

NCAA DIVISION III U.S. TRACK COACHES ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2003

SHERATON FOUR SEASONS

GREENSBORO, NC

MINUTES

President, Mark Guthrie, called the last meeting he would chair to order at 3:01 PM Eastern Standard Time. He then introduced the members of the Executive Committee.

Summer Meetings

Tim Byers, formerly, of Simpson College, reported on the Summer Meetings of the USTCA.

1. Planning and coordinating a combined convention of the USTCA and USA Track & Field
2. Shared the discussion of "getting the media involved".
3. Discussion regarding partnering with the USOC.
4. There was an update on Title IX.
5. Beginning work on a USTCA Mission Statement.
6. Partnering with NACATFA

Tim shared the USTCA'S concern for the relatively large number of Track & Field programs being dropped. This was of great concern in the Division I Mid American Conference where there seems to be several moves to drop Men's Track & Field and apparently placing more emphasis on football.

Treasurer's Report

President Guthrie then granted the floor to Treasurer, Jeff Wettach, to report on the financial status of the Association. Jeff reported that all of the 2003 bills had been paid and there was a surplus of approximately \$42,000. It was then reported that the 2004 membership dues had not yet been received and included in this year's report. It is very apparent the USTCA NCAA DIII Association is secure financially.

MOTION : To accept the Treasurer's report

SECONDED PASSED via voice vote

Secretary's Report

The Association Secretary, Bill Thornton, had previously distributed Minutes for the 2002 Meeting. It was announced the minutes of several previous Business Meetings could be found on the Division III web site, and the 2003 minutes would be posted after they have been completed and edited.

MOTION : To accept the 2002 minutes as reported and distributed

SECONDED PASSED via voice vote

Historian's Report

John Zupanc, the Historian was granted the floor. John reported that in order to keep up with some of the latest technology he was working to convert the Division III Track & Field history from "floppy discs" to a "php server". John reported the new server would have the capabilities of providing historical information in many different formats. He asked the Association, who should have access to the information on the intended "php server"? There was a means of having only Association members gaining access by assigning passwords. John assured those present that one would not be able to change anything if they were able to access the information.

MOTION : Allow anyone who is interested be able to look at the Division III history.

SECONDED PASSED via voice vote

New Business

1) NCAA Championship Host Awarded One Male and One Female "At Large" Entrant

MOTION: If the host institution of an NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships (Indoors or Outdoors) does not have a qualified athlete in the competition, they (the host institution) have the right to enter one "at large" "complimentary" individual (not relay) entry per gender. It is understood these entries must have met, at a minimum, the Provisional Qualifying Standard for the event entered, are entered at the Host Institution's expense including the banquet, and are not eligible for the gifts provided by the NCAA. Most importantly these "at large" "complimentary" entries would be in addition to the numbers limitations mandated by the NCAA. They would be in addition to the NCAA limits. The entries would be made after the Division III subcommittee had established the fields for the events and before the fields are made public. The entries would be noted as either "at large" or "complimentary."

Rationale:

1. This legislation might make submitting bids and budgets more attractive.
2. It is important to have some "local flavor" in the meet that might create more media coverage.
3. There are open lanes in most preliminary heats and the addition of three jumps, throws, or vaults in qualifying rounds of field events would not significantly add extra time to the meet.

SECONDED PASSED via Division of the House 33-12

2) 2004 USTCA NCAA DIII Hall of Fame Inductees

Ted Bulling, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee announced plans for the initial induction at the 2004 Outdoor Championships in Decatur, IL. The committee suggested the initial class of inductees be Division III athletes who qualified for Olympic Teams. The committee submitted the following seven (7) names: Americans Edwin Moses, Mel Mueller, Gwen Coogan, Kris Kuehl, Kip Janveran, Joan Benoit, and Jamacian Derek Adamson. Ted asked if there were other Olympians who attended Division III institutions. Clive Terralong, Arian Hvasaia (Pakistan), and Phillip Dunn were mentioned as additional possibilities.

Discussion followed which produced the following:

MOTION: In 2004, induct the seven names forwarded by the Hall of Fame Committee and grant the committee \$4000 for transportation, food and lodging for the inductees to attend the induction ceremony.

SECONDED PASSED via voice vote

MOTION: In 2004 induct ALL Division III Olympians

SECONDED

After a brief discussion, it was tentatively decided to identify additional NCAA DIII Olympians to be inducted in 2005. The motion was withdrawn following the discussion about logistics, locating and contacting ALL Division III Olympians.

3) NCAA Legislation at the January 2004 NCAA Convention – Playing Season Length, 10% Reduction in Contests, Reclassify Multi-day Meets

President Guthrie then called attention to the NCAA legislation to be voted on at the 2004 Convention in January. President Guthrie had graciously attached the legislation to the agenda that had been distributed before the meeting. The legislation attached involved Practice and Playing Seasons of Track & Field. Generally, the legislation would cut the practice and playing season from 26 weeks to 24 weeks. It was also noted that all sports would have a 10% reduction in contests. However, additional legislation

specific to Track & Field would reclassify 4 multi-day meets so that they counted as only one "date" of competition for a two-day meet.

4) NCAA DIII Track & Field Subcommittee Report

Finn Pincus, of Roanoke College, and Chair of the Division III Rules Subcommittee, was given the floor to share with the Association the work of the NCAA DIII Track & Field Subcommittee. Finn initially announced the hosts and sites of future Division III Championships.

NCAA Championship Hosts

YEAR	INDOOR	-OUTDOOR	-CROSS COUNTRY
2004	UW-Whitewater	-Millikan	-UW Eau Claire
2005	Illinois Wesleyan	-Wartburg	-A Bid & Budget has been submitted
2006	St. Olaf	-No Bid & Budget submitted	-No Bid & Budget submitted

Automatic Qualifying for NCAA Cross Country Championship

The Automatic Qualifying (AQ) for Cross Country was mentioned again, Finn announced that a subcommittee of he, Jim Jones, and Mark Guthrie had been formed to submit an alternative plan to the Championships Committee. The NCAA legislation related to AQ will be withdrawn for the 2004 NCAA Convention.

Elimination of Flat Landings in Javelin Put on Hold

NCAA DIII Track & Field Subcommittee shared the rationale for initially (summer, 2003) announcing that "flat landings" in the javelin would be measured from point of first contact, then suddenly changing the rule back to the original "point first" measurement. The IAAF had informed the NCAA they would NOT recognize Javelin marks achieved in meets that "flat landings" were measured. There would be the possibility of an Olympic or World Championship Qualifying mark becoming invalid.

Women's Steeplechase Long Pit Only

NCAA DIII Track & Field Subcommittee emphasized the Water Jump for the Women's Steeplechase would be the "long pit" only beginning in 2004. The barrier would be 30 inches high but the water jump would be the universal length (same as the men's water jump).

NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championship Bids Must be Accompanied by Track Survey

It was announced that all future Bids and Budgets for NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships must be accompanied by a document certifying the track and field event areas had been surveyed and met the NCAA regulations. Members of the Division III Subcommittee accompanied by Keanah Smith would make "site visits" to prospective National Championship locations. There is also continual concern regarding the number of media and coaches passes issued at the various sites of NCAA Championships.

NCAA Qualifying Meets

The concern and questions regarding qualifying marks achieved in NCAA Qualifying Meets (formerly known as "Last Chance Meets") was brought to the attention of the Association. The coach of a Division III athlete who achieves a qualifying mark in a Division I or II NCAA Qualifying Meet must submit the following information: The name of the meet, the host, the date/s, the name of the meet Director as well as a phone contact of the Meet Director. In addition the Division III Coach is responsible for faxing a complete set of results of the meet to Keanah Smith at the NCAA office in Indianapolis one week prior to the Division III National Meet. Also, note that February 1, 2004 is the deadline to submit paperwork for an Indoor or Outdoor NCAA Qualifying Meet.

USTCA Executive Director Jimmy Carnes to Resign Effective After the 2004 USTCA Convention

President Guthrie then made a somewhat surprising and sad announcement that Jimmy Carnes had informed the USTCA Executive Committee, which had met earlier in the convention, of his intent to resign

as the USTCA Executive Director following the 2004 Convention. This is not good news as Jimmy had worked very passionately and diligently for the organization for many years and in most years did not accept the salary that he was entitled. There should definitely be a concern for replacing Mr. Carnes.

USTCA Financial Status

First Vice President, Brain Cole, was granted the floor to report on the USTCA Executive Committee Meeting. He reported the budget is very tight to the point of being in deficit. The fact that Jimmy Carnes did not accept his salary, and USATF reserved and paid for all of the convention meeting rooms aided in significant savings. Unfortunately, Mondo Surfacing cutting their yearly gift to the organization from \$100,000 to \$40,000 was a great concern for future budgets. Mondo, however, has granted the organization permission to receive advertising from other surfacing agents.

USTCA President Terry Crawford

Vice President Cole reported, new USTCA President, Terri Crawford, appeared to be thoughtful and concerned about Collegiate Track & Field through all Divisions.

USTCA Convention Payment

The Executive Committee was very concerned about coaches paying to attend the USATF Convention, but not the USTCA Convention then attending and voting on USTCA issues. They suggested that a show of USTCA Badges for USTCA voting be required.

USTCA Task Force-Track & Field/Cross Country Loss of Programs

Last summer a Task Force was established to study and develop a plan to prevent the seemingly large number of Collegiate Track & Field programs being dropped by NCAA institutions. The Task Force asked the USTCA Division III Track Coaches Association for \$1000 to help with the cost of their projects. Although no formal motion was made the general consensus was that we NOT give them any money because the Task Force was made up of mostly Division I Coaches without any representation from Division III. It also appeared to be a Division I problem as apparently there is not only a NOT a loss of programs in NCAA Division III, but rather some Division III institutions are either establishing or reestablishing Track & Field programs. (It should be noted following our meeting. Brian Cole told me that when he met with the Task Force with the negative answer they so completely understood that they asked for Division III representation without any money. Brian appointed Fred Berends, of Capitol University and the Great lakes Regional Representative, to serve as the Division III representative on the Task Force.)

25 Year Coaching Awards

Second Vice President, Barbara Hartwig, announced the intent to catch up on the Twenty-five year coaching awards. Barbara announced the availability of a twenty-five year coaching award forms available on the Division III web site. The award and criteria were discussed and the discussion produced the following:

MOTION: Change the Constitution to present coaching service award plaques/certificate holders, instead of only certificates, for 25 Years, 30 years, and 35 years.

SECONDED Discussion followed AMMENDED

25 Years of Collegiate coaching with a minimum of 15 Years at a Division III institution or an institution which matriculated to Division III

SECONDED PASSED AS AMMENDED by voice vote

Election of New Second Vice-President

President Guthrie yielded the floor to Secretary, Bill Thornton, who asked to conduct the election of a new Second Vice President. Three very worthy and well-qualified candidates were nominated from the floor. In the absence of the three candidates, who were asked to leave the room, very eloquent campaign presentations were given for each candidate. The general consensus was that any one of the three

would be great. The Association was not going to loose on this vote. Chris Hall, of the University of Chicago, was finally elected following a run off election.

Passing of the Gavel to New President Brian Cole

President Mark Guthrie regained the podium and the floor and very sincerely thanked all who helped make his three- year term as President enjoyable, rewarding, and very productive. The USTCA DIII Association has grown under Mark's leadership. As his last order of business he turned the gavel over to First Vice-President Brian Cole, of Ohio Northern University, who then officially began his term as President of the Division III Track Coaches Association, which will end following the Business Meeting at the 2006 Convention. President Cole officially thanked former President Mark Guthrie by presenting him a Plaque for the leadership he had provided.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Thornton, St. Olaf College
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