

USTFCCCA

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

Phoenix, AZ

December 15-18, 2014

I. Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in General Voting Session

A. Slate of Executive Committee Officers

Passed: 189-12-15

- i. Dave Smith – President
- ii. Vicki Mitchell – First Vice President
- iii. John Gondak – Second Vice President

B. Slate of Division I Cross Country At-large Representative to the USTFCCCA Board of Directors

Passed: 184-19-12

- i. Joe Franklin

C. Election of Men's At-large Representative

- i. Candidates
 1. Mick Byrne
 2. Steve Dolan
 3. Mark VanAlstyne
- ii. Voting Results
 1. Dolan: 80, Byrne: 73, VanAlstyne: 60

II. Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in General Voting Session

A. First Countable Date

Passed: 183-47-7

- i. Motion to move the first date for the first countable competition for NCAA Championships qualifying purposes two weeks earlier.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Shane, Second.
Passed: 20-1-1 Motion above

B. Mandate Attendance at NCAA Press Conference

Passed: 188-24-4

- i. Motion to mandate attendance at the NCAA Championships press conference
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Grove-McDonough, Second.
Passed 24-0-0 Motion above

C. World University Cross Country Championships

Passed: 146-51-17

- i. Motion for the USTFCCCA to select and fund a men's team and a women's team for the World University Cross Country Championships in Cassino, Italy in 2016.
- ii. From Executive Committee: Motion – Allden. Second.
Passed 16-0-7 Motion above

(A – Unit Vote, B-C – Membership Vote)

III. Non Time-Sensitive Voting Issues from 2013 in General Session

A. Protest Period

Passed: 195-11-15

- i. Motion to start the protest period at the Regional and National Championships at the posting of the unofficial results of the second race.

- iii. From Executive Committee (2013): Motion – Harwick, Second.
Passed 24-0-0

(Member vote)

IV. Non Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in Executive Committee

A. Regional and National Meet Check in

- i. Motion to eliminate check in at the Regional and National Championships.
- ii. Motion – Grove-McDonough, Second
Passed 20-2-2

B. Volunteer Coach Recruiting Responsibilities

- i. Motion to allow volunteer coaches to perform limited recruiting duties
- ii. Motion – Hipp, Second
Passed 20-2-1 [was voted down in T&F General Voting Session]

C. B-team Designation

- i. Motion to eliminate the B-team designation for NCAA qualifying consideration
- ii. Motion – Byrne, Second
Passed 16-5-2

D. Regional and National Meet Check in

- i. Motion to extend the current check in period to 90-minutes prior to the start of the race.
- ii. Motion – Houchin, Second
Failed 9-3-11

(Items A-C will be voted on at 2015 General Voting Session)

V. Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions

A. Men's Regional Representatives

Mid Atlantic: Bob Hamer (Rider – 1st Term)
Southeast: Steve Walsh (William & Mary – 1st Term)
West: John Oliver (Stanford – 1st Term)

B. Women's Regional Representatives

Midwest: Mason Cathey (Oklahoma State – 1st Term)
Mountain: Isaac Wood (Weber State – 1st Term)
South: Tony Houchin (Alabama-Birmingham – 1st Term)
Southeast: Mackenzie Wartenberger (Radford – 1st Term)

VI. Executive Committee – Other Topics

A. NCAA Championships Issues

- i. Discussed proposal from Matt Esche for a one-site 64-team Regional Championship. A working group was formed chaired by Esche.
- ii. Recommended maintaining status quo with individual box assignments.
- iii. Discussed host site coordinating/financing team tents.

iv. Review of Regional and National meet check in procedure

B. Other Issues

- i. Charnele Kemper – NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs outlined NCAA governance structure changes. She also showed willingness to review NCAA minimum and maximum competition requirements.
- ii. Jeff Mlynski – NCAA Assistant Director of Championships and Alliances and Gina Sperry – NCAA Division I Track & Field and Cross Country Sport Committee Chair. They are receptive to meeting with Division I Executive Committee leadership at Sport Committee meetings at national championships. Discussed regional and national meet bid process.
- iii. Tom Lewis gave an update on the work of the Joint Divisional Stats Package Standardization Committee for results formatting and presentation.
- iv. Dave Stelnik from DirectAthletics provided an update on TFRRS-XC

E. USTFCCCA Division I Cross Country Committee Reports

- i. **Secretary's Report** – Jones. 2013 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Nominations and Elections** – Braman. See I.A-C above
- iii. **Awards Committee** – Mitchell. Update on changes implemented for 2014
- iv. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. No report
- v. **Championships Committee** – Harwick. No report
- vi. **Polls Committee** – Smith. Reviewed 2014 rankings and polls. Previewed 2015 Poll dates.
- vii. **Working Group on Playing and Practice Season** – Smith.
Considerations to make cross country relevant as a competitive sport.
Three issues: 1. Length of non-countable season, 2. B-teams, 3. Consequences for a loss.
- viii. **Working Group on Poll Philosophy** – Mitchell.
- ix. **Joint Divisional Course Requirements** – Hipp
Recommendations for revisions to Rule 8 for course requirements was rejected by the NCAA Track & Field and Cross Country Rules Committee

F. 2015 Executive Committee Conference Call Schedule

- i. February 4, April 1, June 3, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

VII. General Session – other topics

A. Presentations

- i. Jeff Schemmel of College Sports Solutions on how to make collegiate track & field/cross country more prominent.
- ii. Charnele Kemper – NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs outlined NCAA governance structure changes.
- iii. Next year's convention dates: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 through Friday, December 18, 2015.

Executive Committee Meetings (Sean Cleary presiding: 12/15, Dave Smith presiding: 12/16-12/18)

12/15/14 Called to order at 8:02 am. Adjourned at 12:45 pm.

(Bell, Blake, Braman, Cleary, Esche, Gauson, Gondak, Grove-McDonough, Hamer, Harwick, Herbster, Hopkins, Horst, Houchin, Jones, Metcalf, Mitchell, Murray, Ogilvie, Oliver, Senakiewich, Severns, Smith, Vergote, Watts. Guests: Iloria Cipolat-West Virginia, Greg Hipp-Northern Illinois, Tom Lewis-USTFCCCA, Charnele Kemper-NCAA, Dave Stelnik-DirectAthletics)

12/16/14 Called to order at 8:04 am. Adjourned at 11:10 pm.

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12/17/14 Called to order at 8:02 am. Adjourned at 10:45 pm.

(Bell, Blake, Braman, Esche, Gauson, Gondak, Grove-McDonough, Hamer, Harwick, Herbster, Hopkins, Horst, Houchin, Jones, Metcalf, Mitchell, Murray, Ogilvie, Oliver, Senakiewich, Severns, Smith, Vergote, Watts)

12/18/14 Executive Committee meeting canceled

General Sessions

12/16/14 Called to order at 2:50 pm. Adjourned at 3:52 pm. (Preceded by Regional Breakout Sessions at 1:30 pm)

12/17/14 Called to order at 12:49 pm. Adjourned at 1:39 pm.

12/18/14 Called to order at 10:45 am. Adjourned at 11:10 am.