

NCAA DIVISION III U.S. TRACK COACHES ASSOCIATION

Adams Mark Hotel
Mobile Alabama
November 30, 2001

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Guthrie, of UW La Crosse at 11:01 AM. President Guthrie then introduced the Division III Executive Committee: First Vice President, Brian Cole of Ohio Northern; Second Vice President, Barbara Hartwig of University of Rochester; Secretary, Bill Thornton of St. Olaf; Treasurer, Jeff Wettach of Luther College (who was not in attendance); Historian, John Zupanc of UW Oshkosh; and Web Master, Steve Mathre of St. Thomas.

USTCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMER MEETING REPORT

Scott Stuernagel, UW-Eau Claire, who serves as Secretary of USTCA Board of Directors reviewed the happenings at the summer USTCA Board of Directors meeting. He reported the major concern at that meeting was the possibility of moving the USTCA Convention to the summer in conjunction with the USATF Senior Championships. The primary problems with having the USTCA Convention in conjunction with the USATF Convention are 1) the cost of hotel space and 2) limited meeting room availability for the USTCA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION: To accept the 2001 Treasurers Report. SECONDED&PASSED. In his absence Treasurer, Jeff Wettach, forwarded the Treasures Report for distribution and approval. Jeff's report indicated the Association had a balance of \$27,697.08 as of November 21, 2001. It was announced that the Association had received a check from the USTCA in the amount of \$4,180.00 as the Association's portion of dues collected by the USTCA bringing the total to \$31,877.08.

2000 USTCA DIVISION III MINUTES

MOTION: To accept the 2000 USTCA Division III Minutes. (The 2000 Minutes from the Albuquerque were available at the door for pick up upon arrival at the meeting.) SECONDED&PASSED.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

John Zupanc was asked to present the Historian's Report. John stated that he was somewhat behind and did not have the 2001 Indoor and Outdoor seasons added to the history. He and Steve Mathre have been in communication about getting the Historian's Report on the Division III web site. The Historian's Archives can be found at: <http://www.stthomas.edu/track/D3/D3Archives/DefaultArchive.asp>

WEB MASTER'S REPORT

Web Master, Steve Mathre, presented a demonstration of the use of and information in the new USTCA Division III Cross Country and Track & Field web site. The USTCA Division III web page can be found at: <http://www.d3track.com/>

MOVING THE USTCA CONVENTION TO THE SUMMER - DISCUSSION

President Guthrie had been mandated by the USTCA to provide a period of time early in the meeting to discuss and debate the issue of moving the USTCA Convention to the summer. It was announced that the email vote taken this fall had been 50 votes to move the USTCA Convention to the summer and 6 votes to remain as is. During the discussion most of the “NO” voters made their points as to why they had opposed the change. President Guthrie announced that after the Board of Directors discussed the potential convention date change this summer the USATF then announced that the Junior Nationals would be held during the same time frame and at the same site of the Senior Championships. The initial plan was for the USTCA to conduct its Business Meetings during the mornings if the USATF Championships leaving the option of attending the USATF competitions in the afternoons and evenings. With the USATF Junior competition happening in the mornings this prompted the proposal to move the USTCA Convention dates to the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday following the USATF competitions.

It was announced that all USTCA divisions would meet briefly at 2:00 p.m. for a General Session to formally vote on moving the USTCA convention to the summer on the three days following the USATF Junior & Senior Championships.

At 12:02 our meeting temporarily adjourned to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m. in The General Session.

At the USTCA General Session the motion to move the USTCA Convention to the three days following the USATF Junior & Senior Championships (Sunday, Monday & Tuesday) was defeated narrowly. A new motion was proposed to have the USTCA Convention on the Wednesday and Thursday of the USATF Championships (which conflicted with the combined events and the first day of the Junior Championship. This motion failed overwhelmingly.

Following lunch and the 2:00 p.m. General Session for voting on the USTCA Convention date move, the Division III Business Meeting reconvened at 2:22 PM.

TRACK AND FIELD POWER RANKINGS

It was announced that the Track & Field Power Rankings would again be directed by Gary Aldrich of MF Athletics. Information regarding Power Rankings will be sent by the Regional Representatives and posted on the USTCA Division III Web Site, <http://www.d3track.com/>. The power rankings and submission form can be found at: <https://www.mfathletic.com:443/catalog/rankings.asp?> Gary Aldrich can be reached at gary.aldrich@mfathletic.com

NCAA DIVISION III TRACK & FIELD RULES SUBCOMMITTEE

Bill Taraschke of Baldwin Wallace, the Chair of the Division III Track & Field Rules Subcommittee, was given the floor for announcements. Taraschke reported:

- **NCAA DECLARATIONS.** The 2002 Indoor and Outdoor NCAA Championships entries and declarations will be conducted online **ONLY** through Jack Moran at www.raceberryjam.com.
- **DECLARING PREFERENCE OF EVENT.** There will be a means of declaring preferred event(s) for athletes who have Provisionally Qualified in two or more events.
- **NCAA BIDS.** Bids are needed for Cross Country, Indoor, and Outdoor Track & Field. To date the Committee has approved or received bids from:

Year	Indoor Track & Field	Outdoor Track & Field	Cross Country
2002	Ohio Northern	Macalester	Augustana-Illinois
2003	DePauw Bid	St. Lawrence	St. Olaf

2004	UW-Whitewater Bid	Concordia & Wartburg Bid	Hanover & Grinnell Bid
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- 1 **QUALIFYING STANDARDS.** Qualifying Standards are being examined by a Standards Committee to ensure fields are filled.
 - A. **NCAA TO SCORE EIGHT PLACES AT INDOOR.** The Championships Committee approved the scoring and awards for eight places at the Indoor Championships.
 - B. The question was raised regarding facilities with only six lanes on the oval and conducting the 400 meters and the 4X400 meter relay. Bill stated the current Rule Book covers that situation by competing in two timed sections of four athletes.

- 1 **WOMEN'S STEEPLECHASE.** NCAA Outdoor Championship Women's Steeplechase information:
 - A. At the 2002 Outdoor Championships at Macalester the Women's 3000 meter Steeplechase will be contested with a "LONG" waterjump.
 - B. Qualifying can be done on either a "LONG" or "SHORT" waterjump.
 - C. The Women's Steeplechase will be contested immediately before the Men's Steeplechase and the Women's 5000 meters will be contested immediately before the Men's 5000 meters in 2002 alternating gender yearly thereafter.

- 1 **WIND READINGS.** Division III Coaches will indicate wind readings on all proof of performance forms if the information is available. The coaches were assured the wind readings submitted would NOT affect the qualifying mark. The Committee would like to gather data regarding wind readings.

- 2 **WEIGHING OF IMPLEMENTS BEFORE COMPETITION.** The throwing implements for all competitors in the field MUST be weighed BEFORE the competition begins, in case a thrower were to use another athletes implement.

- 3 **RELAY SUBSTITUTION AT NCAA'S.** The Relay Substitution Rule has been liberalized to allow an institution to bring, at institutional expense, an additional relay runner who may be used in case of an injury. The intent of this change is to prevent a team from being forced to use another NCAA qualified athlete who is not of relay-team caliber when a relay team member has suffered an injury (i.e. being forced to use a thrower on a 4X400 meter relay). IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ATHLETE, EVEN IF UTILIZED, IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NCAA REIMBURSEMENT.

- 4 **NCAA QUALIFYING MEETS.** All NCAA Qualifying Meets (formerly known as "Last Chance Meets") occurring between February 25 and March 2 (indoor) or May 13 and May 18 (outdoor) must be certified by the NCAA on or before February 1, 2002. Forms are available in the recent NCAA mailing. Part of the certification process requires that an institution's NCAA qualifier date and schedule be posted on their web site. The institution should also verify that their meet is listed on Division III NCAA Qualifier meet list. Furthermore, the complete results must be FAXED to the site of the National Meet immediately following the competition. If the meet is sponsored by a Division I or II institution, then any Division III teams competing in the meet should make sure that the meet director applies for NCAA Qualifier certification and that the host or the Division III school FAX the results to the Division III National site.

- 5 **NCAA ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF CONTESTS FOR TRACK AND FIELD.** There was a question asked by a conference which was strictly enforcing the competition limitations for Track & Field. Does a two-day meet count as TWO competitions against the 18 date limitation? Yes, two-day meets should be counted as two days of competition. Each individual on a team may not compete in more than 18 dates. For example, if an athlete competes Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the

Kansas Relays, then it would count as 3 dates. Exceptions include: Combined Events and Conference Meets. The interpretation of the rule is: Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field is limited to 18 competition dates not counting Conference Championships.

MOTION: Ask the Division III Rules Subcommittee to ask the Championships Committee permission to **allow the host institution of NCAA Division III Cross Country and Track & Field for one optional individual entry per gender** in the competition at institutional cost, if the institution does not have another qualified entry. The entry(ies) would NOT be eligible for NCAA reimbursement. **SECONDED & PASSED 35 – 22.**

MOTION: Begin a **NCAA Division III Cross Country & Track & Field Hall of Fame** starting in 2003. **SECONDED & PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** At the 2000 USTCA Convention Ted Bulling of Nebraska Wesleyan was asked to Chair a committee to determine criteria for a Division III Hall of Fame for athletes and coaches. Ted distributed a document with the committee's ideas, which prompted several questions and discussion. Although the Committee's work was thoughtful it was the will of those present to send the document back to the committee for changes. The committee was asked to present modifications to the document by the Indoor Championships.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: Authorize the Treasurer to **pay the Web Master a stipend of \$500 per year** for keeping the USTCA Division III Web Site current and providing the ability to collect and tabulate the votes of members. **SECONDED & PASSED.** It was noted that Steve had only spent about \$3500 of the budgeted \$5000 to establish the Web Site.

MOTION: Authorize the Treasurer to **pay the eight Regional Representatives a stipend of \$100 per year** for the work they do disseminating information to their constituents. **SECONDED & PASSED.**

Mike Orechia, Puget Sound University, has asked to be relieved of his duties as Coordinator of All Academic Awards for Track & Field. Paul Thornton, Saint Mary's University (MN) answered a call for volunteers to replace Mike as the Coordinator.

MOTION: Provisionally qualified athletes be eligible for the USTCA All-Academic Awards. This motion makes the athletic component of the award more liberal. Currently, only athletes who compete in the National Championships are eligible for the USTCA All-Academic Awards. **SECONDED & PASSED.**

ESTABLISH USTCA DIVISION III CLINIC AT THE USTCA CONVENTION.

There seemed to be a great deal of disappointment in the quality of the Thursday afternoon clinics in 2001. It was suggested that the Division III Coaches might be able to conduct "Round Table Discussion" type Clinics in future years. Carla Coffey of Smith College, and member of the USAT&F Women's Competition Committee, volunteered to ask about the availability of a room or rooms to conduct that type of Clinic.

MOTION: Athletes who achieve All-American status shall be granted an **All-American Certificate** free of charge. A coach, however, must be a USTCA Member to buy additional certificates for the school at the rate of \$2.00 per additional certificate. Non-member coaches can purchase certificates for \$70.00 which will include the cost of membership to the USTCA. The USTCA Membership Form can be found at: http://www.ustrackcoaches.org/Mainwebsite/Membership/DivIII_app.htm **SECONDED & PASSED.**

MOTION: The Association's Secretary, Bill Thornton, asked for permission to amend the Association's Constitution and By-laws to reflect the new office of Web Master and that person's duties as well as the additional stipends.

SECONDED & PASSED

ELECTION OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THREE YEAR APPOINTMENT 2002-2004.

Atlantic

Mike Howard, St Lawrence University, was replaced by Gary Gardner, US Merchant Marine Academy.

South/Southeast

Jack Toms, Lynchburg College, ask to complete another 3 year term.

Midwest

Scott Steuernagel, UW Eau Claire, was replaced by Bob Schultz, Elmhurst College

West

Toby Schwarz, Whitworth College, asked to complete another 3 year term.

NCAA DIVISION III CROSS COUNTRY RULES SUBCOMMITTEE ON 5000M OR 6000M DISTANCE.

With the completion of the Track & Field business Bill Taraschke, Chair of the NCAA Division III Cross Country Rules Subcommittee updated those present regarding the NCAA Regional and National Women's Cross Country distance of 5000 meters or 6000 meters.

The Division III Rules Subcommittee has been in contact with the Championships Committee asking to allow the 5000 meters distance to remain for the 2002 season at Regional and National competitions. The rationale was the fact that the 2002 NCAA host bid with the intent of running 5000. The Championships Committee will be meeting in January to consider the request.

In the meantime, Bill Taraschke and Rick Witt, UW Stevens Point and President of the Cross Country Coaches Association, will be in contact with the Women's Cross Country Regional Representatives asking them to contact their constituents for rationale to either change to 6000 meters or stay with 5000 meters.

At the 2002 Regional sites the pros and cons for each distance will be presented, giving equal time to each side. After listening to the pros and cons of each distance the Head Coaches of Women's Teams will be asked to vote by secret ballot for either the 5000 or 6000 meters. The Rules Subcommittee feels there will be a very high percentage of Women's Coaches attending Regional Meets which will possibly yield a more accurate vote. Bill Taraschke did elude to the possibility of the Subcommittee contacting coaches who did NOT attend the 2002 Regional Meets to solicit their votes as well.

Respectfully Submitted as proof read and edited by Garrick Larson, Concordia College (MN) Central Region Representative,

Bill Thornton, St. Olaf College, Secretary