

2007 USTFCCCA NCAA Division III Convention Minutes
JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa
Phoenix, Arizona
December 17-19, 2007

Monday, December 17, 2007

Division III Track & Field Session #1

Call to Order: USTFCCCA DIII Track & Field President, Barb Hartwig, called the meeting to order at 3:32p.m.

Welcome, Introduction of Officers and Regional Representatives.

1. Reports

- a. Secretary's Report, Garrick Larson, Concordia.
 - i. Motion: Accept the 2006 USTFCCCA Division III convention minutes. Bill Thornton, St. Olaf.
Seconded: Passed unanimously.
- b. Treasurer's Report, Jeff Wettach, Luther.
 - i. Motion: Accept the 2007 USTFCCCA Division III Treasurer's Report. The balance stands just over \$30K. Tim Miles, St. John's. Seconded: Bill Thornton, St. Olaf. Passed unanimously.
- c. Historian's Report, John Zupanc, UW-Oshkosh.
 - i. Access NCAA All-America, top 8, etc at [insert website]. Include all results from the NCAA meets. Passed unanimously.
- d. Hall of Fame Committee, Janey Arnold, Bluffton.
 - i. DIII will discontinue naming coaches to the HOF. However, the HOF committee will continue to accept coach nominations for the USTFCCCA overall HOF. The HOF committee will need two more members to be elected on Wednesday. The 2008 HOF athlete class will be [insert names here]. (need 5 members) HOF chair is on overall USTFCCCA Hall of Fame committee. DIII HOF committee takes pool of coach nominations and forwards 1-3 coaches to the overall USTFCCCA Hall of Fame committee. Passed unanimously.
- e. By-Law Committee, John Zupanz, UW-Oshkosh.
 - i. Motion: Accept the revised USTFCCCA Division III Track & Field and Cross Country by-laws. The new by-laws combine Track & Field and Cross Country. Seconded: . Passed unanimously.
- f. Power Ranking (Polls), Gary Aldrich, Carnegie Mellon.
 - i. The power rankings are being transferred from the MF-Athletic website to the USTFCCCA website. Schools will receive a username and password to submit power rankings. Passed unanimously.
- g. **Years of Service Award Coordinator**
 - i. **25 year, 5-year increment?, start at 20 year? Kari Kluckhohn will investigate. 2nd VP named as coordinator.**
- h. **All-Academic Awards Committee**

2. Business Meeting

- a. NCAA DIII Track & Field Committee Items, NCAA DIII Liaison, Kristin Steckmesser, and Chair of the NCAA Track & Field Committee, Vanessa Seljeskog.
 - i. NCAA Proposals Recommended to the Championships Committee for February approval, and to the Budget Committee for April approval.
 1. Increase of the field size for the NCAA indoor track and field championships - right now the committee is proposing adding one new event to the field and also adding 1 individual to each minimum field size, which would increase the total field size for each gender by about 20-30 athletes (based on a ratio of qualifiers vs. total participants nationally) – What event(s) would coaches like to discuss adding to the schedule?
 2. Increase in the number of non-athletes in the travel party for the NCAA outdoor track & field championships: 1 non-athlete for 1-5 student-athletes, 2 non-athletes for 6-10 student-athletes, 3 non-athletes for 11-15 student-athletes, 4 non-athletes for 16+ student-athletes
 3. Beginning 2008 wind gauge readings are required for the 100M, 200M, 110MHH, 100MHH, LJ, and TJ in order to qualify for the NCAA Championship. Metric marks required.
 4. Outdoor qualifying marks must be made outdoor with safety exceptions for the HJ and PV.
 5. Application deadline for last chance qualifying meets is January 31, 2008.
 6. Increase NCAA Cross Country Championship squad size from 7 to 8 student-athletes to allow for one alternate per team and have the travel/per diem, mementos, etc. covered by the NCAA.

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7. Team At-large selection procedure for NCAA Cross Country Championship. 16 automatic, 16 at-large, must be in regional top 5. NCAA would like to hear discussion on cap size, at-large criteria, currently criteria emphasizes regional meet performance, but also includes conference performance, and last 3 meets of season.

b. New Business

- i. Motion: Add the Heptathlon/Pentathlon to the Indoor Championship. Garrick Larson, Concordia.
 1. Concerns: rather add individuals to current events only. Must qualify by competing in the Heptathlon/Pentathlon during the regular season (not by summing scores from best performances during the season). Concern that schools will not host Heptathlon/Pentathlon meets. WIAC hosts the Heptathlon/Pentathlon as part of their regular meet with 18-22 athletes per event.
- ii. Motion: Accept the additional athletes without adding any new events to the NCAA Indoor Championship. Brian Cole, Ohio Northern. Seconded. Motion tabled. Seconded.
 1. Concerns: need more athletes in current fields make the events more competitive (not eliminating 1-2 athletes in a prelim). NCAA feels by adding the 20-30 competitors that field sizes will grow more because of doubling.
- iii. Motion: Add the 200M to the NCAA Indoor Championships. Under current schedule sprinter cannot do a natural double. Juan Edney, Rutgers U-Newark.
- iv. Motion: Add the Heptathlon/Decathlon, 3000M, and 200M to the NCAA indoor. James Williams, Cabrini. Needs Second.
- v. NCAA rules regarding a coach giving workouts to athletes for the summer. (References: NCAA Bylaws 13.4.1, recruiting materials, general regulations and 17.02.1.1, athletically related activities, and a 5/03/07 official interpretation, Item # 4). Jeff Heitzenrater. A coach may design a specific individual workout but cannot oversee or require the workout.
 1. Concern: providing timing of workouts for cross country is essential to effective and injury-free training. Without knowing what the athletes have done over the summer, a coach cannot prescribe a safe training plan for an athlete during the season. Currently, athletes summer training cannot be reported to a coach.
- vi. Federation – The NCAA would like to separate the track & field rules committee from the track & field sport committee (oversee the NCAA Championship).
- vii. Motion: Award a Regional/National Assistant Coach of the Year. Regional award determined by regional vote, national award determined by the eight regional representatives' votes. Vote occurs one hour before NCAA banquet. Award given at the NCAA banquet along with the other awardees. Chris Hall, Univ of Chicago. Seconded: Greg Huffaker, Illinois Wesleyan.
- viii. Panel discussion of how the NCAA committee works, how you get on the track & field committee, what you do, how coaches can better interact with the committee.
 - Kristin Steckmesser, NCAA Liaison
 - Vanessa Seljeskog, Macalester College
 - Ned Bishop, Connecticut College
 - Kris Boey, Ohio Wesleyan University
 - Jon Cutright, Juniata College
 - Malcolm Dunn, Whitman College
 - Seth McGuffin, Eastern Mennonite University
 - Jennifer Potter, Ithaca College
 - Chuck Wilcoxon, Principia College
 1. Nominations can be made online and you may be self-nominated.

Session adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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b. New Business (continued)

- ix. 2007-2008 NCAA Rules Changes. Bob Podkaminer, NCAA ???
- x. 2009 Rules Change Proposals
- xi. Hosting the NCAA Championship Panel

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- Brian Cole (Ohio Northern University)
 - Chris Daymont (St. Olaf College)
 - Josh Payne (Hanover College)
 - John Zupanc (University of Wisconsin Oshkosh)
- xii. Future Hosts of NCAA Championships
1. Brian Cole, Ohio Northern, 2008 Indoor
 2. John Zupanc, UW-Oshkosh, 2008 Outdoor
- xiii. 2008 Olympic Trials (Eugene '08), Mike Reilly

Items Not Covered Yet.

- Discussion of whether or not to entertain bids from banked tracks for the indoor championships
- Discussion: Current legislative proposals being considered by NCAA at their January convention
- Review procedure for filling field past automatic qualifiers NCAA indoor and outdoor, all #16's, all 17's, etc. Including relays? Start at event left off from previous year?
- How might a Division III/Division IV Championship look? Funding, # teams/individuals.
- Region reps & the importance of being involved in the association
- Election of Regional Reps from even numbered regions: Atlantic, South/Southwest, Midwest and West. Election of Central Region Rep
- Election of Hall of Fame committee member (1?)
- New/Old Business
- T-Shirt Exchange (Bring a new t-shirt from your program to exchange for one from another institution)
- Workout Exchange (Bring a flashdrive with a favorite workout. Include event, name of workout, objective of workout, time of season, author and your e-mail. Keep it brief and to the point. These will be compiled by event and e-mailed out to all who participate.)