

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
Division I Conference Captains Conference Call  
Minutes of Monday, February 6, 2006, 12 p.m. Eastern**

- I. Welcome - Doug Bruno welcomed captains at 12:02 p.m. (Eastern).
- II. Roll Call - Betty Jaynes. 26 of 31 Captains were in attendance. Additional attendees were: Muffet McGraw (DI Legislative Chair) and Carolyn Campbell McGovern (CBI Chair)
- III. Approval of December Minutes – Doug Bruno. Motion was passed to approve December minutes.
- IV. WBCA National Convention and Membership - Dorinda Schremmer. Dorinda reported that the Division I membership is over 1,200. WBCA Convention registration is going well. 1,830 are registered, 952 of which are Division I members. She encouraged those who have not registered to do so as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of Women's Final Four tickets and hotel rooms (Sheraton) remaining.  
  
She also added that the percentage of Night of All-Stars ticket sales is down this year and asked captains to encourage their conference coaches and staffs to show their support by attending. Doug Bruno echoed the importance of showing support for the event.
- V. CEO Update - Beth Bass. Staff update: The WBCA office staff is going strong at 23, including a BFJ intern class of eight for the 2005-06 year.

Travel: Beth attended NCAA Convention in Indianapolis in January. She has also been attending both regional and national games.

Marketing: The WBCA recently signed a contract renewal with RUSSELL ATHLETIC for an extended three-year term. Through the contract, RUSSELL ATHLETIC retains their status as title sponsor of the WBCA's National Coach of the Year and Victory Club programs.

AstraZeneca and The Hartford have signed on as corporate sponsors and will be involved in the 2006 WBCA National Convention program.

WNBA Draft: The WNBA Draft will be held in Boston following the WBCA National Convention. Beth indicated the relationship between the WBCA and the WNBA is a strong one. This event in conjunction with the NCAA's Women's Final Four promotes a "Super Bowl of Women's Basketball" atmosphere.

WBCA National Convention: Beth highlighted the convention events that are of interest to the Division I Conference Captains, and asked they be noted on their

personal schedules. The Division I Conference Captains meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3 from 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Beth recommended the movie “Glory Road” – the story of Texas Western’s run to the 1966 NCAA Men’s Basketball title.

- VI. 2005-06 Division I Basketball Related Legislation Review – Shannon Reynolds. Shannon reviewed the change in the role Division I Management Council now has in the legislative cycle. The body has three options: forward the proposal to the Board of Directors for approval, send the proposal to the membership for comment or defeat the proposal.

She reviewed the “Division I Legislative Highlights” document provided as an attachment for the call. Also listed on page 26 of the February 2006 issue of CWB. Included in that review were proposals: 2003-24-1, 2004-40 and its substitute proposal, 2005-77-B, 2005-131-B & C, 2005 14 5& 163, 2005-152, and 2005-164.

There was discussion specific to:

**Proposals 2005-131-B and 2005-131-C Playing & Practice Season:** 2005-131-B would reduce WBB back to 2 hours of skill related instruction versus the 4 hours that was adopted last year. WBCA is trying to evaluate coaches’ use of the 4 hours and desire to keep the current 4 hour rule. It was recommended to make a case for why the sport of women’s basketball is unique and has a legitimate reason for allowing four hours of skill work, as opposed to other sports, particularly men’s basketball. It was noted that the SAAC supported limiting women’s basketball to two hours of skill instruction. Shannon was asked to pose this question to the Captains and tally the responses.

**85-days:** Captains were asked to report the use of days during the Fall Contact Period for coaches in their conference. (Captains will be asked to report use of days following the current Evaluation period also.) It was recommended that the Captains informally survey the coaches in their respective conferences to collect information on their views regarding the number of days allowed currently. Shannon is going to send a document in reference to this topic so that Conference Captains can assist in educating the membership on the merits of 85 days.

**Male Practice Players:** It has been mentioned that the Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA) is going to forward a recommendation to Management Council seeking parameters on the use of male practice players. We believe that MC will not act on this recommendation but will send it back to CWA for clarity or to another subcommittee for study. There has not been a formal proposal so at this time the WBCA will not send comments. WBCA will survey the membership in the Spring to see if they want any parameters.

**State-Sanctioned Events:** Report on the status of an inquiry regarding state-sanctioned individual events held during the academic year. **The NCAA has determined these events would be considered non-scholastic and therefore must be held during the two weekends designated for coaches to attend non-scholastic events.**

**Event Certification Subcommittee:** Three proposals dealing with student-athlete welfare issues are in the legislative cycle for emergency consideration. If the Championship/Competition Cabinet recommends consideration to the Management Council then there could be a decision in April. It is also possible that MC will not consider them in April and they will have to wait until the next legislative cycle. The 3 issues are regarding start and finish time of activities, number of games a PSA plays in one day and the need for an athletic trainer on site.

- VII. Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach Program/WBCA Awards/Scholarships Report – Betty Jaynes. The deadline to submit awards nominations to the WBCA is Friday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Scholarships: Betty indicated her concern that there were few, and in some cases zero, nominees for continuing education scholarships for women's basketball student-athletes. She encouraged the Captains to nominate their players for the available monies. The scholarships are: the Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award (\$1,000 ), the Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship (\$4,000) and two WBCA Scholarship Awards (\$1,000 each).

So You Want To Be A Coach: The 2006 program has been filled to capacity at 50. The program for this year has been expanded from two days to two and one-half days.

- VIII. Convention Stand-By Speakers and YES Clinics – Betty Jaynes. Betty requested that anyone able to serve as a "stand-by" clinician or speaker to indicate so on the closing roll call. Several Captains indicated they could serve in this capacity. Thank you!

- IX. Wrap Up – Doug Bruno. Doug asked the Captains to be sure to make every effort to alert local media that ESPN will announce the Division I women's tournament bracket on Monday this year rather than Sunday. Do not assume that because the selection show is no longer sharing the day with the men's, that the women's game will get more coverage than in the past. We must be responsible for creating the hype and convince our local media partners to cover the selection.

- X. Final Roll Call – Betty Jaynes.

- XI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. Eastern.