

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
Division III Conference Captains Conference Call  
Minutes of Monday, February 13, 2006, 12 p.m. Eastern**

- I. Welcome – Pam Ruder welcomed captains at 12:02 p.m. (Eastern).
- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 27/38 Captains were in attendance.
- III. Approval of December Minutes – Pam Ruder. Motion was passed to approve December minutes.
- IV. WBCA National Convention and Membership - Dorinda Schremmer. Dorinda reported that there are over 200 Division III registrants for the WBCA Convention in Boston. 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. Dorinda encouraged everyone to visit the NCAA Fan Housing site at [www.bostonUSA.com/NCAA](http://www.bostonUSA.com/NCAA) for additional housing options. She also noted that the pre-registration deadline for Convention is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The percentage of Night of All-Stars ticket sales is down this year and Dorinda asked captains to encourage their conference coaches and staffs to show their support by attending.

The DIII Reception hosted by NEWBA & the WBCA will be on Sunday, April 2nd. Transportation will be provided.

- 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.

New Balance would like to make available a special preferred pricing plan offer on their close-out shoes from 2005 exclusive to Division III conference captains. If you are interested please contact **Kai Williams** at **770-279-8027 Ext 123** or email her at [kwilliams@wbca.org](mailto:kwilliams@wbca.org).

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 III Conference Captains, and asked they be noted on their personal schedules. There was concern that the DIII Business Meeting would only have an hour to meet with the current schedule so the WBCA is going to make a change to the current schedule. The DIII Conference Captains meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the DIII Business meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. and run until to 12:00 p.m. on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sponsorship: Kevin Calabria mentioned that the WBCA may want to look into getting more investment companies involved in sponsorships (i.e. Wachovia, Morgan Stanley). Beth appreciated input and the WBCA will continue to explore additional marketing opportunities.

- VI. Legislation Review – Tim Shea had a substitute (Karen) speak on his behalf regarding legislation. Karen reported no major legislative updates. Shannon Reynolds noted that the DIII legislative actions were self explanatory. The DIII Management Council amended dates for proposals 21, 23, 25, and 27. We will update this information on the WBCA website. The proposals discussed were:

**Proposals 21 Ethical Conduct-Unethical Conduct-Prescription Drugs-**

**Adopted:** The intent of this proposal was to specify that unethical conduct shall include the knowing involvement in providing a student-athlete a banned substance, impermissible supplement or medications contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state or federal law.

**Proposals 22 Personnel-Limitations on Scouting of Opponents-Exhibition**

**Contests-Adopted:** The intent of this proposal was to permit member institutions to scout opponents participating in exhibition contests.

**Proposals 23 Recruiting-Official Visits-Meal Location-Adopted:** The intent of this proposal was to specify that meals provided to the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians and spouses on an official visit must occur on campus and must be on a scale comparable to normal student life, but may be purchased from on or off campus vendors.

**Proposals 25 Recruiting-Prohibited Expenses-Donation of Used Athletic**

**Equipment-Adopted:** The intent of this proposal was to permit institutions to donate used athletics equipment to all youth groups, including high schools, according to the institutions' regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment.

**Proposals 27 Awards and Benefits-Benefits, Gifts and Services Permissible-Occasional Meals-Adopted:** The intent of this proposal was to permit a representative of an institution's athletics interests to provide an occasional meal to a student-athlete(s) at any location in the locale of the institution.

- 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.

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 – Pam Ruder. Pam asked how we are communicating to the membership for regions that have not received nominations for Coach of the Year. Betty responded by saying that we are tracking the nominations and if a region is not represented we are sending an email to remind coaches to get their nominations in before the deadline.

Beth is coming to the championship in Springfield this year. Also Beth noted that if coaches need a mental health day for their team to go see the new movie *Glory Road*. It is an excellent break for you and a great story.

- IX. Final Roll Call - Amy Lowe.

- X. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Eastern.