U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association
Division II Cross Country General Session
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

1. **Welcome –** 2:37pm
2. **Sports Sponsorship Proposal**
   LIZ H. – *RESULTS REPORTING*
   IMPORTANT DATES
   -first date of allowable competition 9/3/2020
   -first competition for at large 9/17/2020
   -regionals 11/7/2020
   -national championship – EVANSVILLE

   BID CYCLE FOR 2022-2026
   -Bids due by 2/3/2020
   -review of bids MARCH-SEPTEMBER 2020

   SPORTS SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS
   -minimum of 5 contests with 5 participants, min race distance men=4k; women=3k
   -Teams can count conference and regional cross country championship competition to meet sports sponsorship (must have at least 4 meets with 5 finishers to use regionals)

   CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

   POTENTIAL CHANGES
   -reduce sports sponsorship requirement number from 5 to 4 and no longer be able to use regional championship as counter for sponsorship
   -minimum race requirements
   -conference/regional championship dates to align with festival years

3. **2018 Convention Minutes**
   APPROVED
4. **Polls Committee Report**
   TORY OLSON – *vacant ranking positions*

5. **DII Cross Country Issues Working Group**
   CHRIS REED – *how can we make this sport easier to understand for coaches, administrators, fans etc.*
   -simplification of sports sponsorship and national qualification

6. **Submitted Proposals**
   -EXPANDED NATIONAL RANKINGS FOR DII CROSS COUNTRY
   -NCAA DII AUTO-QUALIFIER ALIGNMENT
   -NCAA SELECTION TRANSPARENCY

7. **NCAA Proposed Legislation**
   -RECRUITING – CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS – NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER
   EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOVED TO REJECTED

   -TRANSCRIPT PRIOR TO NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT
   EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REJECTED UNTIL FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND HAS SINCE CHANGED STANCE/OPINION

   -SEASONS OF COMPETITION 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE
   EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS

   -TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES
   EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REJECTED

8. **Other Business**
9. **Adjourned –** 3:15PM

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1. **WELCOME** – 1:30PM
2. **DILLON YEARBY**
   PRE NATIONALS – 9/26
   NATIONALS – 11/21
   HOTELS – 15+ within 10-15 of the course
   BANQUET
   COURSE INFORMATION

3. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT**
   CHRIS REED, SEATTLE PACIFIC – VICE PRESIDENT

4. **DII POLLS COMMITTEE VACANCIES**
   MEN'S VACANCIES
   -ATLANTIC, EAST & SOUTH
   -send email to Chris reed or Torrey Olson

   WOMEN'S VACANCIES
   -ATLANTIC, CENTRAL, EAST & SOUTH

5. **TOWN HALL DISCUSSION**
   JACKIE KIRBY - *I would be in favor of the women moving up in distance*
   NICK MOSS – *Has heard numerous opposing opinions*

MIKE – *what is the reason for the women's race being shorter? For women moving up to 8k and men moving down to 8k for nationals*

NICK – *we should put out a questionnaire for real feedback*

JEFF – *Have DI or DIII done anything with this?*

JIM – *there was a proposal and they decided 10 and 6k is where they wanted to stay. DIII race distances are closer*

MIKE – *is anyone else bothered by the selection process being based on 8k results to compete in a 10k at the championship?*

CHRIS REED – *yes. Also concerned about roster sizes when recruiting for this championship distance. No other sport competes one way for an entire season and then changes during the championship. It makes it difficult to market and explain the sport.*

MIKE MEAD – *historical perspective, the women's distance from 5k-6k the argument was having a large enough pool of women to compete at the new distance. If a timeline of when this is implemented could ease the transition. More female input would give us a better perspective*

LEE – *most of our recruits are low mileage and not even competing in 3k and would have reservations about 8k. same for our male recruits moving up to 10k*

STONEHILL COACH – *finding races would be difficult, explaining to recruits why DII is the only division running the longer distance*

CHRIS REED – *the proposal was for a rulebook change and would affect all divisions*

6. **ADJOURNED -** 2:42PM