

NCAA Division II Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association
General Membership Meeting
2008 National Convention – Phoenix, Arizona
December 16, 2008

The meeting was convened by Mike Mead, Cross Country President, at 2:15 p.m.

I. Opening Remarks

- a. Schedule of events reviewed; coaches need to consider restructuring proposal as well as be involved in voting session on Wednesday
- b. Mike Rohl will serve as parliamentarian for meetings
- c. Video conference with NCCA regarding workings of sub- and sports committees
- d. USTF President Doug Logan will address the membership
- e. Patty Vavra, Missouri Southern, incoming President

MOTION: (Chris Asher) That the 2007 Convention minutes be accepted.

SECOND (Patty Vavra)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. 2008 Cross Country Regional Report

- a. Need for procedures to deal with an issue like occurred at the West Region championship meet as well as possible weather-related issues

III. NCAA Issues – Cross Country

- a. Cross country field expansion for teams and individuals
- b. 2010 next budget cycle; need to make proposal now
- c. From a 2006-07 report, in previous 5 years 30 women's and 27 men's teams have joined Division II
 - i. **Proposal #1:** Increase the number of teams and individuals to 26 teams and 3 individuals (maintaining top 5 provision)
 - ii. **Proposal #2:** Increase the number of teams to 27 teams (maintaining top 5 provision)
 - iii. **Proposal #3:** Add 2 individuals per region
 1. Discussion – need to address that strong regions leave top athletes at home under current system
 2. Currently permitted 184 qualifiers; proportionality with Division I would give us 209
 3. How would we determine which regions get the additional teams?
 4. Division I and III advance approximately 1 team for every 10; for Division II this would mean 27 teams

MOTION (Bob DeVries) That the NCAA increase the number of teams and individuals to 26 teams and 3 individuals (maintaining top 5 provision)

SECOND (Doug Watts)

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND

5. Additional discussion – All Region athletes should be at nationals

6. Most difficult to qualify as an individual; consider a concrete number of individuals; often these individuals could earn All-America
7. Qualifying on a third team may get a top athlete All-America
8. Straw vote taken on proposals:
 - a. Proposal 1 – 46 in favor
 - b. Proposal 2 – 2 in favor
 - c. Proposal 3 – 9 in favor
- d. Proposal to change the at-large selection for cross country championship (presented by TJ Garlatz)
 - i. Current system has a benefit as there is no committee making a decision
 - ii. Need to preserve objectivity; does top 8 finish truly determine depth of a region for the current or following year?
 - iii. Propose that each region still get 2 teams but remaining 8 teams will be determined by looking at results after the top team from each region is removed from the national results; true depth of regions will be revealed

MOTION: (Mike Friess) To present TJ's proposal to the General Membership for consideration.

SECOND (Adam Ward)

MOTION PASSED (45 in favor; 7 opposed; 1 abstention)

The meeting was recessed for a break at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 by Chris Asher, Track and Field President.

IV. Eligibility Center (presented by Glenn Terry)

- a. Suggestions to facilitate clearance:
 - i. Has the S-A attended more than 1 high school?
 - ii. Has the S-A failed any classes?
 - iii. Has the S-A taken any on-line classes?
 - iv. Encourage S-A to register early (junior year) and complete amateur status questions
 - v. Division II worksheet in "Guide for the College Bound Athlete"
 - vi. Register S-A on IRL
 - vii. SAT/ACT code = 9999 so that scores are sent directly without fee
 - viii. Best scores are used from multiple tests
 - ix. Attempt to educate guidance counselors on approved core courses
 - x. Early Certification Waiver for Division II: 1000 SAT or 85 ACT; 3.0 core GPA in 12 courses (3 English, 2 Math, 2 Science, 2 additional of previous 3; 2 Social Science; 3 additional) = certification in senior year prior to final transcript
 - xi. Participation in competition with prize money can trigger a violation even if S-A did not receive money
 - xii. Beginning August 1, 2013, 16 core courses required for Division II

V. Executive Committee officers introduced; nominated Aaron Russell for Track and Field Secretary

VI. NCAA Issues – Track and Field

- a. Restrictions on red shirts competing as open athletes; clarification needed
 - i. NCAA interprets no coaching; no use of university-owned equipment
 - ii. NCAA rule book states implements approved for use by all athletes are allowable, with permission

- b. Clarification needed: Points of Emphasis – Misconduct. “To bring greater credibility to the meet entry process, the intentional reporting of false marks for entry purposes is now clearly classified as misconduct. Meet directors must publish entry marks in advance of the competition.” Page 153 “Marks will not be acceptable if they are set in meets or events: Where the competitor was entered with a false entry performance in a competition which had a non-speculative entry mark requirement.”
 - i. Lou Andreadis, Rules Committee representative, commented:
 - 1. Want to get away from false marks; coaches lying on meet entries; attempting to get coaches to be more realistic on entries
 - 2. Meet management must declare standards for entry marks for all to see
 - 3. Meet management may challenge entry; may still be put in meet but with no time
 - 4. Attempting to get meet directors to allow projected times or PRs
 - 5. Discuss page 153 with Bob Podkaminer during rules presentation
- c. 4 x 800 at outdoor championship (discussion led by Dennis Weber)
 - i. Looking a ways to enhance the meet and add athletes who might not get to nationals as an individual
 - ii. Growing high school event
 - iii. If passed by NCAA, not effective until at least 2011
 - 1. Questions posed:
 - a. How many teams accepted?
 - b. What standard?
 - c. What effect will this have on participation numbers for individuals?
- d. Number of competitions
 - i. Division II -Individual limited to 18 dates of competition; in multiple day meets each day counts as a day of competition
 - ii. Division III – allowed four 2-day meets that count as 1 day of competition
 - iii. Division I – 2-day meets count as 1 day; if a meet goes 3 days and individual competes all 3 days, counts as 2 days of competition
 - iv. Division II rule from 1991;needs to be in line with other divisions to benefit S-A’s
 - v. Committee of Chris Asher, Aaron Russell and Mike Friess (**ask Aaron for other member**) formed to investigate

VII. Doug Logan, new CEO of USATF

- a. Collaboration between us needed; “stupid” to have parted
- b. “We’re going to take the rearview mirrors off the bus.”
- c. Custodian of the sport
- d. Return track and field to major sport status in the US
- e. Will mobilize the best minds in the sport
- f. Here to listen and to learn
- g. Re-examine decisions made in the past
- h. Conduct business “without taint”
- i. Adamant about right and wrong
 - i. Comments by Dave Harris
 - 1. Our membership has grown tremendously after separation

2. "We've found our place"
3. What place does USATF have now?
- ii. Response by Logan
 1. Not threatened by separate organization
 2. Not here to replace or to be adversarial
 3. "Shame on us" for not previously meeting the coaches' needs
 4. Coaches are an integral part of the sport
 5. How can we work together?

VIII. Exploratory Committee – Proposed Restructuring (presented by Dave Harris, Patty Vavra and Chris Asher)

- a. Structure: Executive Director, Board of Directors, separate Executive Committees for cross country and track and field, two representatives from each conference (needed by June)
- b. Conference representatives can provide better/larger role than the current system of 16 regional representatives
 - i. 22 conference representatives and cross country Executive Committee
 - ii. 22 conference representatives on track and field Executive Committee
 - iii. 1 representative on each committee for the independents
 - iv. More grass roots involvement
 - v. Direct voice to conference commissions
 - vi. NCAA does its business through conference commissioners
 - vii. Cross country and track and field representatives should be different people
 - viii. Representatives need to attend convention
- c. Board of Directors acts on Division-wide issues
- d. Executive Director the "point person" for issues that affect division-wide in both sports
 - i. Concerns from the floor:
 1. Too many people to get the job done?
 2. Is representation fair when conferences do not have the same number of schools?
 - ii. Responses to concerns:
 1. Separate boards can better concentrate on each sport's needs and concerns
 2. Difficult to conduct business now with regional reps who are far-flung and don't always know others throughout the conferences within their region
 3. Each conference best knows its own business
 4. Can potentially increase the participation of women and people of color in the governing of business
 5. Current conference calls are effective in conducting business
 6. Work is underway to mesh bylaws with new structure
 7. Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve this restructuring

IX. NCAA Committee

- a. Opening comments by Dave Harris: Addressed history of the women's 3k removal; meeting last night to discuss issue; taking up this issue again is for another time and through another venue; no one will say where the "buck stops"; communication was not good; misses Jackie Carpenter; there was formerly mutual respect and good

communication; we've had 4 liaisons in 4 or 5 years and many different sub-committee heads which is not good; the 16 women who participated in the 3k in 2007 were just as good as any others in the meet; personally and as a membership a good friend in Damon Martin has been lost over this issue; there does not need to be an equal number of events between men and women; "We" are the NCAA and we voted last year to retain the 3k; wants to work toward consensus without back-room secrets; looking forward to working with new liaison; coaches need to be proactive to ensure that our issues get due process; officers have learned and grown from this experience; they must represent the organization rather than their own interests; putting faith in coaches on the sub committee to represent coaches' interests.

- b. Committee: Sylvia Barnier, Maisha Palmer and Lou Andreadis
 - i. Role of Sport Committee
 - 1. Administer national championships
 - a. Develop qualifying procedures
 - b. Approve competition sites for regional and national competitions
 - c. Selection of participants
 - d. Determine championship format
 - 2. Manuals and Handbooks
 - a. Policies and procedures
 - 3. Rules
 - a. Jointly with Division I and III sport committees
 - ii. Committee Appointments
 - 1. Peer and self nomination
 - a. Nominations are still be; see "Governance" page on NCAA website
 - 2. Selection Committee
 - 3. Championship Committee
 - 4. Management Council
 - 5. 2009 and 2010 vacancies: South and Atlantic representatives needed
 - iii. Selection Process
 - 1. Qualifying window
 - a. Indoor: December 1st if it falls on a Friday; if not then the Friday preceding December 1st through the 2nd Sunday prior to the national championship
 - b. Outdoor: 3rd Thursday in February through the 2nd Sunday prior to national championship
 - 2. Standards
 - a. "tweaked" each year
 - 3. Proof of performance
 - 4. Declarations
 - 5. Minimum contest and participation verification form (2 years schools can be in a meet that counts)
 - iv. Selections for Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field
 - 1. Indoor Championships
 - a. 200 participants selected per gender
 - b. Minimum numbers in each event
 - i. 12 in individual events

- ii. 10 in combined events
 - iii. 8 relays
 - 2. Outdoor Championships
 - a. 310 participants selected per gender
 - b. Minimum numbers in each event
 - i. 16 in individual events
 - ii. 12 in combined events
 - iii. 10 relays
 - 3. Automatic Qualifications
 - a. Standards
 - 4. Descending Order Lists of Declared Athletes
 - a. Begin with 12, 10 and 8 indoors; 16, 12 and 10 outdoors
 - b. Ties
 - c. Athletes already in meet
 - 5. Committee determines the event(s) to receive an additional entry when cap does not allow an increase in all events
 - a. Consideration of strength and depth of field
 - b. Resources available such as scoring tables
 - c. Other information the committee deems necessary for selections
- v. Communication
 - 1. Coaches Association
 - a. Recommendations
 - b. Proposals
 - 2. NCAA Division II Track and Field Committee
 - 3. NCAA Championships Manager

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NCAA Division II Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association
General Membership Meeting – Track and Field
2008 National Convention – Phoenix, Arizona
December 17, 2008

The meeting was convened by Chris Asher, Track and Field President, at 1:45 p.m.

- I. Kim Duyst – US Women’s Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association
 - a. Main purpose is to provide scholarship
 - i. For Level I, II and III schools
 - ii. For post-graduate assistants
 - b. Membership fee \$20.00 per coach
 - i. Must be a member to apply for scholarship
 - c. Contact Kim if seeking a graduate assistant
- II. Duffy Mahoney – USATF
 - a. Division II athletes – qualifying for Pam Am Junior Team and World Junior Team at national championships
 - b. Make sure athletes have passports
 - c. Coach selection – wants transparency and end to a good-old-boy system of selection
- III. Vin Lananna – US Championships
 - a. Meeting headquarters: Valley River Inn, Eugene, OR
 - b. June 25, 26, 27 and 28
 - c. Similar format to Trials
 - d. USATF handling entries

MOTION: (Mike Rohl) To add additional individuals, 10 men and 10 women, to the indoor championship due to the addition of the multi events.

SECOND (Aaron Russell)

MOTION PASSED (46 in favor, 0 opposed; 2 abstentions)

- IV. Outdoor Championship
 - a. Angelo State
 - b. All events inside facility except hammer
 - c. Host accommodations now available; rooms blocked and can be reserved now
 - d. Dorms and meal plans available
 - e. Website soon live; pole shipping information available there
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Hall of Fame (Steve Guymon)
 - i. Nomination form on line following convention
 - ii. Committee will vote January 5th; announce vote January 10th
 - iii. Nominee must be able to attend induction
 - 1. Provided with 1 night’s lodging and 4 tickets but guests must provide own lodging
 - iv. Get SID involved for bio and photos
 - 1. Multiple photos, including action shots, preferred

- b. Law and Legislation (Doug Watts)
 - i. No report
- c. Meet Enhancement (Kirk Pedersen)
 - i. \$5000 budget; track 2009 deadline has passed
 - ii. Grand Valley and Seattle Pacific-indoor recipients
 - iii. Emporia State and Minneapolis Duluth-outdoor recipients
 - iv. May 15th cross country deadline; approximately \$2000 in budget
 - v. Criteria: improvement to Division II athletes
 - vi. Conference or dual meet not acceptable; meet must be open to a large number of Division II athletes
- d. Post Graduate (Dave Harris)
 - i. New criteria to hopefully increase number of nominees
 - ii. Change to criteria: qualifying standard for indoor or outdoor championship; cross country All Region (completion of eligibility, 3.25+ GPA, participation in national championship criteria remain in effect)
 - iii. Permitted 2 years to attend graduate school
 - iv. May apply up to 1 year following graduation
 - v. Committee will consider circumstance of more than 1 year grace period to use award due to military service
 - vi. Awards:
 - 1. \$1500 to 1 male and 1 female cross country athlete
 - 2. \$1500 to 1 male and 1 female indoor/outdoor track and field athlete
 - 3. \$1000 additional to 1 male and 1 female scholar athlete
 - vii. New committee chair: Steve Eles
- e. Poll Committee (Marlin Brink)
 - i. Regional and national raters recognized and thanked
 - ii. First poll will move back one week; September 15 (regional) and September 16 (national)
 - iii. Pre-season information is extremely helpful
- f. Awards Committee (Patty Vavra)
 - i. List of all Division II awards will be compiled along with criteria, selection process; when and where presented (All America, All Academic individual and team, Athlete of Year, Coach of Year, Distinguished Service Award)
 - ii. Cross country
 - 1. Change criteria for number of individuals receiving All America to top 40 individuals and exclude language "U.S. citizens"
 - 2. Change All Academic from 24 credits to 12 credits to include freshmen and transfers
 - 3. Change team All Academic by eliminating "50% of the meets" language
 - 4. Request approval of slate of recipients for Distinguished Service Award
 - a. Dave Gottsleben, South Dakota
 - b. Mike Grandall, North Dakota
 - c. Dick Clay, North Dakota

5. Request consideration of Lucky Huber, South Dakota, for Distinguished Service Award
6. Looking to possibly expand All Region from 15 to 20
7. Need to determine when new All Academic criteria will be in effect if approved by membership

g. Site Selection (Russ Jewett)

- i. Purpose: to recruit best possible host sites
 1. Aids NCAA subcommittee
- ii. Considerations
 1. Cost effectiveness
 2. Travel
 3. Quality of facility
 4. Possible 6 cities on 4 year rotation
 - a. Host 2 years at a time
 - b. Establish championship “feel”
 - c. Bids 2 years in advance
- iii. 2010 Indoor championship
 1. Big concern, technically bids closed but no bids received
 2. Talks with Stonehill at Boston University
 3. Reggie Lewis Center a possibility
- iv. 2010 Outdoor championship
 1. Bid received
- v. 2010 Cross Country championship
 1. Festival
- vi. 2011 Indoor championship
 1. Probably 2 years at each site
 2. Possible sites
 - a. NW Nazarene (Boise State)
 - b. Nebraska Omaha (Nebraska Lincoln)
 - c. University of New Mexico
 - d. University of Arkansas
 - e. Indiana Bloomington
 - f. Texas A&M
- vii. 2011 Cross Country championship
 1. East-Central-West rotation: possible site
 - a. San Francisco State, Golden Gate Park
- viii. Additional bids
 1. Contact a committee member
 2. Attempt to make hosting desirable
 - a. Potential “award” to host i.e. equipment
- ix. Cross Country regionals
 1. How big a problem is course compliance?
 2. Should “specs” be developed that must be checked off before a host bid can be approved?
- x. Sports festival
 1. Facilities concerns
 2. How do we get a seat at the table?

VI. 2009-2010 Cross Country and Track and Field Rules (Bob Podkaminer)

- a. Equipment
 - i. Downward slope of javelin runway defined
 - ii. Upward slope of high jump runway defined
 - iii. Maximum length for javelin runway eliminated
 - iv. Blocks now permitted a false start detection device
 - v. Games Committee may limit blocks to those provided by meet
 - vi. Hammer handle width restriction eliminated; rigidity to maintain overall length
- b. Administrative
 - i. Reporting a false mark for meet entry is misconduct
 - ii. Entry marks must be published
 - iii. Coaching boxes must be specifically authorized; not automatic
 - iv. Legal uniforms: visual observation makes it clear that all are on the same team; no nitpicking
- c. Running
 - i. Failure to comply with commands at the start requires a warning before a DQ
 - ii. Blocks only in races shorter than 800
 - iii. No tape on hands for relays
 - iv. Combined event tables for 55 and 55 hurdles have been replaced; they are in the rule book
- d. Field Events
 - i. Foot pattern may be used by official during warm-up periods only
 - ii. One personal marker may be temporarily placed on the ground immediately adjacent to a throwing circle during a competitor's trial
 - iii. Flights in field events may be as large as 16
 - iv. Cartwheeling technique in shot put is prohibited
 - v. Minimum procedure for leveling sand in long jump and triple jump is specified
 - vi. Starting heights for tie-breaking jump-off in high jump and pole vault redefined
 - vii. Indoor implements are required for indoor competitions
- e. On-line reference materials
 - i. Standards not in book form due to 2-year cycle of rules
 - ii. On the web in pdf format
 - iii. Web most reliable source for standards
 - iv. www.ncaa.org, "Rules and Officiating" page of either cross country or track and field
- f. How to submit rule change requests
 - i. Anyone may suggest a change
 - ii. Must have endorsement of 2 head coaches
- g. Rules versus Qualification
 - i. Before page 150 are the rules of track and field
 - ii. After page 150 is qualification criteria for championship and as such are under the administration of the sub-committee
 - 1. No rule oversight by NCAA rules
 - 2. The 3k was changed because the sub-committee could change it
 - 3. Anything after page 150 can be challenged, including entry mark situation
 - 4. Challenges will be investigated

- a. Intent is honesty

VII. Zero Tolerance (Wayne Williams, USATF)

- a. Terry Crawford – coaches Advisory Committee chair
- b. Division I approved credentialing of coaches
 - i. Division II urged to as well
- c. No cost for the credentialing procedure
- d. There is a challenge process
- e. Want to determine coaches with pattern of abuse
- f. Only approved coaches on USATF website; non-approved coaches not listed

VIII. Developing a Jumps Program (Lucky Huber)

IX. Video Conference with NCAA

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NCAA Division II Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association
General Membership Meeting-Voting Session on Track and Field and General Issues
2008 National Convention – Phoenix, Arizona
December 18, 2008

The meeting was convened by Chris Asher, Track and Field President, at 10:30 a.m.

Voting procedures were reviewed and the following motions on track and field and general issues were presented to the General Membership for vote.

MOTION: That the restructuring proposal as presented to the General Membership be accepted.
MOTION PASSED (78 in favor, 9 opposed, 0 abstentions)

MOTION: That the following slate of candidates be approved to fill the positions created by the restructuring of the NCAA Division II Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association:

Dave Harris, Executive Director, 1 year term, 2 year term thereafter

Troy Johnson, 2nd VP Track and Field, 2 year term

Gary Gardner, 2nd VP Cross Country, 2 year term

Aaron Russell, Track and Field Secretary

MOTION PASSED (60 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions)

Clarification: 1 year initial term for Executive Director so that Executive Director and Presidents do not all leave office at the same time. Dave Harris pledged to run meetings efficiently, in an organized fashion, with prepared agendas.

MOTION: That the criteria for Post Graduate Scholarships be amended to include having posted a qualifying mark on the indoor or outdoor Performance List or being a cross country All Region honoree. All other existing criteria will remain.

MOTION PASSED (88 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstentions)

MOTION: That the following slate of candidates be approved for the Distinguished Service Award:
Dave Gottsleben, South Dakota; Lucky Huber, South Dakota; Mike Grandall, North Dakota; Dick Clay, North Dakota.

MOTION PASSED (52 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions)

MOTION: To add to the NCAA Division II Operating Bylaws a standing nomination election committee to determine possible candidates; eligibility of candidates; and procedures for voting for election of officers for the Division II Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall name the members of this committee.

MOTION PASSED (88 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions)

MOTION: That the membership of the USTFCCCA support the USATF Zero Tolerance Program document as was presented to the General Membership.

MOTION PASSED (57 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstentions)

- I. Selection Process (Committee members: Kirk Pedersen, Dave Harris, Mark Harrison, Don Hood and Mike Friess)
 - a. Rational and considerations:

- i. Evaluate increase in number of qualifiers for the national championship due to addition of the multi events
- ii. Increase number of relays
- iii. Selections to be made to ensure maximum number of entries; “buy one to get two or three” concept
- iv. Combined events should have same number as individual events
- v. Indoors: 12 minimum individual events; 10 combined events
- vi. Outdoors: What will be the impact of the elimination of the 3k?
- vii. Sub committee strives for maximum number of entries
- viii. Strive for field events to be treated equally with running events
- ix. Validity of Power Rankings? Based on 2001 automatic qualifier data
- x. Striving for equity not what is considered a “popular” event
- xi. NCAA counts bodies not events for equity
- xii. Striving for removal of the human element from the selection process:
 - 1. Top 16 individuals, to ties, each event, including multis
 - 2. Beyond 16, only if already in the meet and next on the list
 - 3. Top 14 relays, 4 x 100 and 4 x 400
 - 4. Evaluate ties and select as many for the 16th spot as feasible (ties do not automatically get selected)
 - 5. Select as many relays as possible up to 16
 - 6. Any other spots go to individual events with only 16 entries; add to the event that would advance the most athletes to the meet (e.g. 16 on list; 17 isn’t already in the meet but 18 and 19 are; this event will get a spot; “buy one to get two or three” philosophy employed)
- b. Discussion
 - i. Discussion at 2007 convention showed a cap of 18 was not well received
 - ii. This is a new proposal
 - iii. Hopefully only the last 2 or 3 selections will have an element of human subjectivity
 - iv. There needs to be equality/fairness
 - v. Is it fair to have fewer than 16 multi athletes when individual events are guaranteed a minimum of 16?

MOTION: To increase the number of participants qualifying for the indoor national championship due to the addition of the multi events.

MOTION PASSED (69 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

II. Women’s 3k

- a. Membership was informed that the Executive Committee passed a motion to request the Division II Track and Field Committee revisit the issue of the elimination of the women’s 3k from the championship met.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.