

Nor-Cal COACHES MEETING MINUTES – 17 AUGUST, 2002

Held at Fresno City's Health Science Building

In attendance: Raydell Barkley-Delta, Dave Bronzan-Sequoias, Lisa Bauduin-Sacramento, Ross Brosius-Lassen, Gary Bluth-Fresno, Sean Laughlin-San Francisco, Joe Mangan-San Mateo, Bob Rush-San Mateo, Melisa Seale-Mendocino, Gary Shaw-Hartnell, Mary Shea-Modesto, Nate Slaughter-Merritt, Dave Shrock-Modesto, Curtiss Smith-De Anza/Cabrillo, Ron Whitney-Santa Rosa. Guests: Gary Dilley-San Mateo: COA CC Rep., Fred Bear-JC Athletic Bureau

Gary Bluth called the meeting to order at 8:15am

Cross Country Items:

▪ **Cross Country Schedule:**

Lou Vasquez Invite: Moved to Thursday, 3 October due to a concert in Golden Gate Park

Modesto Challenge: Moved to the following week: Saturday, 26 October due to a civil war reenactment to be held in Legion Park.

2002 Nor-Cal Championships: Confirmed that new Sierra Coach Britta Clarkson will host the Nor-Cals at Sierra with any assistance from ARC or SCC. Day of week yet to be determined.

Treasurers Report: Sean Laughlin distributed a current treasurer's report for the 2001/02 year.

▪ **Post Season Competition Qualifying:**

Gary Bluth and Ross Brosius brought the group up to speed on the discussion of the previous evening's executive meeting. Bob Rush proposed (**bolded**) the following amendment to the South's proposal:

A minimum of ten teams shall qualify from each region and any number of teams above ten will be determined by: The top 50% plus one of teams from the regional meets will advance to the state meet not to exceed 14 teams per region. (*Sec. note: as of now there are at least 43 women's and men's programs in the south, so the southern region would qualify 14 teams, while in the north, there are 22 men's and 13 women's teams, so the northern region would qualify 11 and 7 teams respectively*). The top 30 individuals from non-qualifying teams if in the top 50% of the finishers in the race would also qualify from each region.

Forward by Bob Rush, seconded by Bauduin/Mangan.

Discussion:

Mangan: With this proposal the north is the region doing all the 'funneling', and the south keeps its 14 qualifying teams.

Bluth: The advantage to this proposal is that we can increase our numbers of teams represented if we increase the number of programs in our region.

Seale: We should also forward to the COA twelve from each region as it is important for athletes to gain exposure to 4 year schools by competing in the state championships.

Vote: Item passes unanimously, and will be forwarded to the General Meeting for discussion.

Track and Field Items:

- **Rotational Schedule:** Joe Mangan forwarded Ron Richardson's 'Nor-Cal Rotational' schedule and asked all coaches to check, and get back to Ron with any changes or adjustments ASAP.
- **Corrected e-mail addresses:** Mangan reiterated that all coaches provide correct e-mail addresses, and all conference reps. make sure they collect any new or changed e-mails and submit to secretary Dave Shrock at the Reps. meeting 1 October.
- **Posting of invitational dates:**
 - Sat., 8 March:** Beaver Relays (*needs to be confirmed with ARC Coaches*)
 - Sat., 15 March:** Merv Smith Invite.
 - Sat., 22 March:** All American CC/JC Invite. at Nor Cal location
Stan Wright-Panther Invite.
 - Fri. 4 April:** Fresno Invite.

Fri/Sat. 4-5 April: Ed Adams Invite. (*men's 10K*)

Sat., 12 April: Bruce Jenner Classic (*needs to be confirmed with SJCC Coaches*)(*wm's 10K*)

▪ **Post season competition:**

Nor-Cal Combined Events Champs: As it is the CVC turn to host the combined events championships, Joe Mangan contacted all CVC coaches as asked if San Mateo could host the Combined Events this coming year with the CVC hosting the event in 2004. This is because San Mateo's facility will most likely be closed for renovations in 2004, which is the Coast Conference's normal rotation year. All CVC coaches agreed, so San Mateo will host the Combined Champs on Tues/Wed. 15-16 April.

Nor-Cal Trials: If the Nor-Cal Committee votes to continue the Nor-Cal Finals with the Modesto Relays, then the BVC shall host the Nor-Cal Trials for the coming season.

State Meet: Shasta's facility is not usable at this point, and both Joe Mangan and Ross Brosius will work to determine if Shasta's facility will be ready in time. Mangan noted that if Shasta cannot, the champs becomes the responsibility of the Coast Conference, and if a Coast Conference School will not take on the meet, he will then ask for schools interested in all or Nor-Cal. Resolution should be by Labor Day. Bakersfield College has said that they would host the meet if no one in the North would.

Nor-Cal Finals: Joe Mangan began by saying that last year's meet was successfully held in conjunction with the Modesto Relays, and the arrangement was to be reviewed by the Nor-Cal coaches and the Modesto Relays with the possibility to continue the relationship 1 or 2-3 additional years. The Modesto Relays Committee has said that it would like to continue the relationship, with the understanding that it did not meet 100% satisfaction of the Nor-Cal coaches. The Relays Committee met with Joe Mangan and said they are willing to make concessions to the Nor-Cal coaches. The most major of which is to give the Nor-Cal JC/CC's their own block of time. The Friday field events would be largely as this year, with all running events beginning approx. 12:00noon, and finishing at approx. 4:00pm, with some open events intermixed, though not as to disrupt the Nor-Cal time schedule. With the JC/CC portion concluding at approx. 4:00pm, the Relays would then begin with their welcoming ceremonies which would give the JC's an excellent opportunity to acknowledge a) retiring coaches, b) team championship winners, c) outstanding athletes of the meet awards in front of thousands of people.

Question: Does the body want to stay with Modesto and have the BVC host the Trials?

Discussion:

Gary Shaw: What are the financial benefits of staying at Modesto? How much 'in kind' do we save, or do we get cash back.

Curtiss Smith: We should look more carefully at the finances before we commit to a 2-3 year contract.

Nate Slaughter: We should get a kickback from the Relays Committee for them hosting the Nor-Cals. To these questions, Nor-Cal treasurer Sean Laughlin and meet director Mary Shea both stated that the accounts balanced, with the Nor-Cal committee contributing \$3200.00 towards the meet which was less than the previous year's meet at Hartnell. 'In kind' benefits were: the Relays paying for timing: \$3,000; officials and coaches lunches \$1,000; officials allowance: \$250.00; hotel rooms for outlying teams: \$2,000; facility rental: \$1500, security: \$850, etc. so the Nor-Cal schools realized more 'in-kind' savings than money paid.

Sean Laughlin: I'm surprised the Relays even wants us, it's a great meet. It's not perfect, but they're willing to work with us.

Ron Whitney: It's a great experience for our athletes to get with international athletes and to have the likes of Suzy Powell and Jay Sylvester over at the discus and have a huge crowd watching our championships.

Lisa Bauduin: I don't think that we should vote when the BVC is opposed to having the meet at Modesto.

Amended Question: Should we tell the Modesto Relays Committee that we are interested in returning to Modesto with additional information needed on the following:

Forwarded by Bluth, seconded by Bronzan, passed 18 yes, 0 no, 4 abstaining. Motion passes.

Additional information needed on:

- 1) Full schedule of event up to when the JC portion has ended.
- 1a) would we run the 5000's at 3:45pm, or Friday evening when it's cooler.
- 2) Some officials, specific to the LJ/TJ, did not show, and did not know some of the rules and how many qualified. (*Mangan noted that this is more the role do the Nor-Cal Committee and meet director, not the Relays organization*)
- 3) Requiring of additional rooms for colleges who may have to stay over as some athletes compete both Friday and Saturday.
- 4) The relaxation of seating during the Saturday morning hours to enable Nor-Cal coaches and spectators open seating before the larger crowds arrive.
- 5) More recognition of JC athletes in the form of awards ceremonies.
- 6) Bob Rush noted that it would be advisable so as to not burden the Modesto staff, that the meet director responsibilities be rotated between Nor-Cal host conferences, or a person not affiliated with MJC.

It was decided that the final vote would be held at the Nor-Cal Reprs. meeting 1 October. Conference Reprs are to speak with their coaches before the meeting and get additional feed back. Mangan will meet with Modesto Meet Director Gregg Miller before the meeting and have these concerns addressed.

- **Use of Automatic Timing in Rotational Meets:** Bob Rush noted how at some meets we are still posting hand times to the DA marks list which are often inaccurate and unfair. After discussion, the following proposal was introduced:
It is *recommended* for the 2003 season, and *required* for the 2004 season that automatic timing be used in all Nor-Cal rotational meets. Proposed by Shrock, seconded by Slaughter, motion passed unanimously.
- **Fall Nor-Cal Reprs meeting:** will be Tuesday, 1 October from 10:00am-2:00pm at the ARC Ranch House. Lisa Bauduin will confirm with ARC al the details.

Joe Mangan adjourned the meeting at 11:48am.