

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
Division I Conference Captains Conference Call  
Minutes of Monday, June 5, 2006**

- I. Welcome –Doug Bruno.
- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 27 of 34 Captains were in attendance.
- III. Approval of April Minutes – Doug Bruno. Motion to approve April minutes. Minutes approved by Bill Gibbons. Second from Mary Taylor Cowles.
- IV. Code of Ethics and Salary Survey – Betty Jaynes. The Code of Ethics has been approved and will go into effect with membership renewals. There has been a tremendous involvement from the WBCA Board of Directors, NCAA and the WBCA legal counsel to create the Code of Ethics.

Betty will be asking some of the Captains to look over the DI Salary Survey in the coming weeks to get feedback on what information should be included.

- V. Overview of WBCA Spring Survey and NCAA Tournament Feedback – Shannon Reynolds. The WBCA's policy is that if 70 percent of the membership is in favor of changing legislation then we will propose legislation changes to the Women's Basketball Issues Committee for review. There were 208 DI Coaches Surveys that were returned to date. The WBCA has sent reminder emails and made phone calls to the coaches who have not returned the Coaches Survey.

The WBCA will propose new legislation for the following items which were included on the Division I Spring Coaches Survey:

***Question 6:*** Do you support prohibiting April phone calls to prospects until the WBCA National Convention and Women's Final Four have concluded (Thursday)? 85 percent of the membership that responded to the survey indicated that they would like to support prohibiting April phone calls until after the WBCA National Convention and Women's Final Four.

***Question 9:*** With the passage of proposal No. 2005-131-B-Playing and Practice Seasons, effective August 1, 2006, women's basketball must return to two (2) hours of skill-related instruction outside the playing season. In addition, more than four (4) student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches from September 15 through April 15 only. Do you support a proposal to move this date from April 15 to April 30, due to the scheduling demands on coaching staffs during the first two weeks in April? 81 percent of the membership that responded to the survey indicated that they would propose a change to move the date to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Question 12:** *In regards to NCAA Event Certification guidelines: 88 percent of the WBCA membership that responded to the survey indicated that they would support athletic activities to begin no earlier than 8:00 am and begin no later than 10:00 pm.*

*88 percent supported requiring athletic trainers to be at each site during athletic activities.*

*90 percent supported the fact that the price of event packets must be listed on applications and coaches must be made aware of the price prior to the arrival at the event.*

- VI. Overview of WBCA Spring Survey and NCAA Tournament Feedback – Shannon Reynolds. Shannon discussed a brief overview of the results from the Coaches Survey regarding the NCAA Tournament. The WBCA will do a better job of seeking feedback earlier next year in regards to this survey. Twenty-four surveys were returned. Overall, the whip around coverage was liked. Some of the Captains responded that they would like to watch a whole game instead of parts of a game.

Overall everyone liked the broadcasting play-by-play of Doris Burke, Debbie Antonelli and Beth Mowens. Reece Davis was missed this year. There was a suggestion to get more former coaches involved in the future.

The majority of the Captains liked the bracket show. They felt it wasn't as rushed as it has been in the past. There were suggestions to have more coverage on the teams that make it for the first time into the NCAA Tournament.

In regards to the bracket controversy, the Captains felt like the situation with UNC and Tennessee should not have happened and they felt Western Kentucky should have made it in the NCAA tournament.

The Captains felt like the officiating during the NCAA Division I Championship is getting better.

- VII. Report from each Captains Conference Meeting – Shannon Reynolds. Shannon asked the Captains for an update on any proposals that their Conferences were trying to submit for this year in regards to legislation. Each Captain gave a report from their conference. The main proposals that were discussed regarded the reduction in scholarships from 15 to 13, expanding the NCAA tournament field, 85 recruiting days, male practice players and changing the start date of practice.

Doug recommended that the Captains report back to their conferences on these issues to see if their conferences want to support these proposals.

- VIII. Marketing Update and NCAA DI Women's Basketball Committee – Beth Bass. New Balance renewed their sponsorship with the WBCA until 2010. The WBCA purchased a Toyota Scion which will be used as a promotional vehicle for the WBCA. Some of the

WBCA staff will be driving the car to institutional summer camps in the upcoming months. Please let the WBCA know if you have a team camp with more than 50 teams.

- IX. NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee – Beth Bass. The WBCA Executive Committee will meet with the NCAA Basketball Committee on June 26th to discuss questions related to the bracket issue. Please let the WBCA know if you have any additional concerns that you would like discussed in this meeting.

Beth and Doug will meet with the Division I Women's Basketball Enhancement Discussion Group in Indianapolis on Tuesday and Wednesday. Doug mentioned that there are 4 administrators representing the mid major level in this discussion group but there are not 3 coaches representing the mid major level.

***Enhancement discussion group roster includes:***

Myles Brand, NCAA President  
Debbie Antonelli, Fox Sports  
Seimone Augustus, Student-athlete, LSU  
Geno Auriemma, Head Coach, University of Connecticut  
Darlene Bailey, Associate Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator, Missouri State University  
Sandy Barbour, Director of Athletics, University of California-Berkeley  
Beth Bass, CEO, WBCA  
Brian Bedol, CEO, College Sports Television  
Shannon Bolden, Student-athlete, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Doug Bruno, Head Coach, DePaul University  
Doris Burke, ESPN  
Joe Castiglione, Director of Athletics, University of Oklahoma  
Joni Comstock, Director of Athletics, American University  
Kristy Curry, Head Coach Texas Tech University  
Monique Currie, Student-athlete, Duke University  
Carolyn Schlie Femovich, Executive Director Patriot League  
Don Flanagan, Head Coach, University of New Mexico  
Alfreeda Goff, Senior Associate Commissioner, Horizon League  
Bev Lewis, Director of Women's Athletics, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
Bernadette McGlade, Associate Commissioner, Atlantic Coast Conference  
Chris Plonsky, Director of Women's Athletics, University of Texas at Austin  
Jean Lenti Ponsetto, Director of Athletics, DePaul University  
Debbie Ryan, Head Coach, University of Virginia  
Marsha Sharp, Retired Texas Tech University  
Brooke Smith, Student-athlete, Stanford University  
Carol Stiff, ESPN  
Pat Summitt, Head Coach, University of Tennessee  
Jack Swarbrick, Partner, Baker and Daniels  
Charli Turner Thorne, Head Coach, Arizona State University  
Kevin Weiberg, Commissioner, Big 12 Conference  
Miechelle Willis, Associate Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator, Ohio State University

- X. Membership & Convention Update–Dorinda Schremmer. Total registration numbers for the 2006 WBCA National Convention were 2,137 registrants with 1,082 of those being Division I Coaches. Please note that registration and hotels open for the 2007 Convention in Cleveland on **Tuesday, September 5, 2006**.

Please send any **coaching changes** in your conference to Felicia Folds at **ffolds@wbca.org**

- XI. YES Clinics – Betty Jaynes. Betty wants to include West coast coaches for the YES Clinics in Cleveland. Betty encouraged the Captains (Mary Taylor Cowles, Lee Ann Riley, Charity Elliot, Elaine Elliot, Mark French, Joan Bonvicini, and Michelle Bento-Jackson) in the West to ask the other coaches in their conferences to get involved in the YES Clinics for Cleveland.
- XII. Terms and Replacements Conference Captains – Betty Jaynes and Amy Lowe. Betty discussed the terms for Conference Captains and reviewed whose terms have expired. The WBCA asked that the Captains whose terms have expired to please call their replacements and debrief them on their responsibilities as a Conference Captain.
- XIII. Compliance Corner – Shannon Reynolds. Shannon encouraged all Captains to let her know if there are any questions that coaches are having regarding July legislation. If there are concerns the WBCA would like to know so we can include those questions/concerns in *Compliance Corner*.
- XIV. Thank You – Doug Bruno. Doug thanked the Captains for their time and participation.
- XV. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. Eastern.