

## 2000 USTCA Convention

Albuquerque, Nov.. 29 - Dec. 3

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM by President, Betsy Emerson, of Luther College. The Executive Committee and Regional Representatives were introduced. President Emerson then announced there would be elections later in the meeting for a Second Vice President as well as a need to replace Matt Bellfield as the West Regional Representative, who had taken another position which was not in the West Region. Matt's replacement will serve one year and be eligible for reelection in 2001.

John Goldhammer, of Claremont Mudd Scripps Colleges, reported on the USTCA Summer Meetings. He reported the USTCA's concern about funding sources, the newly established USTCA web site especially in regards for Coaching Education, The Coaching Advisory Committee and the need for more "Coaching" voices in USA T&F, the Membership Dues increase, and Continuity of the USTCA Executive Board. General the theme of the Summer Meetings was to motivate coaches at all levels to become involved politically.

Treasurer, Jeff Wettach of Luther College, reported the Association had a current (as of 11/28/00) balance of \$28,271.39. The complete report is attached. MOTION: To accept the 2000 Treasurer's Report SECONDED PASSED

The Minutes of the 1999 Business Meeting were distributed at the beginning of the Meeting MOTION: To accept the 1999 Minutes. SECONDED PASSED

Historian John Zupanc, UW Oshkosh, reported that he had completed the Division III History to include the 2000 Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

Knowing that an 11:00 AM Meeting start did not allow much time for official business items before lunch. It was decided by the Executive Committee at a meeting the preceding evening to allow about 30 minutes to break into smaller groups and discuss the positives and negatives of the Division III Track Coaches Association being connected to the USTCA. Each of the Regional Representatives present convened a small group and recorded the proceedings. EDITORIAL COMMENT: The positives and negatives from each group were collected and compiled during the afternoon session. Several members of the Division III Executive Committee met with part of the USTCA Executive Committee late in the afternoon on Friday, December 1, to share the findings of the small groups. The USTCA very politely listened and seemed very moved by our concerns. The USTCA group did request a meeting with the Division II Executive Committee the next day (Saturday, December 2,) to confirm that Division II Coaches had some of the same concerns.

Only time will tell if our work will cause any policy changes with the USTCA. We, Division III Coaches, now know the USTCA Executive Committee have been alerted about our concerns.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned for a lunch Break at 12:20 PM.

At 2:00 PM on Friday, December 1, the meeting reconvened.

Jummy Carnes, USTCA Executive Director, briefly addressed the Division III Coaches.

It was announced that, Gary Aldrich of MF Athletics, will continue to compile the data for the Power Rankings and is planning to add tables for the Indoor Distance Medley Relay.

Much to the appreciation of the Division III Coaches three members of the NCAA Division III Rules Subcommittee were present at the Convention. Don Luy, Millikan College, Don Nichter, Dickinson College, and Chair of the Division III Subcommittee, and Bill Taraschke, Baldwin Wallace, are members of the Subcommittee present at the Convention. Subcommittee Chair Don Nichter addressed the coaches

regarding the future of Division III Track & Field, seeking input from the Coaches Association, and announcing the following:

1. The Subcommittee is asking the Championships Committee to consider allowing 230 athletes in the 2002 Indoor Championships. 2. Adding Events to the Indoor Championship. The last survey of the coaches indicated a preference in the following rank order for adding Indoor Events. #1 200 Meters #2 3000 Meters #3 Pentathlon Additional discussion and information was sought, by Chair Nichter, later in the meeting regarding the adding of Indoor events. 3. The Championships Committee asked that Division III delay the inclusion of the Women's Steeplechase until the 2002 season. There seemed to be some complaints from Division III institutions about the cost of adapting the steeplechase water jump and barriers for the Women. A. In 2001 it is acceptable to adjust the height of the steeplechase barriers and water jump barrier (30") and use the "Long Pit" (water jump), for those who have reconfigured their water jump to include lowering the barrier as well as moving it closer to the end of the water jump may continue to use the "Short Pit". Bill Taraschke shared some facts about the "Long Pit" "Short Pit" confusion by stating that the IAAF has not decided the placement of the water jump barrier for the Women. B. The inclusion of the Steeplechase for Women in 2002 will not increase the total number of female athletes at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, the number will probably remain at 344 athletes. C. Division II voted to add the Steeplechase for Women and retain the open 3000 Meters. D. Division I voted to add the Steeplechase for Women and drop the open 3000 Meters. MOTION: Division III shall drop the open 3000 Meters and add the 3000 meter Steeplechase for Women. SECONDED PASSED MOTION: If the Subcommittee are granted additional numbers of athletes for adding the steeplechase to retain the open 3000 Meters. SECONDED PASSED 4. Future Dates and sites for NCAA Events were announced. A. 2001 Indoors March 9-10 UW Oshkosh B. 2001 Outdoors May 24-26 Milikan C. 2002 Indoors March 12-13 Ohio Northern D. 2002 Outdoors May 23-25 Carleton or Macalester possibilities 5. Don Nichter then announced for the Information of the Coaches: A. Throwing Implements MUST be weighed and measured before competition. B. The subcommittee is now sanctioning NCAA Qualifying Meets (Formerly known as "Last Chance Meets") C. Handbooks, POP Forms, and Rulebooks should be arriving in the very near future. D. The Subcommittee needs feedback regarding the email entry process for NCAA Championships.

In 1999 Second Vice President Brian Cole, Ohio Northern, was assigned to chair a committee to explore the possibility of establishing a Division III Cross Country and Track & Field Web Site. Brian reported his and the committee's findings. A. A need for Association money to establish a Web Site B A need for an Association Member to serve as the Web Master President Emerson then asked for Nominations or Volunteers to serve as The Associations Web Master, with the understanding that the Web Master would become a member of the Executive Committee and the Association Constitution would be changed to reflect the action taken.

Steve Mature, of the University of St. Thomas, volunteered to serve as the Web Master and was appointed to the position. MOTION: The Association spend up to \$3000.00 from the treasury to establish and operate a Division III Cross Country and Track & Field Web Site with additional monies, if needed, would be approved by the Executive Committee. SECONDED PASSED

MOTION: The Association's Second Vice President assumes responsibility of working with and supervising the aforementioned Web Site. SECONDED PASSED

A discussion opened regarding the time the Distance Medley Relay is competed at the NCAA Indoor Championships. There were some who felt the first day of competition should begin with the DMR.

A discussion regarding the early competition in some of the Field Events on the second day of the Indoor Championships and they, in fact, could begin competition later on the second day. MOTION: On the second day of the NCAA Indoor Championships competition shall not start prior to 11:00 local time and the running events begin at a reasonable time. SECONDED PASSED

Scott Steuernagel, UW Eau Claire, suggested that the NCAA Championships be video taped by a Professional which could possibly be used by the Games Committee to gather information for

disqualifications, and submitted the following motion. MOTION: Allow the Rules Subcommittee and Referee the option of viewing the "Professional" video tape/s to gain additional information when there are disqualifications and / or impending disqualifications. SECONDED After voting for the Amended Motion the Original Motion was: DEFEATED The discussion on the motion dealt mostly with cost, the number of cameras needed, and the term "Professional". There seemed to be a feeling that there would be a need of several camera and angles of video taping. Scott did rebut the cost angle by arguing the possibility that any athlete in the event might want to purchase a video tape copy of his/her competition. There was a long and heated discussion regarding the need to video tape the Field Events if the Running Events were to be "Professionally" video taped. The discussion prompted the following Amendment to the original motion. AMENDED MOTION: Allow the Rules Subcommittee and Referee the option of viewing the "Professional" video tape/s to gain additional information when there are disqualifications and / or impending disqualifications in Running Events only SECONDED Required "Division of the House" For: 24 Against: 29 Abstained: 9 DEFEATED

Mike Oregia, University of Puget Sound, has served for several years as Coordinator of the All Academic Track & Field honors and awards announced the criteria will remain the same, and the forms would sent the hosts of the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships the forms which will be included in the Meet Packets.

MOTION: The Association move towards using one generic All America Certificate SECONDED PASSED RATIONALE: At the present time the Association has two All America Certificates one that says "INDOOR" and the second makes no reference to Indoor or Outdoor and simply says "Division III Track & Field". This motion will enable the Association to order only one Certificate for both Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field. Coaches will no longer need to designate which Championship they are needing when ordering. The Association has enough of the Indoor Certificates to use for about 2 to 3 more years.

Ted Bulling, Nebraska Wesleyan, volunteered to Chair a subcommittee to explore the establishment of a Division III Hall of Fame.

Don Nichter asked for a "straw vote" as a directive for the subcommittee if the Championships Committee grants a request to add athletes to the Division III Indoor Championships. He asked the coaches to vote for one of the following three proposals:

If more athletes are added to the Indoor Championships would you prefer: 1. Adding athletes to the field of the events now contested? Received 4 Votes 2. Adding events to the Indoor Championships? Received 19 Votes 3. A combination of the above two questions adding athletes as well as events? Received 30 Votes The straw vote prompted a great debate regarding which events should be added. As stated previously the last survey of the Coaches indicated the new events in rank order would be: 1) 200 Meters, 2) 3000 Meters, and 3) Pentathlon. The discussion prompted the following motion: MOTION: The Division III Rules Subcommittee survey the coaches, once again, to attempt to gain a better idea of what events to add to the Indoor Championships. SECONDED PASSED

President Emerson then asked for Nominations from the floor for a West Regional Representative to serve the last year of Matt Bellfield's term. Two Nominations were made: Toby Schwarz. Whitworth College Wes Cook, George Fox University Toby Schwarz was elected in a very close vote

Please allow the minutes to reflect the Association's sincere THANK YOU to Matt Bellfield for his kind and loyal service as the West Regional Representative and best of luck to him in his new coaching endeavors.

As her penultimate order of business as Association President Betsy Emerson announced the Candidates for Second Vice President. They were: Barb Crousen, McMurray College Barb Hartwig, University of Rochester President Emerson asked for Nominations from the floor rightfully requesting that candidates be female as there are now a very few Women on the Executive Committee. There were no nominations from the floor

Barb Hartwig was elected in, again, a very close vote.

President Betsy Emerson, Luther College, passed the gavel to former First Vice President, now President Mark Guthrie, UW La Crosse who will serve the Association as President for the next three (3) years until 2003.

The USTCA thought there might be better attendance if the Convention was held at the beginning of the USA T&F Convention the preceding Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. This would mean the Convention would begin generally on Thanksgiving Saturday.

President Guthrie was asked to poll the Division III Coaches regarding their preference. MOTION: Keep the USTCA Convention on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to which we have become accustomed. SECONDED PASSED MOTION: To request that the USTCA return to the 1999 Convention schedule of Clinics on Thursday, General and Divisional Business Meetings on Friday, and Wrap up Meetings and Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday. SECONDED PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Thornton, St. Olaf College Secretary, NCAA Division III Track Coaches Association

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Seventy-Four (74) Division III Coaches attended the 2000 Conention and Business Meteting in Albuquerque.

**DIVISION III COACHES PRESENT AT 2000 CONVENTION**

Balder-Lanoue, Robin College of St. Benedict Barends, Fred Ohio Wesleyan University Bluman, Mark Bluffton College Breuer, Jenny Trinity University (TX) Buchholtz, Joshua University of Wisconsin La Crosse Bulling, Ted Nebraska Wesleyan University Carroll. Peter Swarthmore College Castaneda, Ted Colorado College Cole, Brian Ohio Northern University Combs, Ron Willmington College Cook, Wes George Fox University Curtin, John Emory University Donatelli, Dario Carnegie Mellon University Edwards, Jim McMurray University Elkins, Tom Case Western Reserve University Emerson, Betsy Luther College Fitzpatrick, Mark Hiram College Flamino, Yolanda (Carla Coffey) Smith College Gillespie, Travis Defiance College Goldhammer, John Claremont Mudd Scipps Colleges Guthrie, Mark University of Wisconsin La Crosse Hall, Chris University of Wisconsin Stout Harlan. Joe University of Wisconsin Stout Harris, Dennis Case Western Reserve University Hartwig, Barb University of Rochester Healy, Pat University of Wisconsin La Crosse Heinzenrater, Jeff University of the South Hill, Len University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Holzhauser, Jeff Muskingum College Izzo, John University of Rochester Jennings, Cindy Cornell College Johnson, Steve Wartburg College Johnson, Rob Wabash College Kluckhohn, James North Park University Kluckhohn, Kari (Nethery) North Park University Lanese, Kathy John Carroll University Larson, Garrick Concordia College (MN) Luy, Don Millikan University Maddox, Larry Anderson University Mathre, Steve University of St. Thomas Meeks, Janey Ohio Wesleyan University Miles, Tim Saint John's University (MN) Moore, Brad Pacific Lutheran University Mulcahy, Pat Pomona-Pitzer Colleges Newsome, Marcus Wartburg College Nichter, Don Dickinson College Orechia, Mike University of Puget Sound Payne, Josh Hanover College Quinlisk, Bill Rochester Institute of Technology Ray, Steve Carthage College Reynolds, Kirk Pomona-Pitzer Colleges Roeske, Marvin Concordia College (MN) Schmaedeke, Paul Hamline University Schwarz, Toby Whitworth College Slade, Scott State University of New York at Plattsburgh Sparz, John Eastern Oregon University Speidel, Lonnie Cornell College Spivey, Jim University of Chicago Stacy, Wayne Defiance College Steuernagel, Scott University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Sullivan, Kelly Willamette University Taraschke, Bill Baldwin Wallace College Thornton, Bill St. Olaf College Thornton, Paul Saint Mary's University (MN) Toms, Jack Lynchburg College Travis, Steve Wisconsin Lutheran College Vercauteran, Deb University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Wettach, Jeff Luther College Wilson, Scott Anderson University Witt, Rick University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Wuyke, William Connecticut College Zupanc, John University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

