

Division 2 Cross Country Membership Session
December 16, 2014

Attendance: 78

Lorek call to order 4:15 PM

Approve Convention minutes

Tom Eisenhour motion

Jacob Philipps seconded

Unanimous voice vote

Committee reports

1. Kevin Curtin – Rankings
2. Marlon Brink – Standardization of Scoring and reporting.
3. Scott Lorek - Course requirements subcommittee
 - A. Recommendations were turned down because the rules committee didn't feel like the current set up wasn't that bad. The concern was that we might lose more bids as a result.
4. New Business
 - A. Slate of officers
 - B. Adjustment to check in time
 - i. No proposal is being put forward. There was no desire to bring one forward unless someone feels like it needs to be addressed.
 - C. Fall Festival concerns
 - i. Practicing in the dark
 - ii. Increased chance of practicing in snow
 - iii. Currently we are locked into the meet until 2024
 - iv. The current question is if we can try to get back to our traditional date
 - v. The question was raised if it was discussed about the proximity to finals.
 - vi. Aaron - we need good response to the survey to be able to send to the NCAA
 - vii. The survey will be sent to coaches to be passed along to their athletes.
 - D. Qualifying procedures
 - i. Misch
 - a. Rationale: Attempt to ensure that the best teams are at the national meet for the event.
 - b. Procedure: Change the format to 2 teams per region and disperse the other 16 at large teams based on previous years top 16 finish.
 - ii. James –
 - a. Rationale: Attempt to ensure that the best teams are at the national meet for the event.
 - b. Procedure: Change format to 2 teams per region. Remove top school in each region from previous results and award bids to the regions whose teams are in the remaining top 16 teams.
 - c. The difference between our proposals is that it rewards more teams that are trying to get over the hump.
 - iii. Jim Brewer
 - a. Presented statistics to show how each plan would affect the current set up. Hopefully these numbers help shed some light on how things would change.

Loren Minnesota State Mankato – I would encourage every one to look at and vote on this without considering how it would benefit or hurt your region.

iv. Straw Poll

Current System 26-58-?

Comment: Mason if the goal is having the best teams in the national meet and if our poll is a great measure of how the teams stack up do either of these really get the best teams to the national meet without considering the national poll.

Misch – Rankings are subjective. Looking at the rankings going to the regional meet almost every time the teams that were left out near the 22 range.

Misch Proposal 38-?-?

Rohl motioned to accept the proposal. Easiest to understand. Dana Lewis – the second proposal is different because it throws out a region that might just have one strong team. A point of clarification – the effect is that the 2nd team earns the bid for the 3rd and the 3rd earns the bid for the 4th team in the region. Opposed to both proposals because we are still basing most of our national field on what happened the previous year. It is a better system but ultimately still flawed.

Question was posed: how does this fit into the spirit of regionalization. The other point: have we given enough time to consider the data. Misch – in regards to regionalization we still are handing out two teams per region. We have looked at and considered the data from the last 15 years and evaluated it.

Kearney Proposal 26-38-?

Motion to accept the Misch Proposal – Mike Rohl. Hand Vote to bring Misch Proposal Forward: 66-11-?

F. Other New business

G. Morgan DeSpain and Bill Massoels

- i. Does cutting down from 3 to 2 for regional affect our model of regionalization?
- ii. Bill – I don't think it affects that policy. You're still selecting half of the field that way with that intent.

H. Motion to adjourn Jesse Weiner

I. Seconded by Azusa Pacific coach.

J. Meeting Adjourned 5:17 PM

**Division 2 Cross Country Membership Session
December 17, 2014**

Attendance: 73

Call to order – Lorek – 12:45pm

1. New Business

- a. Presentation of officers
- b. Misch Proposal – to be voted on tomorrow
- c. Unattached Issue – any continued discussion on this matter. The executive board passed along the proposal.
 - i. Discussion: Tom – the student athlete lost a full year of eligibility?
 - ii. They lost indoor and outdoor as well.
- d. Nick – One of the things that has come up is the lack of presence from the NCAA.
 - i. Lorek – Charnel was here for a short time and heard discussion. She directly answered that question.

- e. Mike Meade – about 3 conventions ago we had the capability to talk with some one from the NCAA to reconcile and questions regarding compliance. It would be good to recommend something like that either every other year or each year.
2. Voting device pick up - 7:30 to 9 – Grand Canyon Foyer
3. Motion to adjourn – Mike Rohl
4. California Baptist – seconded.
5. Meeting adjourned 12:53pm

**Division 2 Membership Session (Cross Country portion)
December 18, 2014**

Call to order 9:15am
VP's take head count 138
Division II XC Voting

Accept slate of cross country officers:
Mark Misch President, Lisa Klingshirn VP , Jen Michaels 2nd VP
Accept 98 Reject 12 abstain 11

Change Auto qualifying to two teams per region, disperse the other 16 at large teams based on previous years top 16 teams
Accept 78 Reject 28 abstain 1