

Meeting called to order @ 5:45pm

Attendance – 91 People

Bob Podkeimer – Contact information is in the front of the rules book feel free to use it to contact me with any questions you may have.

2013 Convention Minutes Approval – Motion: Jason Lamont Jackson – Virginia State

Justin Weir – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Old Business – Increase Travel Party size – on hold until new budget cycle

Motion: Seeding in the 200m and 400m to have the top two fastest qualifiers from the qualifying heats run head to head in the event final. Proposal accepted August 2014 Effective in 2015 for the 200m,400m, 600m, 4x200m and 4x400m (1,2,5,7 and 3,4,6,8).

Motion: In the 100HH, 110HH and 200m races, advancement will be the top two in each heat and the remaining lanes will advance on time. Rejected August 2014

New Business

Nominations & Election Committee slate for officers:

-President - Ryan Dall (Texas A&M Kingsville)

-VP – Kevin LaSure (New Haven)

-2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Dana Schwarting (Lewis)

Slate going to a vote this Thursday for the body

-Proposal: Motion to stipulate places 9-12 at the NCAA DII Championships in all individual events be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American and places 9-10 in the relays. (Troy Johnson)

Troy Johnson (Cal State Stanislaus) – I know at one point there were only 6 athletes that made All-American and there had to be some discussion and reasoning behind the transition to 8 All-Americans. I don't know what those conversations were because I wasn't there, but I would see this in a similar light.

Jason-Lamont Jackson (Virginia State) – Maybe we can look at wording it a little differently and maybe having 9-12 become honorable mention instead of All-American.

Mike Rohl (Mansfield) – We just had a discussion about making our sport more relevant, I think this is a way to make our sport more relevant and bring more recognition to our sport. When we talk about watering down our sport we have to remember that this is for our kids and we need to remember to keep the student-athletes first.

Troy Johnson (Cal State Stanislaus) – This doesn't take the competitive aspect out of the championships because at the end of the day we are all competing for that #1 spot and that's the reason why we are coaches, we are all competitive in our own right. We have to remove our own personal opinions from the situation and think about what's best for our sport.

-Discussion on fixed field format:

James Reid: Executive Committee currently working on a technical manual for Track and Field, in order for that to occur there really needs to be fixed field sizes. There will most likely be more women than men if we went to fixed field sizes.

George Williams (Saint Augustine) – I oppose the fixed field size format as I believe it waters down the quality of the meet.

Lou Andreadis (Grand Valley State) – There will be changes at this year's Outdoor National Championships, the student-athlete social will be on campus and not downtown so be mindful of that when booking your hotel rooms. There will be more porta-potties at the venue and we will use the big Grand Valley scoreboard to post results, splits, etc. The warm up area and the clerking area will switch places. I understand the javelin runway is not perfect but our administration put \$14,000 into it to try to comply with the demands of the NCAA desired length of the runway. There will also be additional seating in the old hospitality area.

Awards: Steve Simmons (Accusplit): Division II Top Collegiate Relays 2014

Motion to Adjourn: Troy Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: Samella Koroma (Virginia State)

Meeting adjourned @ 7:00pm

## **NCAA DIVISION II – TRACK AND FIELD SESSION**

**DECEMBER 17, 2014**

Meeting called to order @ 11:00am

Attendance – 100 total people

Craig Hougen – I wonder how we can define who is an All-American, I have coached athletes when only the top 6 made All-American and my athlete finished 7<sup>th</sup> and didn't make All-American then the next year it was top 8 athletes made All-American.

Josh (RMAC) – Spear-headed the proposal regarding coaching unattached athletes at meets, looking for a clearer interpretation of the rule that was fair and reasonable, that reflected the purpose of this bylaw.

Mason Rebarchek (Winona State) – I think each conference is hearing a different interpretation and that's what we are trying to get cleared up.

Charles Ryan – Need to put into rule what we can do, instead of what we hypothetically can't do.

Mike Rohl (Mansfield) – This is coming from those Basketball Coaches and Football Coaches who doesn't agree with you being able to coach your athletes at a meet when they are redshirting.

Motion to adjourn – Samella Koroma (Virginia State), 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion - Tina Davis-Fernandes (Cal State LA)

Meeting adjourned @11:45am

## **Thursday December 18 General Session – voting 9:15am**

VP's take head count 138

Division II T&F Voting

Slate of officers track and field President Ryan Dall Kingsville , VP Kevin Lasure 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dana Schwarting

Accept 111      Reject9      abstain 5

To name places 9-12 at the Div II National Track and Field Championships as 2nd team All American in the individual events and place 9-10 in relays

Accept 86                  Reject 34                  abstain 4

Adjourn Dave Osantisch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Vahrencamp. Meeting adjourned @ 9:42am