

# NCAA DIVISION III U.S. TRACK COACHES ASSOCIATION

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2002  
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL  
KANSAS CITY, MO**

## **MINUTES**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by president, Mark Guthrie, UW LaCrosse at 11:19 AM, with the introduction of the Executive Committee and Regional Representatives.

### **USTCA Board of Directors Summer Meeting Report**

Tim Byers, Simpson College, presented a report of the USTCA Summer Meetings. Topics discussed during the Summer Meeting included: Race Walking, an Executive Director's report, The Coaches Diploma Program, Pole vault Safety, a President's Report and election of officers, and a presentation by Craig Masback, regarding USTCA and USA Track & Field relationships.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Jeff Wettach, Luther College, distributed a Treasurer's Report which indicated a very positive balance. Following a brief question and answer session President Guthrie asked for a motion of approval.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report as distributed and discussed.

SECONDED

APPROVED

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary, Bill Thornton, St. Olaf College, distributed minutes of the 2001 meeting in Mobile, AL were distributed. It was reported: Minutes of previous years Business meetings are available on the Web Site.

MOTION: To accept the 2001 Minutes as distributed and available on the Web Site.

SECONDED

APPROVED

### **Historian's Report**

Historian, John Zupanc, UW Oshkosh, reported that attempts are being made to improve the database by cleaning up name discrepancies as well as adding Division III Track & Field history back to the beginning during the 1973-74 academic year.

### **Web Master Report**

Web Master, Steve Mathre, U. of St. Thomas, asked for cooperation in accurately recording email addresses to make contact more inclusive. Steve reported that All-Academic Forms and the Hall of Fame Nomination Forms can be found on the Web Site.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20041212055848/http://www.d3track.com/>

### **Business Meeting**

### **Regional Athlete and Coach of the Year Awards Voting**

MOTION: Beginning with the 2003 Indoor Regional Athlete and Coach of the Year Awards only members may vote and will be limited to one (1) vote per school per gender. Fred Barends, Capital University

SECONDED          DISCUSSION   PASSED

### **NCAA Track & Field Rules Committee Presentation**

Bill Taraschke, Baldwin Wallace, and Chair of the Division III Track & Field Rules Subcommittee presented his report. The USTCA NCAA Division III membership would like to THANK YOU Bill Taraschke for always being available, accessible, open, and honest with us during his term as Chair of the Subcommittee.

### **Host Institution Allowed 1 Automatic Entry into NCAA Championships**

The USTCA DIII 2001 proposal to allow Division III NCAA Championships host institutions in Cross Country, Indoor, and Outdoor Track & Field one token individual entry per gender at institutional expense was denied by the Championships Committee because the token entr(y/ies) would have to count against the total number of athletes in the Championships.

### **CBS Fall Sports Championship Program**

CBS will have a Fall Sports Championship summary program to air on December 28, 2002, 1:00 p.m.

### **Unequal Distribution of Votes Among NCAA DI, DII and DIII Members of Track & Field Committee**

There is a concern regarding the number of members, now eight (8) on the Division III Subcommittee and the number of votes allowed, now six (6). We now have a representative from each region on the subcommittee but continue to have only six votes. There are more votes in DI than in DII and DIII combined.

### **NCAA Qualifying Meets**

NCAA Qualifying Meets formerly known as "Last Chance Meets" must have applications in by February 1, 2003. Applications can be accessed online.  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20041212055848/http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/champadmin/track/2003/lastchancemeet.rtf?ObjectID=16349&ViewMode=0&PreviewState=0> Please Note: If you attend a Division I NCAA Qualifying Meet YOU are personally responsible for sending (FAXING) complete results to Keanah Smith at the NCAA Office.

### **NCAA Championships Entries**

All NCAA Entries will be done online.  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20041212055848/http://www.raceberryjam.com/ncaaform.php3>

### **NCAA Championship Relay Substitution**

In order to utilize a relay substitution at the NCAA Championship, the school must have a documented reason. The school must also pay for all the costs related to bringing a relay substitution to the Championship.

### **NCAA Championship Challenge Period for Performances and Fields**

The challenge period will be from 12:00 Noon Sunday to 12:00 Noon on Monday. This is the only time to challenge a potentially "bogus" mark entered into the National Meet. To challenge

mistakes the Subcommittee may have made in establishing fields will occur From 8:00-10:00 p.m. on Monday.

### **Pole Vault Rules Changes**

The Pole Vault landing pad will be at least 6 meters wide by 5 meters deep (19'8"x16'5"). The front pad is to be the same width as the rear pad and shall extend at least 1.83 meters forward (toward the runway). The maximum cutout for the Pole Vault box will be 91.44 centimeters (36"). Recommended distance from the back of the box to the pad is 15 centimeter (6"). If the landing pad does not cover the area immediately around the box, then a collar of 2-4" of padding of uniform thickness and semi-transparent will cover behind and to the sides of the box. The landing pad, including the top pad unit, must be at least 81.28 centimeters (32"). The landing pad sections must be fastened together with a common top cover. Suitable padding shall be placed around the base of the standards. The Pole Vault standard pegs will change from 75 mm to 55 mm. Tapping (assisting a competitor at takeoff) is prohibited during warm-ups and competition by anyone. The standards (uprights) may only be moved to the rear of the inside edge of the top of the box between 45 and 80 cm (18-31.5").

### **Future NCAA Championship Sites**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Indoor Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>Outdoor Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>Cross Country</b>
<b>2003</b>	DePauw	St. Lawrence	Hanover
<b>2004</b>	UW-Whitewater	Concordia awaiting approval	Augustana-Illinois, Mississippi College, Willamette, UW-EauClaire Bids
<b>2005</b>	St. Olaf, Ill. Wesleyan, Oberlin Bids	Willamette Bid, Wartburg?	No Bids Submitted

### **NCAA Legislation on Playing Season Length**

Bill Tarascke then reported the information regarding the NCAA Management Committee's legislation on length of seasons. All starting dates are counted back from the respective "NCAA Selection Date" (i.e. the last possible date to qualify).

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>STARTING DATE OR NUMBER OF WEEKS ALLOWED</b>
Cross Country	September 1, w/16 practice opportunities prior ending 13 weeks or NCAA selection date.
Indoor T&F	19 weeks
Outdoor T&F	14 weeks, w/5 weeks non-traditional season if no Indoor T&F

Please note: If your institution sponsors Indoor and Outdoor T&F you will retain the normal 26 weeks. A team does NOT have to count normal "Break Weeks" or "Finals Weeks" if they are not used (i.e. Fall Break, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break, and Easter Break, Final Exams. The entire week must remain unused if the week is to be excluded. Some coaches may have interpreted this legislation as having a total of 33 weeks which is certainly NOT the case.

### **USTCA NCAA Division III Hall of Fame**

Ted Bulling, Nebraska Wesleyan, who has chaired the Hall of Fame Committee reported the first class of Division III Hall of Fame will be inducted at the 2004 Outdoor Championships. Criteria for induction and nomination forms can be found on the USTCA Division III web site, <http://web.archive.org/web/20041212055848/http://www.d3track.com/>.

### **Recess**

It was very close to 1:00 PM and President Guthrie declared a one hour lunch break with

meeting to be reconvened at 2:00 PM. Following a lunch break we returned to discover the room in which we had been meeting was being used for a USATF meeting. We were relocated to a different room after a 15 minute delay. Reconvened at 2:20 PM.

### **USTCA DIII Member Observe NCAA Track & Field Rules Subcommittee Meeting**

MOTION: Elect a USTCA DIII member to serve as an ad hoc non-voting observer to the summer meetings of the NCAA Track & Field Rules Subcommittee. The cost of this endeavor would be the responsibility of the USTCA DIII.

SECONDED

PASSED (40-16-0, Division of the House)

Bill Taraschke politely asked the USTCA DIII Secretary to write a letter to Keanah Smith, the Division III NCAA Track & Field Liaison, asking about the allowability of this legislation and if, in fact, it can ethically be accomplished.

MOTION: Appoint the USTCA DIII First Vice President as the member to serve as an ad hoc non-voting observer to the summer meetings of the NCAA Track & Field Rules Subcommittee.

SECONDED

PASSED

### **New Business**

#### **Stipends for Leadership Positions**

MOTION: Pay the All-Academic Awards Chair, Hall of Fame Chair, First and Second Vice Presidents a \$100.00 stipend per year.

SECONDED

PASSED

#### **Discussion of Women's Javelin Landing Rules**

A question was asked regarding the Women's Javelin landing rule. It was generally concluded that we are all at the mercy of the Javelin officials and their interpretation of the landing rule. The discussion led to the following motion.

MOTION: Ask the Track & Field Rules Committee to re-examine the Javelin landing rule and recommend that the measurement be taken from the point of first contact by any part of the Javelin.

SECONDED

PASSED

#### **Non-Traditional Distances Contested at NCAA Indoor Championship**

MOTION: Consider contesting non-traditional events at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Discussion was very limited because nothing was submitted regarding which events might be contested. Members who voted for this motion might wish to submit proposals to be discussed and debated in 2003.

SECONDED

PASSED (33-20-4, Division of the House)

### **USTCA Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Jimmy Carnes addressed the assembly sharing some of his concerns about coordinating the USTCA Convention with the USATF Convention as far as meeting room conflicts. (We had already been somewhat inconvenienced earlier in this matter.) He reported that Dave Milliman, USTCA Deputy Executive Director, had earlier in the Fall been sent to Kansas City to verify room space and that there had been communication between the USTCA and USATF offices regarding this matter. His major concern was for next year's Convention where there will be significantly fewer meeting rooms available. He will meet with Craig Masback, President of USATF, to see if problems can be avoided for next year.

### **Discussion of Indoor Qualifying Standards Related to Indexing Banked, Oversized and Undersized Tracks**

A question was asked about the indexing of Indoor Tracks and meeting NCAA Qualifying Standards. The discussion lead to the following motion.

MOTION: In order to qualify for the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships the mark must be accomplished on a 200 meter flat track.

SECONDED

DEFEATED

### **Regional Representative Elections**

President Guthrie informed the assembly that the terms of the Regional Representatives from the New England, Mideast, Great Lakes, and Central Regions had expired. They either had to be re-elected or replaced.

New England:	William Wuyke	Connecticut College	Reelected
Mideast:	Peter Carroll	Swarthmore College	Reelected
Great Lakes	Fred Barends	Capital University	Reelected
Central	Garrick Larson	Concordia College (MN)	Reelected

The Midwest Region needed a replacement for Regional Representative Scott Steuernagel, UW Eau Claire, because he was a temporary replacement for Bob Schutz who had left Division III. Chris Hall, University of Chicago, volunteered to complete this term which ends in December of 2004.

Regional Representative Gary Gardner, US Merchant Marine Academy has also left Division III, and there were no coaches from the Atlantic Region present. Second Vice President Barbara Hartwig, University of Rochester, said she would take over the responsibilities until she could find a volunteer in the Region to take over the responsibilities.

### **Adjournment**

Having completed the Business items on the agenda as well as those from the floor President Guthrie asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Thornton, St. Olaf College. Edited by Garrick Larson, Concordia College (MN).