

NOR-CAL CC-T&F CONFERENCE REPS. SPRING MEETING MINUTES

24 JANUARY, 2006 – AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE

In attendance: Big Seven Conference: Rick Anderson-ARC, Lisa Bauduin-SCC, Dan Cruz-DVC, Ron Whitney; Central Valley Conference: Gary Bluth-FCC, Dave Bronzan-COS; Coast Conference: Joe Mangan-CSM, Sean Laughlin-CCSF, Gary Shaw-Hartnell; Golden Valley Conference: Pete Giachetti-Shasta; Secretary-Dave Shrock-MJC; Guests: Rob Dewar-SCC, Brock Drazen-Merritt; Gregg Miller-Modesto Relays; Joe Neff-Sierra; Mary Shea-MJC; Demetrius Snear-MJC, Jean Snuggs-ARC (COA Rep.)



T&F Chair Joe Mangan called meeting to order at 10:04am

Previous meeting Minutes: Nor-Cal Secretary **Dave Shrock** presented previous minutes, which were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: Nor-Cal Treasurer **Sean Laughlin** noted that the current Nor-Cal Committee balance is \$3112.59. Laughlin noted that DirectAthletic services were more expensive, though our balance is \$300.00 above last year with all colleges paid.

Track and Field Items:

Gregg Miller of the Modesto Relays Committee began by stating he was disappointed in not being able to host the Nor-Cals in conjunction with the Modesto Relays this year. Miller thought in the past four years that almost everyone had agreed that it was a great experience for all involved. Miller thanked the Nor-Cal Committee and Joe Mangan for trying to make it work this year, and hoped that the meet will return to Modesto in the future.

Jean Snuggs-ARC A.D., COA Rep.: The Nor-Cal Committee needs to clarify the rules regarding the responsibilities of the host college vs. the Meet Administrator if this is a separate entity (e.g Modesto Relays Committee), plus allowing it to be a two-day meet.

Nor-Cal Committee - was unanimous in its support of returning the meet to Modesto if the various issues between all of the parties could be resolved.

Closed Meeting. Mangan, Miller, Shea, and Snear adjourned to a separate room to attempt to resolve management issues related to the Nor-Cal Champs being held in conjunction with the Modest Relays. Gary Bluth then assumed the role of the Meeting Chairperson.

Cross Country Items:

Gary Bluth asked for feedback on the State Cross country Championship sports festival format to present at the following mornings COA meeting being held in Fresno.

Sean Laughlin questioned whether or not the XC champs date would have to move to first weekend in Dec. to accommodate football. Bluth said that the COA at present is going to keep the XC championship on the existing date which is the week before Thanksgiving.

Bob Rush noted that the D.J. needs to be moved farther away from the shelter where results are being processed, and that they should provide their own generator.

Mt.SAC staff noted via e-mail that it was commendable that the athletes received a complimentary barbecue lunch, however, food was not provided for coaches or parents. It was agreed that non-athletes should have the option of purchasing meal tickets in advance.

Gary Shaw noted how rooms were more expensive if booked via the COA room block. Snuggs told Shaw to be sure to request COA re-imburement to make up the difference. Shaw stated that he would not pull his students out of class to travel to Fresno on Thursday to make school visitations and several other coaches agreed with this position.

Nor-Cal Cross Country Championships Sites:

Gary Bluth noted that there is currently only (2) sites on the Nor-Cal Champs site rotation – Crystal Springs (Belmont) and Woodward Park (Fresno) and that other sites need to be added to that list.

Hartnell's Toro Park should be on that list assuming that Hartnell hires a full-time coach to replace the Gary Shaw, who will be retiring in June.

ARC (Beaver Invite) course has changed once again, going back the course of two years ago at the Granite Bay area at Folsom Lake. The new course will feature a wide-open start/finish and be spectator friendly.

Pete Giachetti would like to add the West Valley H.S. course added to the list. This course is located just south of Redding.

Joe Neff noted that has a commitment from Sierra College to redesign a cross course behind the college. Neff hopes to host an invitational on that new course in 2006.

2006 and 2007 Nor-Cal Champs Site: Forwarded by Bluth, seconded by Cruz, and passed unanimously, to hold the 2006 Nor-Cals at Crystal Springs-Belmont (CSM host); and the 2007 Nor-Cals to be held at ARC's Granite Bay Course, if the course meets with the Nor-Cal Committee's approval during '06 invitational.

2006 Nor-Cal Cross Country Schedule:

2006 tentative cross country schedule brainstormed and attached to minutes and posted on www.norcalstat.com

General Items:

State Hall of Fame: All nominations for the State Coaches Hall of Fame should be given to Joe Mangan at the Beaver Relays, 4 March.

State Association Summer Meeting Site: Shrock announced that the vote for the meeting site was as follows
14 votes to meet in Fresno
10 votes to meet in Las Vegas.

Shrock noted that in a phone conversation with COA Assoc. Commissioner Debra Wheeler that the COA office will no longer hold meetings out-of-state with the new leadership, and that COA representatives would not attend a meeting held out of the State.

Cruz forwarded, Bronzan seconded with a vote of 8 for, 0 against, that the Nor-Cal committee moves to have the 2006 State Association and Nor-Cal meeting in Fresno.

Alumni Coaches Group: Rush noted the importance to collect contacts for retired coaches so that they could continue their involvement with the sport and be utilized for roles on post-season games committees. The group suggested that Secretary Shrock assume this duty.

New NCAA Rules: Rush noted new rules and passed out new NCAA rules sheet, of special note:

Cross Country markings: (rule 8-2-3, page 105): Requested exclusion from the solid white line rule over the entire course. It was agreed that the Nor-Cal Rules Committee will determine what are appropriate course markings.

Three digit hip numbers on CC contestant's hip: Rush requested and it passed unanimously to require up to three digit hip numbers for all competitors to wear in post-season competition. The hip numbers would match their bib numbers.

PryoFlash is no longer an accepted timing system for automatic timing. All Pyro marks are to be recorded in 10th's, and reported as hand-timed.

Use of Relay cards for post-season Nor-Cal meets: Rush requested that it be mandated that each relay team list a team of 4-8 possible team members with the clerk of the course 30 minutes prior to the competition or face disqualification. Last minute substitution from this pool of 4-8 must be reported to the announcer.

T&F-CC Nor-Cal Coach of the year award: Gary Shaw brought up the issue that although we vote for the State Coach of the Year, but we do not officially vote for the a 'Nor-Cal Coach of the Year'. Shaw forwarded, Cruz seconded, passed 9/1, to amend the Nor-Cal Bylaws to include a Men and Women Nor-Cal Coach of the Year for both T&F and CC. Each conference will submit two names of each gender for voting at the Nor-Cal Championship meet. The Nor-Cal meet director shall be responsible for purchasing

awards plaques at a total annual cost not to exceed \$100.00 per year. The results and plaques will be presented at the state championships.

Fresno Indoor Meet Review: Gary Bluth said that despite some inaugural meet challenges, the meet was a success and was close to breaking even financially. In order to enter athletes in next year's meet, each college will need to file a request with the COA for approval to allow athletes to represent his or her college. Any athlete may still compete unattached. If the request to the COA for Special Event status is granted, this competition would not count towards the fourteen allowed meets. The athletes could then be recognized as competing for their college and college vehicle and funds could be utilized.

USATF-USCCTCA Convention Reports:

Association President Rick Anderson reported that he and Doug Wells represented the 5CTCA at both conventions. Fred Baer reported that seven coaches attended the coach's association convention, while eleven attended the USATF convention. The Coaches Association has changed its name to the USCCTCA and is becoming a more NCAA Div. I driven organization. In reaction the NJCAA, Northwest, and California coaches, who make-up 700 coaches, have formed a national community college association. Baer requested that the 5CTCA contribute \$10.00 per program to help pay for the new association's administration expenses including supplying All-American certificates to athletes. No action was taken.

COA Report:

Assoc. Pres. Anderson reported that the decorum rule approved at the assoc. summer meeting was tabled at the Oct. COA convention and Assoc. Vice Pres. Pam Kelly is rewording the proposed rule change and will submit it for the Spring COA convention vote.

Anderson reported that he did not know why the two-day post-season rule approved at the assoc. summer meeting was tabled at the October meeting.

Track and Field Items, *continued*

Mangan, Miller, Shea, and Snear returned to the general meeting stating that they thought an undisclosed compromise had been reached, and that the respective parties would speak with their constituents to see if it was possible to return to Modesto for the 2006 Nor-Cal Championships.

Update: It was decided by the parties that the championships could not be hosted at Modesto this year. It was forwarded by Bauduin, and approved by a vote of 6/1 that Sacramento City College host the Nor-Cal Champs. the week before the state meet which is a week after this year than usual.

Revised Nor-Cal 2006 post season schedule as of 28 January, 2006:

Meet	Date	Site
Nor-Cal Combined Events	18-19 April	College of San Mateo
Conference Championships	to be determined by conferences	t.b.a.
Nor-Cal Championship Trials	Friday, 5 May	College of San Mateo
Nor-Cal Championship Finals	Saturday, 13 May	Sacramento City College
State Championships	Fri./Sat. 19-20 May	Bakersfield College

Rotational Meets: Snear of MJC questioned a decision which moved Modesto from competing at FCC to SCC for a rotational meet without prior approval from MJC. Cruz, who is the rotational scheduler, stated that the decision to make the scheduling change was submitted by FCC and approved by the Nor-Cal Reps. It has been a philosophical premise in the past that colleges cannot be forced to host, nor can schools be forced to attend meets at certain venues.

Nor-Cal Combined Championship Meet Information: Meet Director Mangan noted that there will be two high jump and pole vault pits to help speed up the competition. In an effort to better determine who is eligible to compete in the combined championships, Mangan proposed, and was approved by a vote of 7-0-1 abstention that **Sunday, 2 April at noon be the submission**

deadline for entries to the Combined Championships. Marks may be updated after this date until Sunday, 9 April. For further information, refer to: www.nor-calstat.com.

Nor-Cal Championship Athlete of the Meet: Shea of MJC asked if there was balloting for this distinction at the Nor-Cal Championships. Mangan suggested that a balloting process be discussed at the Nor-Cal seeding meeting on Sunday, 29 April at ARC's Ranch House, and then forwarded to the Nor-Cal August meeting for possible inclusion into the Nor-Cal Bylaws.

2006 T&F Season Notes:

Add **Chabot Relays, 1 April** at Chabot College, Hayward

Ed Adams, will be a two-day meet (7-8 April) with the steeplechase and hammers on Friday afternoon.

General Items, *continued*

New Coaches:

Brock Drazen - Merritt XC-T&F

David Flynn- De Anza T&F

Gene Neeley-San Jose CC T&F

Robbie Snelling - Butte T&F

Curtis Taylor - Laney wm T&F

Retiring Coaches:

Gary Shaw - Hartnell: at the end of T&F season

Steve Haas - San Jose CC: at the end of '05 XC season

Selection of replacement Nor-Cal Rule Committee Representatives:

The Coast Conference needs to replace retiring De Anza coach Curtis Smith

The Golden Valley Conference needs to replace retiring Lassen Coach Ross Brosius

Joe Mangan thanked these coaches for their contributions to the Nor-Cal community and requested that at their spring conference meetings these conferences designate replacement coaches.

XC-T&F Reconferencing: Giachetti and Drazen both noted concerns regarding the current conference formations. A problem arises whenever an "incomplete" conference is hosted by another conference, in that the incoming conference loses its representation on the Nor-Cal Rules Committee. Furthermore, small colleges are now often forced to compete in a new super conference that no longer provides a competitive arena for them. Bluth again offered his idea that the Nor-Cal region must be re-conferenced by sport rather than by total college programs.

Nor-Cal Officer nominations: Mangan requested that reps. canvas their conferences for those who would like to run for the Nor-Cal leadership offices of Cross Country Chair - Track and Field Chair - Secretary - Treasurer. Mangan suggested that the August meeting be set as the deadline for nominations.

Gary Shaw has been a member of the Nor-Cal Rules Committee for longer than anyone can remember. Now that he will be retiring from Hartnell, his wisdom and leadership will be greatly missed.

Meeting adjourned 2:20pm

respectfully submitted by Nor-Cal Secretary Dave Shrock