

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 Cross Country Session #1

Call to Order: USTFCCCA DIII Cross Country President, Jim Pennington, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

I. Reports and Committees

- a. Cross Country polls. Regional reps have a conference call on Sunday for polling. Each region rep ranks the top 35 teams in the country. In 2008, the pre-season poll will be published the week before the season, then every other week throughout the season, also between regionals and nationals. [when does it go weekly?] Greg Huffaker, Illinois Wesleyan
- b. Awards. Regional/National Athlete/Coach of the Year. Options for voting procedure:
 - i. The winning individual/team of the NCAA Championship is awarded the National Athlete/Coach of the Year.
 - ii. National Athlete/Coach of the Year voted on by the regional representatives prior to the NCAA banquet.
 - iii. National Athlete/Coach of the Year voted on by all coaches after the NCAA Championship and awarded at the USTFCCCA Convention.Discussion: Arose from concern about selecting a coach before knowing the NCAA Championship outcome.

II. New Business

- a. 2008 Regional Cross Country Sites
 - i. Feedback from the 2007 National Championship
 - 1. Athletes appreciated the medallions and mementos.
 - 2. Athletes preferred the plaques over the medallions.
 - 3. Medallions are classier than the plaques.
 - 4. Would like to see the place engraved on the back of the medallion.
 - 5. Is there a standard procedure for awarding USTFCCCA regional awards?
 - 6. USTFCCCA has been approved to make awards at the NCAA regionals and nationals.
- b. Discussion of proposal to change by-law of All-America recognition for cross country similar to Division I where Americas are recognized past 35 places at NCAA National Cross Country Championships when foreigners are present in the top 35 places. Example 3 foreigners in race, move to recognize top 38 individuals in national race. Matt Moran, SUNY-Cortland.
 - i. Opposition: Foreign born or not, the top 35 earn the All-America award.
- c. The All-America certificate will be distributed by the USTFCCCA main office.
- d. Selecting at-large teams to the NCAA Championship. Motion: The 6k and 8k should be the only race distances considered during the last three meets of the season for the at-large team selection to the NCAA Championship. Greg Huffaker, Illinois Wesleyan. Seconded.
 - i. Concern about access to 6k and 8k races during the last three meets of the year.
 - ii. Suggestion to require conferences to contest the 6k and 8k.
 - iii. Opposition to requiring 6k and 8k for at-large consideration.
 - iv. Opposition to criteria including three meets prior to Nationals. What if complete top seven are not running at the earlier meets.
- e. Motion: Instead of the NCAA paying for an 8th runner (alternate), qualify 10 individuals from each region for the NCAA Championship. Dan Schofer, Cornell.
 - i. Opposition because of meet size.
 - ii. Support for paying for competing athletes.
 - iii. NCAA committee member opposes withdrawing 8th alternate.
 - iv. Support for 8th runner because illness or injury can strike.
- f. Motion: Set the regional cap to 6 teams. Tim Miles, St. John's. Seconded.
- g. 2008 NCAA Cross Country Championship. Presentation by Josh Payne, Hanover.

Session adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Division III Cross Country Session #2

Call to Order: USTFCCCA DIII Cross Country President, Jim Pennington, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. New Business (continued)

Motions – Cross Country (New technology for bar code vote)

1. Determine procedure for National Athlete/Coach of the Year (only one of following motions will pass.) Institutional vote.
 - a. Motion: The winning individual/team of the NCAA Championship is awarded the National Athlete/Coach of the Year. Seconded. Motion fails. 127 YES-106 NO.
 - b. Motion: National Athlete/Coach of the Year voted on by the regional representatives prior to the NCAA banquet. Seconded. Motion fails. 23 YES - 101 NO
 - c. Motion: The winning individual of the NCAA Championship be awarded the National Athlete of the Year. The Coach of the Year will be voted on by all coaches online after the NCAA Championship and awarded at the USTFCCCA Convention. Seconded. Motion passes. 96 YES - 35 NO.
2. Recognize past 35 places at NCAA National Cross Country Championships when foreigners are present in the top 35 places. Matt Moran, SUNY-Cortland. Seconded. Motion fails. 25 YES - 104 NO. Institutional vote.
3. Only 6k and 8k/5M race distances in the last three meets of the season should be considered for the at-large team selection to the NCAA Championship. Greg Huffaker, Illinois Wesleyan. Seconded. Motion fails. 46 YES - 83 NO. Institutional vote.
4. Instead of the NCAA paying for an 8th runner (alternate), qualify 10 individuals from each region for the NCAA Championship. Dan Schofer, Cornell. Seconded. Motion fails. 7 YES - 120 NO. Institutional vote.
5. Set the regional cap to 6 teams. Tim Miles, St. John's. Seconded. Motion fails. 57 YES - 74 NO. Institutional vote.

Session adjourned at 3:56 p.m.