

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association
DI Conference Captains Conference Call
Minutes for Monday, June 2, 2008, Noon EST**

- I. Welcome-Sherri Coale
- II. Roll Call - Julie Guttowsky
 - 24 out of 34 captains on the call.
 - Erin Dollard filled in for Cathy Andruzzi, Meg Barber filled in for Debbie Taylor, Chanel Spriggs filled in for Shann Hart, Rachel Sander filled in for Katie Meier, Tonya Benton filled in for Jeff Mittie.
 - Absent: Bev Smith, Beth Combs, Cindy Fisher, Mark French, Kim Gervasoni, Stephanie Gaitley, Muffet McGraw, Sandy Pugh, Rae Blair, and Amanda Butler.
- III. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2008-Sherri Coale
 - Deb Patterson – moved to motion.
 - Phyllis Mangina – second the motion.
 - Approval passed.
- IV. Legislation – Shannon Reynolds
 - See Summer 2008 Compliance Corner that was sent out on Friday, May 30, 2008 for pertinent information on summer recruiting and the legislative issues that passed through the WBCA Foresight Process.
 - Through the WBCA Foresight Process, two issues were passed by the WBCA membership with a minimum 70% majority vote; (1) Not having to touch home before going back in the gym to evaluate, (2) allowing team building activities off campus to begin once classes start. These two issues were supported by the Women's Basketball Issues Committee (WBIC) and have been forwarded to the Championship Committee for approval to be put forth as a proposal in the 2008-09 legislative cycle.
 - The WBIC discussed at their meeting in May, the draft of the summer access model with respects to the men's side and the level of academic success. WBIC notes that while the recently released APR data does not show that women's basketball is in a state of academic crisis, the APR rates in women's basketball are lower than any other women's sports. The committee is determined to seek to identify ways to improve the academic performance of women's basketball student-athletes and to improve the overall academic culture before major problems arise.
 - Need to know the women's basketball community's opinion on this issue. There are thoughts about surveying coaches on summer access. If the women's basketball community wants access to student-athletes in the summer, the student-athlete must be enrolled in summer school.
 - The WBIC looked at scholarship reduction in women's basketball and do not support a reduction. The committee feels that the current financial aid model for DI women's basketball of 15 counters is appropriate.
 - Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act released a statement stating that it is the Department of Education's policy that male practice players not be counted as participants on a

female team. For more information on EADA considerations, see wbca.org, legislative page.

- USA Basketball issued a memorandum in reference to the USA Basketball U18 Nation Team trials, training, and competition dates. If you are interested in attending this year's events, please go to wbca.org for more information and permissible evaluation dates in relation to the women's basketball recruiting calendar and regulations.
- With respects to the Youth Basketball Initiative, there has not been much details released. The WBCA is being kept in the loop and will share information when received. Helen Wheelock is working on a story that will be printed in the membership issue of CWB.
- There has been a lot of talk about nonscholastic events and the price of packets. There are some coaches not going to these events because of the costs. Shannon Reynolds, WBCA COO, reached out and made some calls to event operators to discuss their packet prices.
- There has been some push back coming out of conference meetings about the WBCA Foresight Process from coaches not understanding the process. The goal of the WBCA Foresight Process is to allow for one voice in the women's basketball community on proposals being sent forth through the NCAA legislative cycle. This process will help with minimizing women's basketball fatigue at the NCAA. Conference Captains are urged to continue educating coaches on this process and why it is best for the game of women's basketball. The WBCA will continue working on getting more educational materials out on the Foresight Process.
- Please forward/contact Shannon Reynolds or Carolyn Campbell-McGovern with suggestions on educating and communicating better to coaches and administrators on the Foresight Process.

V. 2009 Yes Clinics Progress Report – Conference USA → Audra Smith; Big Ten → Coquese Washington; Mid America → Maria Fantanarosa; Big 12 → Deb Patterson; Horizon League → Beth Couture; Missouri Valley → Jim Flannery; Summit League → Shann Hart; and Atlantic Sun → Jill Dunn – Betty Jaynes

- Conference USA, Big Ten, Mid America, Big 12, Horizon League, Missouri Valley, Summit League, and Atlantic Sun need to get participation confirmation from every head coach in their respective conferences and let Betty Jaynes know by July 31, 2008. Betty Jaynes will send out an email to remind each captain of this date on or before June 10, 2008.

VI. Update on the “So You Want To Be A Coach” program for St. Louis and Conference Voting Results – Betty Jaynes

- The YES clinics will be included in the programming for the SO participants for St. Louis. The SO program will start earlier on Friday in order to take care of the increase programming.
- Jessica Pare has compiled a list of institutions that voted by conference. To see this list go to wbca.org, awards page, and click on the 2007-08 Division I Voting Results link.
- Division I voting participation was up 20% from last year. The WBCA applauds and thanks the Conference Captains for their efforts in helping with this increase in participation.

VII. Report on Tampa Convention and WBCA membership – Dorinda Schremmer

- Great Convention in Tampa, the 2nd largest in attendance with over 2,200 coaches registered. 1,283 registered for DI, which is a record.
- Next years' WBCA Convention is in St. Louis April 4-7, 2009.
- Registration for St. Louis opens on Tuesday September 2, 2008 at Noon. Early registration is from September 2, 2008 to November 30, 2008.
- Make your hotel reservations when registering for the St. Louis Convention. You will not be charged until March, but your rooms will be held.
- Reminders:
 - The deadline for the WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll is June 30, 2008.
 - The WBCA membership department is asking for Conference Captains help with coaching changes. An email will be sent out to each Conference Captain with a list of coaches in your respective conference. Please make any changes and send back to the WBCA.

VIII. CEO Report – Beth Bass

- The turnout in Tampa was fantastic, add in exhibitors and sponsors, we surpassed the previous largest convention, Philadelphia.
- WBCA Think Pink was a phenomenal success this year. Started in 2007 and only had 120 schools participate. The numbers were finalized right before this year's convention and had over 1200 schools involved that rose close to \$1 million for cancer awareness and also had over 800,000 spectators come to venues and events this past year. Think Pink brought new fans to the game of women's basketball and became the new medium for breast cancer. To keep the momentum going, the WBCA is rebranding Think Pink to "Pink Zone." The dates for this years' Pink Zone week are February 13-22, 2009.
- In Tampa, WBCA rolled out the 4Kay Events-In-A-Box. You can do a Pink Zone game and donate it to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund. If you want to keep the donations local that is great but then the WBCA asks that you do an additional 4Kay event for the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund. For more information on event ideas see wbca.org.
- Had the first ever Kay Yow/WBCA Board of Directors meeting in Tampa. Recently had another face-to-face meeting with the executive board. We have \$389,000 to disperse to scholarships through the Jimmy V Foundation.
- Beth Bass three goals going in to the WBIC meeting that were accomplished.
 - The WBIC support the two issues voted on by the WBCA membership.
 - Having the WBIC come out with a strong statement about not supporting scholarship reduction.
 - Making sure that there would be a strong replacement for Carlyon Schlie Femovich, whose term ends in August. She will be replaced by Nora Lynn Finch as the next WBIC Chair.
- Beth Bass, Sherri Coale, and the entire WBCA Executive Committee will be attending the Women's Basketball Committee meeting June 23-27, 2008.
- WBCA is holding two national events to help raise money for the operations and administrative expenses of the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Foundation.
 1. Kay Yow/WBCA Golf Event on September 8, 2008 at the Dallas Cowboys Golf Club in Grapevine, TX.
 2. Black tie celebration of women's basketball and Kay Yow in Raleigh, NC. The date is still to be determined, but most likely in Spring 2009.

IX. Miscellaneous

- The Foresight Conference Captains call was changed from September 8 to September 15, 2008 because of the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Foundation golf event.
- Sherri Coale is requesting conference captains give some direction and guidance on issues that are pertinent to the lives of our coaches so that it can be put on the agenda and talked about during the August WBCA Board of Directors meeting.
- Need more coaches' feedback on summer environment and nonscholastic events.

X. Thank you – Sherri Coale

- Next call is a Foresight Call on September 15, 2008.