Large Division II position to the National Board of Directors  
6. Committee members  
B. Sign Ups are on the wall for anyone interested in running for a position

III. NCAA Subcommittee Issues (Craig McPhail, Lee’s McCrae/Committee Chair; Kiana Smith—Standing in for our Liaison with the NCAA, Angie Toren, who could not attend)  
A. Budget Requests for the ‘09/’10 cycle must be submitted by May of 2007 (go in a two year cycle)  
1. Adding Events  
   a. Discussion on adding the indoor multi event to the NCAA  
      (Men–Heptathlon/Women–Pentathlon)…No opportunities for multi event athletes indoor  
      i. Multi’s indoor not as technical as outdoor; possibility there wouldn’t be as many doublers  
      ii. At least six conferences represented at the meeting have a multi at their indoor championships  
      iii. Numbers in this event would be 8-12  
   b. Mike Rohl, Mansfield, presents the Race Walk (See Appendix B)  
      i. No need for new facilities like the hammer throw, thus cheaper to add to a program as an event.  
      ii. Questions as to if it was being considered to add indoor, outdoor, or to both championships  
      iii. Questions as to if the banked tracks indoor effected the race walk. Rohl says no negative impact, and that it actually helps to keep them legal.  
      iv. Rohl suggests adopting numbers one and three from his proposal (#1: The USTFCCA Division II Track and Field Coaches adopt the resolution that we support the addition of the race walk to the NCAA Championships; #2: Form a committee establishing a plan for the development of the event, including establishing a timeline for the inclusion of the event in the NCAA Championship) Rohl suggested that maybe it would be better to look at the ’11/’12 cycle for the racewalk  
   c. Discussion on adding the indoor 3000m (men’s and women’s) as an indoor NCAA event.  
      i. 3000m is at most indoor meets, multi and race walk are not.
Craig was asked if the environment was conducive to adding an event; Craig responds that it seems so.

Kiana and Craig both suggest that the coaches prioritize their requests so the committee can know their preferences.

Discussion on time schedule considerations that would need to be made.

Division I has a multi and a 3km; Division III unknown

Our current numbers are 200 indoor/310 outdoor (Kiana)

Straw poll as to “most preferred” for the three events: 1. Multi Event (43 votes); 2. 3000m (16 votes); 3. Race Walk (2 votes)

A brief discussion about dropping the women’s 3km outdoor to move it indoor.

2. Travel Party Size for Cross Country
   a. Discussion on increasing the travel party size for cross country teams at the NCAA Championships to include one additional person (athlete; coach; trainer or administrator). Craig says the committee has strong support for this.
      i. This would move the travel party for a team from eight to nine.
      ii. Craig says there was a misprint in the handbook incorrectly stating that the increase had already taken place.
      iii. Issues of not having a second driver if needed for vans, as well as what a coach is to do if he/she needs to be with an injured or sick athlete and who takes care of the rest of the team

3. Last Chance Meets
   a. Discussion of giving teams another week to qualify (only leaving one week between selection and the meet)
   b. It’s better for management of the meet to have participants squared away two weeks prior
   c. Cheaper airlines/cost knowing two weeks in advance.
   d. The two weeks excludes IC4A Championship as a qualifying meet indoor
   e. Additional day would help the PSAC, which would enable them to hold their outdoor championship through Monday, thus allowing them to not have three weeks between their last meet and the championship
   f. Financial impact was discussed. It might impact us asking for another event if we tried to add the week.
   g. Straw vote taken…2 votes in favor of extending the qualifying for another week; 47 votes against extending the qualifying for another week.

4. Lodging problems for outdoor nationals at Johnson C. Smith University
   a. Charlotte hotels are a problem because it’s NASCAR week
   b. Craig McPhail has been in touch with them about adding more to the list.
   c. Information is available on the Johnson C. Smith University website.

5. Relay substitution Rule
   a. Some people very upset that teams run their alternate at the NCAA Championships when they aren’t nearly as qualified as the original team member. Most of the concern involved the Distance Medley Relay.
   b. Compared in discussion to how it’d effect the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays
   c. No straw vote taken

6. Minimum Contest and Participation Forms
   a. Reminder to get them in on time

7. NCAA Sub Committee Make Up Discussion
   a. Discussion of adding two “floater” positions to the committee so that serving on the committee wouldn’t be so taxing on members (at-large)
b. Discussion of the administrator/coach ration on the committee
c. Discussion of the break-up by Division.

8. Cross Country Combined Championship
   a. It has been proposed that Division I, II and III combine their cross country championships every four years
   b. Difference in time, date and distances contested were issues brought up
   c. Spectator problems discussed
   d. Issues from the combined Division I and II Championship in the past were discussed. Major traffic issues. Only one hour between races was not enough time for the changeover in fans, etc. Many teams caught in traffic trying to get into the site.
   e. Fall Festival that Division II is a part of every four years would mean that two out of every four championships would be disrupted for us.

9. Counting marks from the Pole Vault Summit
   a. Marks can count from the pole vault summit as long as the event minimums are met to count the meet (consult rule book)

10. Metric Marks
   a. All marks must be reported in metric to be accepted by the NCAA performance list

   a. Stonehill to host again; Info available at their site
   b. All events will now be contested inside the oval
   c. Need more indoor bids for nationals.

IV. Juanita Shirly~NCAA Travel Manager
   A. Supervises Shorts Travel
   B. NCAA spends over $30 million per year in travel
   C. Mappoint.msn.com used by NCAA to determine mileage
   D. No request has been received by Division II committee to increase our per diem
   E. New Per Diem policy for number of days allowed
      1. Cross Country~2.5
      2. Indoor Track & Field~3.5
      3. Outdoor Track & Field~4.0
   F. Feel free to call them about any special areas of concerns which might cause a need for extra per diem
   G. Reimbursements will be available online beginning in February (the entire reimbursement transaction could be completed in three days with this method)
   H. NCAA Travel Number: 317-917-6757

V. Sam Seemes, Executive Director, United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association
   A. Discussion on our separation from the USATF Convention
   B. Discussion of no respect from the USATF for the Coaches Advisory Committee
   C. George Williams, St. Augustine’s, speaks of Division II coaches needing to be brought up for more international coaching positions for the United States. See him if interested.
   D. Chris Asher, Cal State L.A., tells of incidence at the convention where he was talking to a massage therapist that USATF flew in and paid for, yet they won’t help pay for coaches to get there. She got an invite because she had helped one of the USATF officials.

VI. Cross Country Issues, Pee Wee Halsell, Western Washington, Division II Cross Country President
   A. Regional Athlete and Coach of the Year Awards
      1. Goal is to make each region consistent with the next on the selection process
      2. One region uses the internet to vote on awards after the regional championships
      3. One region votes on site right after the race
      4. Some regions automatically name the winning athletes A0Y and the coaches of the winning teams COY (Discussion on our bi-laws stating that the ward is the Athlete of the Year, not the Athlete of the Meet)
      5. Some feel it should be consistent with track and field, and should be voted upon
6. Straw vote taken on: Are you in favor of a nomination process and a vote for AOY and COY at regionals, utilizing a process where a ballot is created. Yes~49; No~8; Abstentions~1

7. Doug Watts, Edinboro, cites Article 8, Section 3A of our bi-laws, which state that the regional representative will conduct a vote at the regional site to determine Athlete and Coach of the Year Awards.

8. The current rule (cited in #7 above) must be used in 2007. If a change is desired, a bi-laws change must be proposed and voted on at the 2007 convention.

B. National Athlete and Coach of the Year Awards

1. Nominations are taken from the regional winners, in addition to one write-in space.

2. Vote takes place on site at the completion of the championship races

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

Submitted by Aaron Russell
General Meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 8am
Meeting opened at 8:11am by Division II Track & Field President Kirk Pedersen, Central Missouri State

VII. Bob Podkaminer, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor
     A. Rulebook is available online now

VIII. J. Shelby Sharpe, General Counsel to USTFCCCA
     A. “Protocols to Minimize Injury, Death and Bad Results at the Courthouse” (SEE APPENDIX C)
     B. He is available if any coaches need counsel. Email: UTLAWMAN@AOL.COM

IX. Committee Reports
     A. Secretary Report (Secretary not present)

MOTION: (Dave Harris, Emporia State) It is moved that the 2005 Convention minutes be accepted
SECOND: (Pee Wee Halsell, Western Washington)
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Hall of Fame Committee, Jim Sackett, Cal Poly Pomona
   1. 11th year of T&F HOF; 7th year of XC HOF
   2. Former athlete must be five years out
   3. Discussion on buying banners for all previous years similar to the ones Emporia had made for outdoor nationals in 2006
   4. Committee has spots to be filled

C. Meet Enhancement Committee (Jeff Kavalunas, Ferris State)
   1. In 2006 five meets received funds (Indoor: Findley; Outdoor: Emporia State, Edwardsville; XC: Memphis Twilight, St. Rose)
   2. In 2007 looking for a similar number of teams. Seven track & field applications have been received already
   3. VP Chris Asher, Cal State L.A., will take over as chair of the committee as Kavalunas moves into the Division II track & field President’s post.

D. Scholarship Committee (Dave Harris, Emporia State)
   1. Committee is looking at a new name for the Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards
   2. $8000 to distribute in 2006-2007 cycle
   3. Presented criteria, past winners, application process
   4. Discussion on possible criteria changes

E. Law and Legislation Committee, Doug Watts, Edinboro
   1. Explanation of the evolution of our Bi-Laws
   2. Executive Committee accepted the Bi-Laws which will be posted on the website by January.

F. Treasurer’s Report, Aaron Russell, Lock Haven
   1. (See Appendix D)

X. Distinguished Service Awards
   A. Nominations
      1. Duane Vandenbusche, Western State
      2. Jacqueline Carpenter, Former NCAA Division II Track & Field Liaison
      3. Dave Harris, Emporia State University

XI. 2006 Fall Sports Festival Feedback
    A. Positive Feedback
       1. Habitat for Humanity build was great
       2. Great opportunity for teams to see other teams compete
3. Student-Athletes loved it
4. Closing Ceremony was great
5. Great hotel location

B. Negative Feedback
1. Logistics/Distance from site to hotel
2. Not enough personnel and marshals on the course
3. Need to make sure the site is conducive to each sport's needs (Course wasn't adequate)
4. Needs to be a better communication of details
5. Opening Ceremony was a disaster (Long wait, no food when got there, too crowded, and didn't get to see the stage)...understand that the weather and some conditions were out of their control.
6. Need a platform or something for awards...They weren't presented like a "championship"
7. Missed a chance for just a XC get together at some time...Awards Dinner as accustomed too.
8. Results were four to five hours before available to the public online
9. Every sport but ours had live coverage
10. Request for Sports Information organization; Fans found it horrible trying to get results
11. Mostly race-management issues

XII. Troy Engle, Paralympics Track & Field
A. Paralympics are the second biggest athletic event in the world every four years (behind Olympics)
B. 160 Track and Field Events will be conducted in China in 2008
C. Can be contacted at TROY.ENGLE@USOC.ORG

XIII. Kevin Hanson, Brooks Running/Hanson Project
A. Contact at HANSONSRUN@AOL.COM

XIV. Awards
A. Suggestion of an Assistant Coach of the Year Award by Chris Asher, Cal State L.A.
   1. Possible start at outdoor nationals
   2. One nomination per region, overall winner named at Saturday coaches meeting?
   3. Voting as with Coach and Athlete of the Year already?
   4. Strong support from group; No objections

XV. Power Rankings
1. Suggestion to continue as we have in the past, and approve $400 for Brian Kavanaugh to continue.
2. Support from everyone present

XVI. Other Business
A. Suggestion of a possible racewalking committee forming; Executive Committee to discuss in their next session
B. Description of positions up for election
C. Discussion as to what happened to last year's proposed altitude region
   1. NCAA Committee understands the issue, but it's being defeated at a higher level in the NCAA
   2. Division I has a ninth region, but apparently its Division II policy that is holding it back
   3. Need to try and get Sam Seemes on board with our proposal
D. Further discussion on the possibility of Federation and separating each division's committees
E. Discussion of a possible split of the XC and Track & Field Committees
F. Mike Rohl, Mansfield, proposes to study demographics of Division II schools
G. Rohl proposes Division II create a "New Coaches" handbook
H. Harris proposes that future championship hosts be at the annual meeting so questions can be answered
I. Patty Vavra, Missouri Southern, on 2007 Cross Country Nationals
1. Information is available on their website
2. There will be an “opening ceremony” rather than a pasta dinner (teams in warm-ups please)
3. Will request somewhere between $1000 and $1800 as allotted by Division II to fund
4. Ceremony set to begin at 7:30 (teams to line up at 7) in order to allow teams ample time to get dinner in town… Plenty of pasta places
5. Questions arose as to problems at Slippery Rock if there’s no pasta dinner

Meeting adjourned at 11:40pm  Submitted by Aaron Russell
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General Meeting III, Wednesday, December 13, 2006, 4:15pm
Meeting opened at 4:20pm by Division II Track & Field President Kirk Pedersen, Central Missouri State

MOTION (Pee Wee Halsell, Western Washington) That the following slate of candidates be accepted to fill the regional representative positions for track and field:
New England—None, To Be Appointed by Jeff Kavalunas (Incoming President)
East—Trent Hunsinger of Wheeling Jesuit
Great Lakes—Sterling Martin, Missouri Rolla
South Central—Don Hood, Abilene Christian
North Central—Jen Blue, Minnesota State Mankato
South—Steve Guyman, Hardin
West—Chris Asher, Cal State Los Angeles
Southeast—None, To Be Appointed by Jeff Kavalunas (Incoming President)

SECOND: (Patty Vavra, Missouri Southern)
MOTION PASSED (64 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions)

I. Elections
A. Second Vice President, Track and Field
1. Trent Hunsinger, Wheeling Jesuit
2. Steve Guyman, Harding (**WINNER OF ELECTION**)

B. Second Vice President, Cross Country
1. Derek Hood, Abilene Christian
2. Freize, Alaska Anchorage
3. Marlon Brink, Wayne State (Neb) (**WINNER OF ELECTION**)

C. Secretary
1. Scott Lorek, Northwest Missouri
2. Karen Brandt, Bloomsburg (**WINNER OF ELECTION**)
3. Mike Rohl, Mansfield

D. At Large Member to the National Executive Board
1. Doug Watts, Edinboro (**WINNER OF ELECTION**)

MOTION (Doug Watts, Edinboro) That the association membership request $12,000 from Division II-Only funds for the Hall of Fame Committee to purchase cross country and track and field banners, DVD production, and costs associated with the two.
SECOND: (Mike Rohl, Mansfield)
MOTION PASSED (110 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions)

MOTION (Vavra) The NCAA Division II Coaches recommend that the multi-events and the 3000 meter run be included in the indoor track and field championships. A priority order would include multi-events first, and 3000 meters second. The number of participants would be decided by the NCAA Division II sub committee.
SECOND: (Watts)
MOTION PASSES (68 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions)
MOTION (Rohl) That we report only the numbers regarding the multi-events and the 3000 meter run being added to the indoor championship, and that the straw poll taken in the previous session not be reported
MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF A SECOND

II. Discussion on addition of events
   A. There was discussion on what kind of numbers it would take to add each event.

MOTION (Vavra) The Division II coaches recommend that the subcommittee consider adding one member to the official travel party for cross country.
SECOND: (Trent Hunsinger, Wheeling Jesuit)
MOTION PASSES (71 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions)

MOTION (Vavra) That the NCAA Division II Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association accept the following slate of candidates for the Distinguished Service Award:
   ~ Garner Roberts, Retiring Sports Information Director, Abilene Christian
   ~ Dave Harris, Emporia State
   ~ Jacqueline Carpenter, Former Division II NCAA Track & Field and Cross Country Liaison
SECOND: (Chris Asher, Cal State, L.A.)
MOTION PASSES (83 in favor; 42 opposed; 0 abstentions)

III. Discussion on Distinguished Service Award
   A. Suggested that Duane Vandenbusche of Western State be nominated to the USTFCCCA Hall of Fame

MOTION (Rohl) That an Assistant Coach of the Year be named in track and field for each region and a national coach be voted on among those in attendance at the national championship meet.
SECOND: (Jim Sackett, Cal Poly Pomona)
MOTION PASSES (70 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions)

IV. Discussion on how to nominate for the award, etc.
   A. It was determined that the winner would not have to be present to win the award
   B. Indoor track and field and outdoor track and field would be combined for the award

MOTION (Huntsinger) That a committee be formed to establish a plan for the development or the racewalk.
SECOND: (Asher)
Recommended Motion PASSED (38 in favor; 21 opposed; 0 abstention)

V. Discussion on Racewalk
   A. The point was made that there is an opportunity for racewalkers who want to compete in college as the N.A.I.A. sponsors the event.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm
Submitted by Aaron Russell