

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
Division II Conference Captains Conference Call  
Minutes of Monday, February 13, 2006, 11 p.m. Eastern**

- I. Welcome – Paul Thomas welcomed captains at 11:02 p.m. (Eastern).
- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 19 of 25 Captains were in attendance.
- III. Approval of December Minutes – Paul Thomas. Motion was passed to approve December minutes.
- IV. WBCA National Convention and Membership - Dorinda Schremmer. Dorinda reported that the Division II membership is up 8% from this time last year. WBCA Convention registration is also going well. There are 170 total DII registrants and the goal is to reach 200. 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 remaining. Paul Thomas inquired about additional hotel options for fans. Dorinda encouraged everyone to visit the NCAA Fan Housing site at [www.bostonUSA.com/NCAA](http://www.bostonUSA.com/NCAA).

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.

- 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 II Conference Captains, and asked they be noted on their

personal schedules. The Division II Conference Captains meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- VI. 2005-06 Division II Basketball Related Legislation Review – Susan Ramsey. Susan noted that most of the proposals passed in January. There was discussion specific to:

**Proposals 25 Recruiting-Contacts and Evaluations-Contactable Prospects-High School Prospects:** The intent of this proposal was to permit an institution to make one telephone call to a prospect in March of the prospect's junior year in high school; one-in person, off-campus contact during April of the prospect's junior year in high school; and all other telephone calls or in-person, off-campus contacts on or after June 15 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. This proposal was withdrawn.

**Proposal 34 Playing and Practice Seasons-Playing Season Regulations-Skill Instruction:** The intent of this proposal was to permit student-athletes and members of the coaching staff in sports other than football, to engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's playing season, as specified. Susan Ramsey noted that this proposal was also defeated. Shannon Reynolds mentioned that it looks like this proposal may be tweaked over the next few years. Women's basketball is known for working on skill instruction.

Susan Ramsey mentioned that the proposal to allow PSA's to work camps never made it to the table. If there is an interest in pursuing this further, Susan Ramsey mentioned for Conference Captains to contact their conferences and get them on board to sponsor this proposal. Shannon Reynolds noted that DI brought this proposal up again and it got through Management Council. It is out for 60 day comment.

- 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 17th 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). Betty also mentioned her concern for low nominees for Carol Eckman and Administrator of the Year.

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. Paul Thomas and Gie Parsons will open up the program with a panel discussion on coaching in Division II.

Committee Vacancies: Betty indicated that vacancies for Board of Directors and all of the WBCA award committees will be available online in March.

Awards: Betty noted that this year is the first year that Kodak All-American balloting will be online. Members will need their member ID# and password to access the ballots. Ballots will be available online on February 24, 2006. Coaches will have until March 3, 2006 to vote for Kodak All-Americans.

- VIII. Wrap Up – Paul Thomas. Paul asked for members of the committee to offer ideas to connect Elite 8 coaches at Convention (i.e., Social).

There was a discussion regarding DII roundtables. If anyone has any topics for roundtable topics please send them to Paul.

Shannon Reynolds discussed the timing of the Coach's Certification Exam has been updated. Coaches need to review it. It includes legislation passed in January. Shannon also noted that the NCAA Initial-eligibility working group was established to review recent trends of NCAA initial eligibility standards. Myles Brand authorized the working group after concerns about the legitimacy of academic credentials. The NCAA working group will focus on four areas: the process for reviewing and approving nontraditional courses, NCAA core requirements and time limitations, requirements for reporting ACT and SAT scores to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, and the use of core courses earned at preparatory schools and whether those courses meet NCAA minimum academic requirements. The group is meeting this week and the WBCA will keep everyone posted on any recommendations or action plans.

**Additional Note:** If your teams need a mental health day, Beth recommends going to see the new movie *Glory Road*. The WBCA staff attended *Glory Road* a few days ago and it was excellent. It will be a great break for your teams and it's an inspirational story.

- IX. Final Roll Call – Amy Lowe.

- X. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Eastern.