President Brian Cole called the meeting to order at: 8:07 AM EST. He proceeded to introduce members of the Division III Executive Committee and Regional Representatives.

**USTFCCCA Convention Dates:**
President Cole then announced the new USTFCCCA leadership is looking into options for the time of the year for the convention. All members were asked to complete a questionnaire, ranking four different times of the year for the convention. President Cole announced the results of the balloting by stating 328 coaches completed the questionnaire where 4 points were given for a #1 ranking, 3 points for #2 ranking, 2 points for #3 ranking, and 1 point for a #4 ranking. The tabulation indicated the following:

- 975 pts  A convention in July
- 722 pts  A convention in November (as we now are)
- 679 pts  A convention in January (as baseball, football, and the NCAA do now)
- 659 pts  A convention in December (following the conclusion of most classes but before Christmas)

It was announced that the next convention would PROBABLY be a three-day gathering in a Midwest location (possibly Chicago) beginning Sunday, July 9, 2006. There is ongoing discussion about making the convention start date the Sunday following the fourth of July.

**Coaches Needed for USATF Coaches Advisory Board**
President Cole then announced the need of five Division III coaches to serve as delegates on the USATF Coaches Advisory Board.

**Revision of USTFCCCA By-Laws**
President Cole then reported the success of the USTFCCCA Board meeting last summer in conjunction with the NCAA Track & Field Rules Subcommittee summer meeting. This was instituted and administered by the new USTFCCCA CEO, Sam Seemes. During the Summer Meetings it became evident that the USTFCCCA By-Laws were in need of close examination and refinement.

**USTFCCCA Budget**
Fred Berhends, the Division III representative to the USTFCCCA Board of Directors and Board’s Treasurer, was granted the floor and reported on the USTFCCCA budget. The year began with a deficit in the treasury. Through the efforts of Sam Seemes, sponsorships were obtained and USTFCCCA dues were increased, which resulted in a budget of approximately $600,000. Efforts are in place to increase the budget to $800,000 for 2006, and plans for a budget of $975,000 in 2007.

Fred reported that the USTFCCCA Division III membership dues accounted for $57,000 of the total 2005 budget, and more importantly, 70% of the Division III coaches had paid dues.

Because USTFCCCA Division III Treasurer, Jeff Wettach, was absent from the meeting there was no USTFCCCA Division III Treasurer’s report.

**2004 USTFCCCA Division III Minutes**
Minutes from the 2004 meeting in Portland, Oregon were distributed. MOTION: To accept the 2004 Minutes as distributed. SECONDED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

**Historian’s Report**
Division III Historian, John Zupanc, was recognized and asked if there was anything to report. He stated everything was operating smoothly and each year’s highlights and results are getting onto his web site.

**Web Master’s Report**
Division III Web Master, Steve Mathre, was also absent so we did not have a Web Master’s report.

**Hall of Fame Committee Report**
The current Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, Ted Bulling, was recognized to report on the committee’s work. Ted reported there has been some discussion of possibly inducting new Hall of Fame members at the Indoor Championships. But for the time being, although the induction process is time consuming, inductions will continue to be done at the Outdoor Championships.
Ted reported that the Hall of Fame committee members will begin to turn over. He also stated there may be circumstances where the committee might need additional funds for the Hall of Fame budget.

Ted concluded his remarks by announcing the class of 2006 Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Ngozi Mwanamamba, Principia College
- Mike Manders, Hamline University
- Laura Horsh, UW Oshkosh
- David Coats, UW LaCrosse
- Al Carius, North Central College

MOTION: Accept the Hall of Fame Committee’s selections as the 2006 class of inductees at the Outdoor Championships.
SECONDED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**NCAA Indoor Mile**

MOTION: If less than fourteen (14) are entered in the Mile Run at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships, then the event is competed as a Final only (without a preliminary round).
SECONDED WITHDRAWN

After an informative discussion the MOTION was withdrawn. A great deal of the discussion revolved around if, in fact, preliminary heats were competed, how many athletes would qualify for the Championship Final race. Also, concern was expressed about rest intervals and timing of events.

The 2005 convention was fortunate to have Troy Engle present. Troy is a member of the Division III Track & Field Rules Subcommittee and serves as the Division III representative of the Rules Committee. In this capacity he made the observation that much could be accomplished by considering changing the wording in the Rule Book pertaining to the 1500/Mile. This brought a motion from the floor.

MOTION: Recommend the NCAA Rules Subcommittee change the wording of Rule 10, Section 5, #4a from “If preliminaries are run in the 1500 meters/mile, 10 competitors SHALL qualify for the finals” TO If preliminaries are run in the 1500 meters/mile, 10 competitors MAY qualify for the finals.
SECONDED PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

MOTION: In the Mile Run at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships, nine (9) athletes will advance from the preliminary heats to the finals.
SECONDED PASSED WITHOUT AMENDMENT, 33 for, 24 against

AMENDED MOTION: For the Mile Run at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships eight (8) athletes will advance from the preliminary heats to the finals.
SECONDED AMENDED MOTION DEFEATED, 30 for, 34 against

**NCAA Indoor Distance Medley Relay**

MOTION: At the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships compete the Distance Medley Relay as the last event on the track on Day #1 of the Championships.
SECONDED PASSED, 33 for, 24 against

[The Distance Medley Relay has been moved to the second to last event on Day 2 for the 2006 Indoor Track & Field Championship.]

At approximately 9:30 AM EST President Cole announced a fifteen (15) minute recess.

President Cole reconvened the meeting at 9:46 AM EST by recognizing the fact that several members of the Division III Track & Field Rules Subcommittee were present Troy Engle, previously mentioned. In addition to those subcommittee members Kristin Steckmesser the NCAA Division III liaison was present. He then recognized and gave the podium to Josh Payne, Chair of the Division III Track & Field Rules Subcommittee.

Editorial Comment:

We are very fortunate to have subcommittee members who are willing to attend, contribute, and most importantly listen to the concerns of our coaches.
NCAA Division III Track & Field Subcommittee Announcements
Josh Payne, as Division III Subcommittee Chair announced several items that came out of the summer meetings.

#1. There will NOT be mandatory coaches meetings at the Indoor or Outdoor Track & Field Championships or Cross Country Championships.

#2. The relay substitution protocol has been liberalized. Institutions who have relay teams qualified to compete at the NCAA Championships can now bring one alternate relay leg per relay, at institutional expense, whom they may substitute in the declared relay in a preliminary and/or final round and the runner for whom the substitute replaces will NOT be eliminated from the remaining competition. This is the manner with which Division I and II handle relay substitutions.

This announcement brought several questions from the floor as well as a rather lengthy but informative and interesting discussion. The discussion elicited the following motion from the floor.

MOTION: Return to the “non-reimbursed” relay substitute athlete protocol we have had in past years.
SECONDED

AMENDED MOTION: A substitution can be made without a medical excuse for the substituted athlete. The athlete who has been substituted for, however, is out of the remainder of the meet.
SECONDED

AMENDED MOTION PASSED: 48 for, 17 against

#3. The deadline for Qualifying for the Outdoor Championships has been moved up twenty-fours hours to 11:59 PM on Friday.

#4. There has been talk as well as an effort to completely separate the Three NCAA Track & Field Subcommittees yet keeping representatives from the three divisions as “Rules” editors.

NEW BUSINESS:
High Hurdle Height—“Juniors”
It was announced that the IAAF is considering using the 39” hurdle height for male “Juniors”, athletes who have not turned twenty years old during the current year. There rationale is the majority of the “Junior” hurdlers come from the High School ranks where they compete on 39” hurdles.

NCAA Indoor 4x400M Relay
MOTION: Compete preliminary heats in the NCAA Indoor 4X400 M Relay
SECONDED

DEFEATED, 23 for, 26 against

ELECTIONS:
Hall of Fame Committee
The six member Hall of Fame Committee needed to elect two new members. The nominees were:
Jamie Arnold, Bluffton University
James Kluckhohn, Aurora University

MOTION: Accept the two nominees by acclimation. SECONDED
PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Regional Representatives
The terms of office for the Regional Representatives from the odd numbered regions were completed and needed to either elect new or re-elect the current Representatives.

#I. NEW ENGLAND REGION
There was only one coach present from the New England Region who stated that either Kristen Morwick of Tufts, or Ned Bishop of Connecticut College might consider serving at the New England Regional Representative. Kristen Morwick was recommended by the coaches.
#III MIDEAST REGION
Peter Carroll, Swarthmore, stated he would consider reelection. James Williams, Cabrine College was nominated from the floor. James Williams was elected by hand count.

#V GREAT LAKES REGION
Kris Boey, Ohio Wesleyan, Derek Stanley, Marietta College, and Jason Maus, Ohio Northern University were all elected from the floor to replace Fred Behrends, Capitol University who felt his duties as Treasurer of the USTFCCCA Board of Directors would not allow him to serve as the great Lakes Regional Representative. Kris Boey, Ohio Wesleyan University was elected.

#VII CENTRAL REGION
Garrick Larson, Concordia College (MN) was re-elected by acclamation.

Race Walking
The USTFCCCA Division III Track & Field coaches had been assigned a meeting room and a time to meet on Wednesday, November 30, and a member of the USATF Race Walking Committee had asked for time. Before a motion to adjourn was entertained it was announced that we would meet at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 30.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM EST, November 29, 2005.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 AM EST, November 30, 2005.

Michael Rohl, representing the USATF Race Walking Committee, asked the USTFCCCA Division III Coaches to endorse and support the addition of a Race Walking Event in both of the Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

The majority of athletes making up the Olympic, World Championship, and other international teams sponsored by USATF have had NCAA experience. The addition of Race Walking to the NCAA Championships would lend to improving the numbers of American race walking athletes. The Race Walking Committee would like to see a 3000M event Indoors and a 5000M event Outdoors initially which could turn into a 10,000 M Event Outdoors ultimately. Michael stated that there is the possibility of this being funded by an outside source. A relatively small group of coaches politely listened to Michael Rohl’s plea for support. The coaches present voiced several concerns, however.

#1. If Race Walk Events were added to the NCAA Championships would the overall numbers of athletes be increased or would the walking events take away numbers from other events? The possibility of “outside funding” might mean the current numbers would NOT be affected.

#2. The reliability and validity of the qualifying procedures for Race Walking Events was questioned, as it would mean the addition of Race Walking Officials at competitions where Race Walking was being contested.

It was concluded that the members present could not make a decision regarding the addition of Race Walking Events without more information on its affects. Fred Behrends and President Brian Cole agreed to survey the Division III coaches regarding the addition of Race Walking Events at the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

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