

## **Minutes of the Division III Cross Country General Session**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm MST

Grand Canyon 7

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. President Dara Ford called the meeting to order at 2:45pm
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  - a. The President asked for any corrections to the 2016 Convention Minutes. No corrections were offered, and the minutes of the 2016 Convention were approved as distributed.
- III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Awards (Matthew Barreau, chair)
  - b. Polls (Dustin Dimit, chair)
  - c. Law & Legislation (Derick Lawrence, chair)
- IV. USTFCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT
  - a. Approved motion to move forward with organization of the rule book by sport with the existing rules into separate books for cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field
- V. SUBMITTED PROPOSALS
  - a. Pete Farwell Proposal
    - i. Regional and National Championship starting times/amendment to proposal from December 2016 Convention
      - 1. Antczak: when it gets cold, unreasonable for spectators
      - 2. Moore: about student-athlete experience
      - 3. Hall: shorter time better for student-athletes
      - 4. Lindsey: coaching both genders, extra time
  - b. Paul Deaton Proposal
    - i. Cross Country Championship Distance
      - 1. Deaton: wanting to put motion forward
      - 2. Females can do it
      - 3. Encouraging more mileage and training without knowledge
      - 4. Daum: Equality
      - 5. Dinan: 6k to 8k other components that may make some disinterested
      - 6. Barreau: whether for or against, something that would be a rule change and effect all divisions
      - 7. Lambert: second Paul's motion
      - 8. Weiss: D3 philosophy
      - 9. Nothing to prove doing this
      - 10. Marrocco: talking about equality, moving track events same as well, bodies don't care about distance, women's 6k almost physiologically identical to men's 8k
      - 11. Struggle with women's participation with increase in distance
      - 12. Concern with student-athletes being spread thin, involved in other sports too
      - 13. Brewster: if equality means equal, what does equality mean
      - 14. Hewitt: equity, position for people to thrive
      - 15. Discussion on shortening men's distance
        - a. Vote to put on ballot
          - i. In Favor – 37
          - ii. Against – 88
          - iii. Abstain – 2
  - c. Tim McNeil Proposal
    - i. Equal race distance for men and women in xc
      - 1. Davis: helping or hurting sport
  - d. Matthew Barreau Proposal
    - i. Regional champion team award
      - 1. Barreau: all other sports that use regional qualifier as direct tie to national championship have a trophy
  - e. David Berdan Proposal
    - i. Men race 10k at regionals/nationals

1. Berdan: uniformity
2. Woods: D3 about experience, different than D1 and D2
3. Carious: courses that offer
- f. Chris Buckler Proposal
  - i. Midwest South XC/Track & Field Region Adjustment
    1. Buckler: gets ball rolling on making changes in realignment
    2. Aldridge: 9 regions just like D1
    3. Dimit: close vote in exec committee
    4. Stanley: created subcommittee, concerns of larger regions, alleviating problems, already in talks
    5. WashU against this
- VI. NCAA PROPOSED LEGISLATION
  - a. Eligibility – Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Eligibility – Students Graduating from Division III Institutions
- VII. REGIONAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS
  - a. Regional rep election results
- VIII. NCAA PLAYING RULES SURVEY
  - a. Mark: uniformity of a team look on any given day
    - i. Enforcing rule
- IX. LIZ HOMRIG
  - a. Bidding open
  - b. Hall: no longer having national championship meeting
    - i. Homrig: only sport that doesn't have mandatory coaches meeting

President adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm (Second)

## Minutes of the Division III Cross Country General Session

Thursday, December 14, 2017  
1:30 pm MST  
Grand Canyon 7

- X. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. President Dara Ford called the meeting to order at 1:33pm
- II. SUBMITTED PROPOSALS RECAP
- III. MATT SCHAUF PROPOSAL 2015 CONVENTION
  - a. Stanley: WIAC talked about, taking to AD's then Chancellor's, second from one other conference to get on NCAA convention floor next January
- IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS DISCUSSION
  - a. Course requirements review via Executive Committee displayed
- V. NCAA PLAYING RULES SURVEY
  - a. NCAA Playing Rules Survey
    - i. Carius: not about disqualification, does not effect outcome
- VI. TOMORROW'S AGENDA

Meeting adjourned by President Dara Ford at 1:57pm (Motion, Second)

## Minutes of the Division III Cross Country General Session

Friday, December 15, 2017  
9:45am MST  
Grand Canyon 7

- XI. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. President Dara Ford called the meeting to order at 9:45am
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. 2018 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST

#### IV. TOWN HALL

- a. Hall: hosting meets, beneficial to advertise exact distance of xc courses, parameters of measuring, actually put on the results
- b. Stanley: at committee level (results), supposed to run 5 of top 7 to count for team performance, some results not showing all of the results (DNF's)
  - i. Committee preliminary level talking about
  - ii. Someone not starting or finishing – impact on meets down the line
- c. Bulling: when looking at results, do look at every single runner
- d. Stanley: if 5 of 7 runners that ran at regional championship, then results show up and are calculated, results need to calculate
- e. Anczak: paper results at nationals
- f. Barreau: DNF's need to show up in results (eligibility questions)
  - i. Race distance at championship meets – leaves it open for 5-6k for women
    - 1. Up to games committee (per site)
  - ii. Men's race distance from 8-10k
- g. Dimit: large invitationals need DNS and/or DNF information
- h. Hall: up to coaches to relay information who didn't run
- i. Bishop: helpful to see complete list of institutions that participated in meet
  - i. Way of measuring course (different each time)
- j. McCowan: consider going out to 40 for all-region since now do 40 for all-american
- k. Deaton: women able to race their 6k distance more often
- l. Miller: take average of your course measures
- m. Schofer: see get rid of mandatory coaches meeting at nationals (will put together proposal next year)
- n. Stanley: mandatory coaches meeting because coaches that are making errors
  - i. Open to ideas on how to improve
- o. Moore: coaches meeting tied in with banquet
- p. NCAA committee member: chips were frustrating (found out 20 minutes before race)
- q. Lagasse: information sheet in coaches packet (bullet points)
- r. Out of region competition (meets help fund)

Meeting adjourned by President Dara Ford at 10:45am (Motion, Second)