

NCAA Track & Field Division I General Session
Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Convention Meeting
Held at USTFCCCA Convention in Orlando, FL
1:15pm est

President Connie called the meeting to order at 1:15pm EST

President Price-Smith opened the meeting with an explanation of the schedule change.

Mark Kostek presented on Rules Committee.

He opened the meet reminding the body about Running event advancement. This is critical in preventing disallowing performances. Mark covered in detail Rule 5.10.5€ and 5.11.3. He stressed the point that the Heat Winner advances. He presented scenarios in how to operate in compliance.

Mark's next item was the field event timing limits. He addressed that the Rules Committee will maintain the 30 second rule throughout this season and may re-visit the issue this summer.

Publishing Entries

Code of Conduct

Coaches and institutional Representatives

Misconduct Rule (4-2-3 Page 61)

Looking Ahead to 2021-2022

Newly reformatted rule book

Definitions

Cross Country

Indoor Track & Field

Outdoor Track & Field

Athlete video review during competition

The rules committee are currently discussing the current rule that disallows the athlete from reviewing video during the competition.

How to implement this change

Mixed gender competition

Discussing disallowing mixed gender competition in any event

NCAA definition separates genders as sports (men's & women's)

Please do not hesitate to contact him or the committee.

He reminded the group that the surveys that come out help to give them feedback and participation is critical. Rule Change year w/ a deadline of May 1st.

The next presentation was from Michael Riley, CEO of Track Town USA. Michael provided brief updates for the trials in June. He stress that they are interested in hearing from the body in how they can make the environment better. He covered field event sites, warm up facilities, athlete flow, and the familiarity of coming to compete in Eugene. He asked for input regarding coaches boxes. Lyft and Uber are now operational. The residence halls are open as well for accommodations. Tickets will open in the winter of 2020. If you have VIPs please reach out and they will provide assistance in taking care of these people. He asked if anyone is interested in assisting with the Olympic Trails please let him know. Please contact him at info@tracktownusa.com or via social media.

President Price-Smith approved the minutes from the 2018 convention as written.

President Price- Smith addressed the idea of how to make track events more attractive. She probed the body on how we can accomplish this task. The floor was opened for comments.

Last year during breakouts issues we analyzed between divisions and the percentages between each.

Loosing Men's track and field programs are different between Group of 5 vs Autonomy 5 and are looking for breakout sessions on how to keep men's programs.

President Price-Smith addressed the situation and agreed to make time for confronting the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm est.

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4:00pm est

President Connie called the meeting to order at 4:00pm EST

President Price-Smith opened the meeting with an announcement. There is a need to breakout into Autonomy/other groups. The breakout will occur in place of tomorrow's meeting.

She proceeded to thank the exec committee for their hard work.

President Price-Smith gave a board of directors report to the body. She highlighted key points discussed and reinforced Dennis Shaver's report at the opening session.

Jeff Mlynski addressed the body regarding the ncaa sport committee. His presentation covered results reporting. Please upload your results on time. The indoor t&f schedule. The 1st running event in each day will be the pent and hept 800 and 1000m. He discussed breaking up the schedule of the 5k and 200m. Outdoor prelim schedule items:

Events moved up 2.5hrs

The 10k will remain as schedule with will create a time gap

Saturday events will only move up 1 hour

Big Cycle 2022-2026

Complete bid by February 2020-Sept. 2020

Sites announced Fall 2020.

President Price-Smith had committee members present Playing Rules Passed by other events. Corey Mistretta presented the Horizontal Jump Protest Simplification and opened the floor for discussion.

No discussion

Change meet scoring guidelines- meets with fewer than five teams. Ta' Frias presented.

No discussion

Shantel Twiggs presented the Change meet scoring guidelines-no team score. The floor was open for discussion.

No discussion

Submitted Proposals

Nate brown presented Allowable Precipitation in Jumping Events. The floor was open for discussion

Dennis Mitchel- wanted to provide a guideline for officials to go by under rainy conditions. He felt that the competition could be unfair.

Carl Lewis- asked about the injury factor of wet conditions at a meet concerning athletes slipping on the board.

Carl Lewis moved that this proposal be added to the voting ballot.

Motion carried unanimously

Ryan Herberling presented the proposal of Finals Qualification process to Increase collegiate opportunities. The floor was open for discussion.

Bob Braman- feels the unattached people enhance the meet. We do not want to take away from their opportunities.

Jess UNC- not understanding what we are asking.

Andrew Dobbs VT- the unattached athlete must have a mark to put them in the top 9

Damien Drummond presented proposal to eliminate honorable mention all-american award. The floor was opened.

No discussion

Dan Waters presented the proposal to Eliminate Track & Field Nominations and election committee. The floor was opened.

Dennis Mitchell- looking for a more democratic process. Interested in a true ballot. Wants more people involved in the process

Connie Price-Smith- We sent a request out asking for names for nominations and only received three back.

Dennis- compared the current method to the communist party.

David Shoehalter- this is a very democratic party. Most of the people come from the conference reps on the executive committee. We discussed selecting more than one person so its not just a slate.

Shantel Twiggs- the bylaws state that we can have a ballot or a slate. It gives us options. And everyone has the option to come to the mic to recommend someone.

Dennis Shaver- agreed that the bylaws speak to this issue. Reinforced that this is democratic.

Angie Martin presented the proposal Event Area/Significant Issues Committee. The floor was opened

Dennis Mitchell-Really looking for more opportunities for coaches to get involved. Urged that we move forward with this as soon as possible.

Tim Cawley- I think its an excellent idea. Having the breakouts next year will get younger coaches invested.

Dennis Mitchell- Just because that the exec committee doesn't move forward with a proposal doesn't mean its dead. Bringing issues like this to the floor is okay. Just make a motion if you believe it the proposal.

Moved that we discuss this proposal in further

Unanimous

Kelly Carter- most of the problems on the floor arise because we don't get involved. Read the proposals and get involved.

Angie Martin-

It was moved to add this proposal to the ballot

Motion carried

Tim Cawley presented the proposal to Change Proposal Presentation by Adding Pros and Cons. The floor was opened.

Tim Cawley- we can't sway opinions more that we already are. It's a great idea.

Tim Cawley presented the proposal to Change 1500m in Outdoor track and field to the mile

Eric Houle Southern Utah- we need to spend more time how to promote our sport. We need to be thinking this way. Confirmed his support for his proposal.

LSU- we don't need to change. Fast is fast. Its not that different

Dave Smith- opposed to this. Doesn't think the mile conversion is not equivalent. Why would we disadvantage our kids. Neither will get the media more excited

Kevin Donner- I was originally in favor of the mile, but in the breakout sessions I heard good arguments. Get the publicity at your home meets and leave the 1500m at nationals

Leroy Burrell- we worry how the media will perceive us. Let's put out a clear consistent product.

UTEP- this change will not resurrect the sport. I don't like conversions. Time is time. We make the sport exciting.

Colorado State- if this were true, then the indoor meet would have more coverage

Boston- relatability will not help. Don't make our sport a spectacle

Motion to add more time

Carried

New Mexico- if the media is interested in making a story, they will make one.

Coastal Carolina- We will hurt the progress we are making in the 1500.

Michigan- The specific difference in the start of the 1500 vs. the Mile. This is not the way to promote our sport.

Clarification was given regarding finals qualification process proposal

Motion to adjourn

Carried

Meeting was adjourned 5:07pm est

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President Connie called the meeting to order at 3:31pm EST

President Price-Smith opened the meeting with an Nomination & Election Report

The criteria for holding office was review.

The nominations for President was introduced by John Bell followed by the nominations for vice president.

The floor was opened for additional nominations. After hearing none the Submitted proposals were reviewed

Viewing videotaped attempts

Corey Mistretta presented the proposal and the floor was open for discussion.

Steve Rainbolt Wichita St.- very much in favor. Concerned about different venues and accessibility.

Response from committee member, "You are correct, the committee could not answer how to implement this, but everyone wants it so we voted to approve.

Allow Limited Competitors While maintaining redshirt

Dan Waters presented the proposal and the floor was opened for discussion.

Dan Waters- if there is going to be something coming, this is the cleanest version that we can take care of the situation.

Jesse Parker- Has there been any thought about athletes running on relays

Shantel Twiggs- The relay is by school not by person

Andrew Dobbs- if you declare for conference and get hurt can you redshirt

Dan Waters- No running was your intent

Fjkfjkdjfdlj- The relay point seem unfair

Dave- help me understand the declare part of the proposal

Dan Waters- The declaration was your intent to compete

Leroy Burrell- We debated this heavily, this was a compromise on everyone's stance. We were concerned about the implementation from the team sport vs. individual sport. But we came to a consensus to move forward.

Jon Kent- Why cant we mirror the football and xc models

Connie Price- Smith- this was debated and this is what we came up with

Alabama- if you don't have a conference meet

Kirk Elias- this has been revised a few times. The intent is to eliminate the medical redshirt, and scholarship issue. Trying to find a way to develop our athletes. And coaches that I ask were not in favor so this how it evolved.

Scott Hall- What about IC4A

Steve Rainbolt- I can't see going all the way to the conference championship. Move it back and I'm in favor.

Curtis Frye- I'm in favor. This helps me clean things up for my redshirt athletes and compliance. I don't like the declaration part.

Dale- this is coming eventually, do we want to be told what it will be, or do we want set our own limitations.

Scott- first reaction was no. but I came around to feeling that it's a good proposal. Its clean for compliance, it does not hurt the national championships, everything about it seems positive and I support it in its current state.

Mike Espisito presented the proposal and read a statement from the executive committee

Dan Waters- I wanted everyone to know that this was heavily discussed and drafted

Leroy Burrell- we cant make a proposal that we can't make

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Laura Bowerman from New Mexico presented on the 2020 NCAA Indoor track & field championship. Their committee is hard at work preparing for a great championship. If anyone is interested in competing at the facility before the championship site, UNM will host 4 meets. If anyone has facility or meet questions, please contact her.

James Barr from the University of Texas presented on the 2020 NCAA Outdoor Championships. UT is happy to host the championship for the 2nd year. They are working with the city of Austin to provide the best student athlete experience possible. The format will be the same as it was in the past. Last year's meet produced several Collegiate Records. They are opening more warm-up area. There will be construction during the championships but everything has been accounted for to make the championship the best it can be. NCAA selects officials, but other staff are being vetted as we speak. Coaching boxes and other logistics are being vetted with the NCAA as well to provide the best experience. James continued to cover facility/ weather logistics with the body to finish his presentation. He closed by asking that anyone with feedback may contact him at anytime.

President Smith moved to other business asking the moderators to cover their breakout sessions.

Dan Waters reported that his group had a lively discussion covering the following:

Scholarship Increases- created a working group to provide feedback to the SEC about how we feel about the issue.

Pay for Play- there could be some positive things if properly guided. Talked about the ability to keep prize money. Not being considered a pro athlete until there is a deliverable contract. Created a working group to help research the issue

Roster limitations

Developing True and Accurate Drug Testing at the NCAA- Dennis Shaver and Pat Henry are putting together logistic about how to implement a better test

Awards Ceremonies- How to stop declining attendance. Penalties were discussed. A proposal will be drafted for the next convention.

Media at the Convention- Producing exposure in our sport by inviting them here.

Women's Uniforms- wanted to amend the current policy to

Transgender Policy-

Leroy Burrell reported that his group enjoyed the discussion. The opportunity to dialogue was very valuable. His group discussed the following:

Improve communication and relationship between Power 5, Group of 5, and the Super 22. When we have division, interactions like this are vital to bringing us together.

Loosing men's programs- in trying to fund football and basketball, funding for sports like ours gets cut.

Quality and availability of services at these schools- Huge disparity between revenue and nonrevenue generating sports.

SAAC- use this group to drive the needs of our sport.

Name, Likeness, and Image-

Performance at the National Championships- Trying to have success with fewer resources.

Knight Commission Letter- There will be a disparity of funding between institutions in the NCAA.

Action Items Defined:

Redefine success in the sport

Make women's track & field in the NCAA (money, scholarships)

Produce a survival plan for the sport

Modernize the sport of track and field

Work through this organization to professionalize the title of "Coach"

Ta' Frias reported for the Super 22 group. They discussed the following issues:

Concern of asking for more money. This may adversely affect men's programs

Compiling a list of meets for more mid-major participation

Continuing this format and participation as this continues to grow

President Price Smith moved into the voting session. She explained the membership vs. unit votes.

Voting began with the USTFCCCA Elections:

President Candidate(s) Dave Shoehalter

353-20-39

Vice President Candidates

1Ta' Frias 218

2Angie Martin 180

Policies

Event Area/ Significant Issue Committees

312-77-25

Change Proposal Presentation

257-108-45

UNIT Votes

NCAA Playing Rules

Viewing of Videotaped Attempts

353-32-4

Allowable Precipitation in Jumping Events

233-120-37

Finals Qualification Process to Increase Collegiate Opportunities

272-85-28

Change the 1500m in Outdoor Track & Field to the Mile

57-326-5

NCAA Manual Changes

Allow Limited Competitions While Maintaining Redshirt

233-145-9

President Price-Smith closed the meeting thanking everyone for allowing to serve as the president.

Newly elected president, David Shoehalter followed her thanking her for her service. He stressed the amount of work it takes to be the president. Please continue to involve yourselves in this process. Bring issue to your rep so we can continue our work of affecting change.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm est

Respectfully submitted by Tim Langford, DI Track & Field Executive Committee Secretary