

USTFCCCA

Minutes of the Division I Cross Country Coaches Executive Committee and General Sessions

Orlando, FL

December 17-20, 2012

I. Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in General Voting Session

A. Slate of Officers

Passed: 161-5-1

- i. Vicki Mitchell – Second Vice President
- ii. John Gartland – USTFCCCA Board of Directors At-large

B. Cross Country Starters

Passed: 167-4-0

- i. Modification of cross country start rule regarding placement and number of recall starters, especially at championship events:
 1. Two recall starters at an appropriate distance from the starting line
 2. One recall starter behind the starting line
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Mitchell, Second.

Passed unanimously. Motion above

C. Cross Country Sport Committee

Passed: 156-15-1

- i. Motion to support the creation of an NCAA Cross Country Sport Committee responsible for the administration of the sport and championships of cross country
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Murray, Second.
- Passed unanimously. Motion above

D. 75th Anniversary of NCAA XC Celebration

Passed: 110-57-3

- i. Motion to explore the concept of a 75th anniversary celebration of NCAA Cross Country in 2014 with a combined championships of Divisions I, II and III at the same location on the same weekend.
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Hadsell, Second.
- Passed 16-5-2. Motion above

(A-D – Membership Vote)

II. Non Time-Sensitive Votings Issues in General Voting Session

A. All American recognition

Passed: 158-14-0

- i. Motion to recognize all 40 All-Americans per gender on the stage at the NCAA Cross Country Championships
 - ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Smith, Second.
- Passed: Unanimously (2011)

(Membership Vote)

III. Time Sensitive Voting Issues in Executive Session

A. Amend USTFCCCA Operating Bylaw 4.04

- i. Motion to amend the wording of Bylaw 4.04
At least fourteen (14) A majority of members of the Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum for the

transaction of any business at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

- ii. From the Law & Legislation Committee. Motion – Jones, Second. Passed 23-1-0 (Two-thirds majority of Executive Committee present under existing quorum required for passage)

IV. Non Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in Executive Session

A. Meet Scoring of Mixed Division Races

- i. Motion to specify that scoring of Division I schools only should be used for determining wins for at-large qualifying purposes when reported to TFRRS-XC.
- ii. Motion – Hadsell, Second.
Passed 20-2-2

B. NCAA Sports Sponsorship Issue

- i. Motion to request the NCAA to add cross country to the list of sports exempted under Bylaw 20.9.5.1.3 from the multi-team two-thirds Division I sports sponsorship requirement.
- ii. Motion – Smith. Second.
Passed 24-0-0

C. Meet Schedule at Regional and National Championships

- i. Motion to set the time interval between the start of the men’s race and the start of the women’s race at 1 hour 15 minutes. When women run first to set the time interval at 1 hour between the start of races.
- ii. Motion – Smith. Second
Passed 24-0-0

D. Regional Meet Format

- i. Motion to support the traditional current nine-region format of regional meets.
- ii. Motion – Smith. Second.
Passed 20-0-2

V. Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions

A. Men’s Regional Representatives

Midwest: Matt Esche (Bradley – 1st Term)
Northeast: Brien Bell (Syracuse – 2nd Term)
South: George Watts (East Tennessee State – 1st Term)
Southeast: Norm Ogilivie (Duke – 1st Term)

B. Women’s Regional Representatives

Great Lakes: Tim Connelly (Notre Dame – 1st Term)
Mountain: A’Havahla Haynes (New Mexico – 1st Term)
South Central: Steve Sisson (Texas – 2nd Term)
West: Brad Wick (Boise State – 1st Term)

VI. Executive Committee – Other Topics

A. National Meet Issues

- i. Discussed protest period in an effort to reduce time frame and become more spectator and media friendly.
- ii. Discussed adding an eighth runner at regional meets
Motion – Solof. No Second.
- iii. Discussed regional meet bid process issues

B. NCAA Bylaw Issues

- i. Discussed proposal from Mick Byrne and Ray Treacy to specify that, “Any participation on an international institution’s **team** be considered as having used a season of eligibility irrespective of how the team is defined within the institution.

C. Other Issues

- i. Discussed implementation of an RPI-type ranking system for cross country. A review three distinct approaches – an RPI-type ranking, an extension of the Kolas Calculator to 64 teams and statistical analysis of TFRRS-XC data – will take place on the February conference call.
- ii. Reviewed recommendation to require immediate announcement of unofficial team scores at regional meets in light of 2012 NCAA women’s championship problems.

D. Committee Reports

- i. **Secretary’s Report** – Jones. 2011 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Nominations and Elections** – Hamer. See I.A above
- iii. **Awards Committee** – Smith. No report
- iv. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. See III.A above.
- v. **Championships Committee** – Braman.
 - a. **Qualifying Process Subcommittee** – Drosky. See IV.D
 - b. **Field Expansion Subcommittee** – Jones. No report
 - c. **Regional Site Selection Subcommittee** – Hipp
- vi. **Polls Committee** -- Established rankings/poll dates for 2012
 Regional rankings due on Sundays except conference meet weekend
 August 26, September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 14, 29 (Sunday)
 National rankings submitted Mondays:
 August 27, September 10, 17, 27, October 1, 15, 29 (PM),
 November 12

VII. General Session – other topics

A. Presentations

- i. Geoff Wayton, 2013 Cross Country Championship Meet Director gave a presentation on Indiana State’s meets and set-up of the pre-national meet.
- ii. Balfour presented rings to the staffs of the 2011 NCAA Champions, Wisconsin (men – Mick Byrne and Ed Nuttycomb) and Georgetown (women – Pat Henner, Chris Miltenberg and Mike Banks. All in absentia).

Executive Committee Meetings (Barry Harwick presiding)

12/17/12 Called to order at 9:35 am. Adjourned at 2:35 pm.

(Bell, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Drosky, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harwick, Herbster, Hesser, Ireland, Jones, Keith, Mitchell, Murray, Parks, Senakiewich, Severns, Sission, Slade, Smith, Solof, Wartenburg. Guests: Tom Lewis, Dave Stelnik)

12/18/12 Called to order at 8:05 am. Adjourned at 10:25 am.

(Bell, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Drosky, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harwick, Herbster, Hesser, Ireland, Jones, Keith, Mitchell, Murray, Parks, Senakiewich, Severns, Sission, Slade, Smith, Solof, Wartenburg: Guest: Brad Wick)

12/19/12 Called to order at 8:05 am. Adjourned at 11:15 am.

(Bell, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Drosky, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harwick, Herbster, Hesser, Ireland, Jones, Keith, Mitchell, Murray, Parks, Senakiewich, Severns, Sission, Slade, Smith, Solof, Wartenburg: Guests: Miesha Kelly, Holly Sheilley)

General Sessions

12/18/12 Called to order at 1:30 pm. Adjourned for regional breakout sessions at ~2:20 pm.

12/19/12 Called to order at 3:00 pm. Adjourned at 4:35 pm.

12/20/12 Called to order at 10:45 am. Adjourned at 11:30 am.