

Division III Conference Captains  
Hyatt Regency  
Monday, April 6, 2009  
8:30 -9:45am  
St. Louis, MO

**NCAA Division III Conference Captain Minutes**  
**President: Nan Carney-DeBord**  
**Minutes: submitted by Pam Ruder**

- I. Welcome – Nan Carney-DeBord
- II. Sign-In Sheets – Ruder collected.  
*Attendance:* Nan Carney DeBord, Shirley Egner, Janet Berry, Mike Strong, Brian Morehouse, Karen Powell, Kim Kirkpatrick-Thornton, Brian Donaghue, Carolyn Hunter, Mia Smith, Abby Hearn, Tara Ruckh, Lisa Campanell Komara, Sarrah Harris, Kim Martin, Mike Durbin, Jody Pepple, Jamie Beaudoin, Amanda Rodgerson, Lori Gear McBride, LaVon Mercer, Tamie Tills, Stacey Brunner, Christy Thomaskutty, Michele Durand, Deena Applebury, Lindsay Reynolds for Stephany Dunmeyer, Pam Ruder for Matt Dean  
  
*Not in attendance:* Andrea Bertini, Lary Czer, Juli Fulks, Brad Durchslag, Dee Dee Jarman, Amanda Rodgerson, Josh Suttles, Dina Henry, Alex Lang, Patricia Canterino, Mike Miller, Michelle Davis, Joseph Wright, Marcie Taylor, Darren Bennett, Denise Bierly, Ellen Thompson, Cherise Galasso, Karin Harvey Jamie Beaudoin, Jennifer Watson
- III. Approval of February minutes – Nan Carney-DeBord
  1. Motion to Approve Minutes – Shirley Egner
  2. Second Motion – Christy Thomaskutty
  3. All in favor, No one opposed
- IV. 2009-10 Conference Call Schedule-February Meeting, Terms for Conference Captains – Betty Jaynes
  1. Betty Jaynes confirmed Conference Captains whose terms are up 8/31/09 and extended the reminder that they can stay on or be sure to have a replacement identified by the Monday, April 27, 2009 last conference call.
- V. Poll Voter Discussion – Nan Carney-DeBord
  1. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Informational DIII Coaches Poll and the designated poll voters. The sense of the meeting was that the current process seems to be working, but if conference captains could help by making sure the preseason polls are forwarded on to the regional poll voters that would be beneficial. This can be revisited at the first conference captain call.
- VI. Legislative Discussion – Karen Tessmer
  1. Karen Tessmer gave a concise report of the legislation that passed in January at the NCAA convention.

2. The WBCA survey of DIII coaches was discussed. The 235 coaches that responded to the survey accounted for a 70% turnout!
  - a. It is important to understand that TWO conferences must support and put forward legislation.
  - b. Other issues mentioned were the male practice players being limited only at the DIII level and that the elimination of text messaging was counter to the way our prospects communicate.
  - c. There was a suggestion for the WBCA to survey Head Coaches as to their current responsibilities; the thought is that we have evolved with not as many dual-sport athletes or coaches. This could lead to different legislative proposals such as pre and post season workouts with our athletes.

VII. Suggestions for Roundtable speakers and topics for 2010 convention in San Antonio – Nan Carney-DeBord

1. Nan Carney-DeBord called for suggestions for the Roundtable speakers at the 2010 convention in San Antonio. This led to other discussion of a decline in the attendance of Division III members at this year's convention, with cost being the major issue. Hopeful for a potential membership discount for Division III to make it more affordable.

VIII. Nan thanked everyone for their efforts and the meeting adjourned at 9:45am