

WBCA Foresight Committee Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2008
Noon – 1:30 P.M. EST

- I. Welcome and Introduction – Sherri Coale/Beth Bass
- Sherri Coale – Appreciate everyone being on the call. We have a full agenda today. Two special guest on the call today: Sue Donahoe great guide to the WBCA; Jackie Silar (Chair of the Women’s Basketball Committee) from Duke University
 - Jackie Silar – Appreciate the opportunity for the NCAA Committee as well as staff to talk before the start of each Conference Captains call to keep the line of communication flowing between the WBCA and the Committee.
 - Sue – Thank you and appreciate the opportunity to join the call. NCAA and WBCA Executive Committee got together this summer, talked about ideas to enhance the communication between the WBCA, Women’s Basketball Committee, and the NCAA staff, and felt that giving an update on the conference calls would be a great way to do this.
 - NCAA has a full time staff that works on the game of women’s basketball and on the championship. Been in existence since December 1999, January 2000. Three administrative assistants that support the WBC staff.
 - Sue is Vice President for DI Women’s Basketball.
 - Michelle Perry – Director of DI Women’s Basketball Championship
 - Rick Nixon – Association Director for the DI Women’s Basketball Championship
 - Meredith Miles – Coordinator of DI Women’s Basketball Championship and oversees a lot of the special events.
 - Hired two additional staff members
 - Jackie Campbell – Director of DI Women’s Basketball Championship
 - Dina Barcoto – Associate Director
 - Jackie – Update on what Women’s Basketball is doing at this time: reviewing the bid proposals for the Women’s Basketball Final Four cities for 2012-16. Cities have been narrowed down from 12 cities to 8 cities. Around Mid-November, will make final decision on the cities for 2012-16. The choices are important to the game of women’s basketball as well and to the cities that host the final four. The cities are: Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Indianapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, San Antonio, and Tampa
 - Sue – Economic Impact for the Women’s Final Four ranges anywhere from \$20-30 million
 - Jackie – The criteria focuses around: arena, quality, size, proximity to the venue, convention center, hotels, proximity to downtown, and ease of airport of in and out.
 - Also in October will be the Women’s Basketball Committee will be holding a meeting. Would like to know any items to address or discuss that coaches would like to be added to the meeting agenda.
 - Sherri – Coaches: send any items to Beth Bass and she will send on to Jackie.
- II. Roll Call – Julie Guttowsky
- Attendance: Sherri Coale, Bonnie Henrickson, Terri Mitchell, LaVonda Wagner, Doug Bruno, Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Jenn Rizzotti, Lisa Piper (filling in for Lisa Bluder), Carol Owens, Joanne Boyle, Coquese Washington, Sue Semrau, Kristina Walmecker (filling in for Charli Turner Thorne), Charlene Thomas-Swinson, Tom, Collen, Muffet McGraw, Cathy Andruzzi, Katie Meier, Jill Dunn, Deb Patterson, Phyllis Mangina, Jamie White, Bud Childers, Mary Hegarty, Linda Shields (filling in for Debbie Taylor), Audra Smith, Beth Couture, Dayna Smith, Joe Logan, Maria Fantanarosa, Dee Stoke, Jim Flanery, Jeff Mittie, Stephanie Gaitley, Brady Sallee, Bev Smith, Tammy Smith, Amanda Butler, Annette Watts, Rae Blair, Sandy Pugh, Shann Hart, Amy Champion, Raegan Pebley.
 - Absent: Geno Auriemma, Cindy Fisher

- III. Job Description – Betty Jaynes
- WBCA has oriented all the new conference captains either with a group or private tutoring.
 - Right now, the most important this is the represent your conference and come up with ideas that we need to put into the legislative cycle.
 - All of you know your responsibilities.
- IV. Committee Mission – Sherri Coale
- Remind everybody of the Foresight mission: To have 100% of the women’s basketball specific proposals come through the WBCA Foresight Process, so that they can be voted on by the entire membership at the DI Business Meeting at the Final Four. Then forward them on the get sponsored into the NCAA Legislative Cycle – to prevent Women’s Basketball fatigue.
 - Tremendous opportunity to present ONE voice to the NCAA on legislative issues.
- V. Division I Legislative Survey – Muffet McGraw
- The Women’s Basketball Issues Committee and Myles Brand has some new ideas about summer school and getting access to players.
 - ◆ Looking at the whole picture – If we can get access to our players in the summer, do we want to change the recruiting calendar to fit.
 - ◆ Survey was sent out to get the memberships opinion on summer access and the recruiting model. As of today, we have received a fair response.
 - Shannon – As of today, we have 160 surveys completed. The WBCA is going to send out an email today to the coaches who have not responded and give them until Wednesday to complete the survey. Then on Thursday, we will compile a list, by conference, of the coaches yet to fill survey out and send to the Conference Captains. It will then be the Conference Captains job to follow up one-on-one get with the remaining coaches in their conference to fill out the survey.
 - Deb Patterson (Big 12) - Had a conference call with all coaches in the conference, went through the survey as unit. Discussed ideas that the coaches wanted to present relative to the survey. Very beneficially. Ideas that came out of the of the call:
 - ◆ There is not a strong feeling for mandating summer school.
 - ◆ Coaches were very much in favor of the additional time and accessibility to the student-athletes in the summer
 - ◆ Standard from the coaches on accessibility was possibility of two hours a week for those student-athletes who are in summer school and to including incoming freshmen.
 - ◆ Majority felt that it is important to designate that we should stay in line with the four-player individual that is current.
 - ◆ Coaches expressed interest in allow incoming players to be a part of working camps and doing the summer tour.
 - ◆ Recruiting Model: Talked about the options on the survey. Discussed pros and cons particularly with the May/June weekend and came to a consensus that the model that we are currently operating on was the strongest at this point in time. No strong consensus about any particular change. Liked the July recruiting period as is.
 - ◆ Coaches felt that the spring recruiting period is significantly more valuable to our coaches and their evaluation and future contacts throughout the course of the summer. Four out the on the road during the Spring recruiting period would be something very valuable for our game to consider.
 - ◆ Fall evaluation period if very redundant and takes away from what the coaches are trying to do on campus and with establishing the official visits. Fall evaluation period is not real valuable for the coaches in the Big 12.
 - ◆ Very strong lack of awareness of the WBCA Ethics Committee and how it functions.
 - ◆ Coaches felt that here was a lot of conflicts with institutional campus with facilities, have to share with men’s basketball, volleyball

- Phyllis Mangina (Big East) – Conference call with coaches to discuss survey. Good discussion with regards to the calendar model in the summer.
 - ◆ No mandate for summer school.
 - ◆ Looked at recruiting model: Recruiting in June some. Look at going out for 6 days, having break, back on the road for 7 days, having a break, then back on the road again for another 7 days.
 - Reason why looking at that model: Keep the 20 days. That is important, need that time to evaluation psa.
 - Agreed to having access to present student-athletes as well as incoming freshmen. But if going to do that, coaches will need to be at home a little more. That's why looked at on-off-on-off model.
 - Limit time on an individual basis and not a team basis.
 - Look at this kind of model: move the dead period where off in the summer to a quite period.
 - With current model it is hard to have camps, be on the road and everywhere at one time.
 - Are for having a 4th coach on the road.
- Amanda Butler (SEC) – Idea came out coaches' discussion.
 - ◆ Idea from Coach Landers of Georgia: Not about changing the recruiting model in terms of the days, but changing the restrictions within the days. First period when coaches go out, in that 10 days – limited to only viewing the upper classmen, have break, come back for the second period – only allowed to view the younger age group.
 - Reason for this is that by the end of July seen the same kid multiple times; this will help to eliminate the babysitting. Also, if allowed access to current student-athletes, that second period the head coach make decision to stay at home and send an assistant.
 - ◆ Sherri asks the question: how would we get the non-scholastic event operators to divide the kids that way?
 - One thing that the SEC talked about it is that the coaches would have to be disallowed to go to a tournament/non-scholastic event if there were going to be prospective student-athletes there that coaches are not suppose to view at that time. Would have to communicate to non-scholastic event holders.
 - Shannon offers the suggestion that if our coaches did like the idea, might be an opportunity with Youth Basketball Initiative. Structure hasn't been established yet, this could be a way that they structure the events that they are going to run.
 - ◆ Another huge problem that the SEC coaches talked about was as coaches are observing/evaluation the psa, what they look like at the first part of the summer and the last. Help to eliminate injuries and the pressure that they psa feels to have to play in all these games to get recruited. Safety of these young ladies.
- Dee Stokes - MEAC coaches would not support having four coaches out at one time. Reason: a lot of schools in the league don't have DOBO's, so there would be no one back at the school with the kids. Dee also posed the question: If we send four coaches out in the summer and we could be involved with kids on campus, who is going to be involved with the kids? How is going to be possible?
- Phyllis Mangina – If we could get four coaches out, would just like to see it for the weekend in April. One time, one weekend. Important for the development of the list of recruits.
 - ◆ MEAC would agree with that.
- Maria Fantanarosa (MAC) – Wouldn't want to support the idea of splitting the two July periods up with upper classmen and sophomores/freshman. Needs to be able to evaluation that rising senior who has been told no from the bigger DI schools.
 - ◆ The last ten days are important to the mid-majors. Three other coaches agreed with that.
- Sherri asked the question about the fall recruiting period and how others felt about it?

- ◆ It's redundant
- ◆ Agree, need that time to be on campus. April is much more important and our ability to go out in July.
- ◆ Problem comes when having a big football game and wanting to bring kids on campus for official visits, but then feel the need to be recruiting.
- ◆ It is helpful to some, spend the entire time in July looking at the upper-class, use the fall time to see the younger kids.

VI. Timeline – Shannon Reynolds

- a. Went over the WBCA Foresight Process Timeline.
- b. By Oct. 15, 2008 – need to have in writing or email from each Conference Captain that either met at spring meeting and issues have been submitted or had conference call with coaches and issues are submitted.
- c. WBCA will send out an email around the time of the Women's Bracket show to all DI members asking for any new issues to be submitted that came up over the course of the season and also reminding coaches that voting transfer rights need to be submitted to the WBCA in writing. These will be due on March 19, 2009.
- d. On timeline: in January, Change in NCAA Legislative Committees. No longer a Management Council. Divided into the Legislative Council and the Leadership Council. Legislative Council will now be the focus.

VII. 2007-2008 Foresight Committee Recap – Shannon Reynolds

- During DI Business Meeting in Tampa had two legislative issues that came forward with the 70% majority vote.
 - ◆ First one: Not having to touch home before going back to the gym to evaluate. WBIC supported. NCAA Championship/Competition Cabinet did not support. Did not get into the NCAA legislative cycle as we submitted to the WBIC. It was changed.
 - Big East stepped up with help of Carolyn Campbell-McGovern and Muffet McGraw and put forth a proposal to get into the legislative cycle by July 15th, allowing for there to be discussion about it. Had discussions at the WBCA Board of Directors meeting. Still very divided as to what we wanted.
 - Big East proposal – What it does: eliminates being able to split days, don't have to touch home but can only have three coaches recruiting in one day. It does help with travel time, work/life balance, finances.
 - Muffet stated that when she last talked to Joey at the Big East, possibility of inserting into the proposal that if you are going home then you can use the half days.
 - Keep tracking of this proposal, changes are still possible, and make sure your administrators on campus know how you feel about this issue.
 - ◆ Second proposal: Allowing team building activities to begin once classes begin. WBIC supported, Championships/Competition Cabinet did not support. No action.

VIII. 2008-2009 NCAA Legislative Proposals – Shannon Reynolds

- Narrowed down to issues that are important relating to women's basketball and/or important to the WBCA DI membership. These are proposals that are in the cycle, they can still be modified/changed.
- Pointed out a couple
 - ◆ 2008-12 – Asked the Big East to help in putting forth this proposal. Don't have consensus.
 - ◆ 2008-30 – Originally proposed as men's basketball proposal. WBIC has asked for women's basketball to be included.
 - ◆ 2008-31-Unintentioned consequences to this proposal. WBCA Board of Directors felt that non-scholastic event operators could start running these kind of events every

weekend in hotels and asking coaches to pay hundreds of dollars and coaches feeling like that had to go.

- ◆ 2008-45 – WBCA has expressed to the WBIC that are schools that don't have multiple facilities and would be at a disadvantage. We wanted to have included that you could be on opposite sides of the court. That a curtain would be sufficient.
- ◆ 2008-50 – A rule that men's basketball adopted in 2004. WBCA membership voted on this in Tampa and received 67% of the vote.
- ◆ 2008-69 - Originally proposed as men's basketball proposal. WBIC has asked for women's basketball to be included.
- There was a discussion about an open gym issue that had come up.
 - ◆ There was an email being sent out by the NCAA to Conference Compliance Officers clarifying the rule about open gyms.
 - ◆ Women's basketball coaches are allowed to evaluate open gyms. Men's basketball is not allowed to evaluate open gyms.
 - ◆ True open – open to the public, open to anybody and everybody
 - Not an open gym and a violation if:
 - Coaches are invited
 - Prospects are invited
 - Advertised that a certain coach or prospect is going to be there
 - ◆ Coaches are able to go to open gyms that are ran by a non-scholastic coach and doesn't have to be at a high school gym. Could be any gym.

IX. Committee Discussion – new issues for consideration – Muffet McGraw

- Issues from Conference Captains:
 - ◆ Practice time and when coaches can begin. Allowing coaches to start practice 40 days from the first legal date of competition; chose 30 days within those 40 days to practice. Gives flexibility, not any more practice days than already have, gives opportunity to us these practice days in a way that is more individual than a blanket mandate when you start practice.
 - ◆ Also looked at the number of contest. Had a hard time scheduling with the 29 contests. Look at going to 28 games, but having the opportunity with the 29th game to having another scrimmage – limit to only being able to play another collegiate team. No AAU teams, etc.
 - ◆ 5 evaluations to 7 evaluations

X. Misc.

- Deb Patterson brought up an issue for the association to consider discussing as a potential issue or problem from the coaches point of view – Absorbent price of game guarantees. The Big 12 was hoping that the WBCA could begin discussion on this issue of paying the game guarantees at a very high level and they keep increasing. Most of the programs are pay \$15,000-20,000 a game. Athletic Directors are concerned and coaches don't want it to begin to hurt the budgets because of it.
- WBCA Board of Directors discussed about the offers and coaches being offered a higher price, then canceling on the first institution. Talked about the issue to Patrick Nero. Athletic Directors need to stop agree to pay those prices, also making coach follow through on the commitment on the contract.
- Reminder that the Foresight Committee focus is legislation, but also please don't hesitate to bring any issues to us that we can talk about and find the proper avenue to go down to get the issues resolved.

XI. Thank You – Sherri Coale

- Engagement of the group has been awesome.
- Make your coaches talk and bring forth ideas.