

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
DII Conference Captains Conference Call  
Minutes Tuesday, October 10, 2006, 11:00 a.m. Eastern**

- I. Welcome – Gie Parsons welcomed Captains at 11:05 a.m. (Eastern).
- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 19 of 24 Captains were in attendance.
- III. Approval of May Minutes – Gie Parsons. Motion was made by David Smith to approve the May minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Vannoy.
- IV. Discussion of Captains Involvement with WBCA Awards Program – Amy Lowe. The captains are responsible for helping the WBCA get the word out about the awards program. Each Captain will receive a list of member coaches and we ask that they forward any information about the awards program to the coaches in their conference. All awards are online this year. This includes nominations and ballots. All award nominations will go online on **Monday, January 8, 2007 at Noon ET** and they will remain online until **Friday, February 16, 2007 at 5:00 PM ET**. Coaches will need their member ID and password to access these nomination forms. Ballots for Kodak/WBCA All-America Team and RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year will go online on **Friday, February 23, 2007 at Noon ET** and they will remain online until **Monday, March 5, 2007 at 5:00 PM ET**.

The WBCA made a **change in criteria** for the **RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year award**. In August our Board of Directors passed a motion to **allow coaches to nominate coaches from outside of their region for this award. Coaches will still only vote for coaches in their specific region.**

Betty mentioned that the award prep calls have concluded and all of the committee members are aware of their responsibilities. The WBCA has a difficult time getting nominations for our scholarship awards. **The WBCA offers a Charles T. Stoner Law scholarship worth \$1,000, 2 WBCA Scholarships worth \$1,000, Robin Roberts/WBCA Broadcasting Scholarship award worth \$4,500 and an additional \$500 to attend the WBCA National Convention, and the Women's Sports Foundation/WBCA Graduate Assistant of the Year Award of which \$1,000 is donated to the graduate assistant's women's basketball program.** Please take a look at the seniors on your team who might be good candidates and well as educate the coaches in your conferences about these awards.

- V. Review Job Descriptions, Terms of Conference Captains, Salary Survey, Convention Program and Code of Ethics – Betty Jaynes. Betty reviewed the job description for the Captains. The number one responsibility is to be on each Conference Captains call. The second responsibility is communicating to the coaches in each conference any issues that are discussed by the WBCA. The third responsibility as a Captain is to send out the News and Notes to the coaches in your conference once Betty and Amy send them to you.

Finally, the WBCA asks that each Conference Captain attend the in-person meeting during the WBCA National Convention.

A qualified substitute if a Captain can not be on the call is an assistant coach, director of basketball operations, administrative assistant, or another coach in your conference.

The roster for the DII Conference Captains has the terms of each Conference Captain for your reference. **As a Conference Captain you can serve one three year term.** If you ever have any questions on your term please contact the WBCA.

The **salary surveys are online now at WBCA.org.** Please encourage the coaches in your conference to complete this online survey. If you are not familiar with the information on the Salary Survey you can select the *unavailable* option and then submit the salary survey.

The Code of Ethics has been implemented. It is being used now in WBCA membership renewals.

- The **programming for Cleveland has a different format than the previous years.** There will be some high profile speakers that will be speaking on court or in the classroom. The WBCA has high profile coaches that have already committed to speaking in Cleveland. The hope is that this once in a lifetime coaches clinic will help increase registration numbers. The speakers that have committed are: **Geno Auriemma, Van Chancellor, Pokey Chatman, Anne Donovan, Brenda Frese, Gail Goestenkors, Sylvia Hatchell, Joanne McCallie and Pat Summitt.** These coaches will be speaking as long as they are not in the Women's Final Four.

#### VI. Membership & Convention Update – Dorinda Schremmer.

The Convention numbers are down in Division II. Only 43 coaches are currently registered for Convention. The WBCA is hoping to exceed 200 at the Division II level. If coaches have not registered the early bird deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Dorinda will be sending the Conference Captains a list of all of the Coaches that have not registered for Convention and she asked each Conference Captain to follow up with the coaches that have not registered and encourage them to get their registration information in. Dorinda will also be sending a list of coaches who are not members and she asked that each Conference Captain follow up and encourage the coaches to join to WBCA.

The tickets for the WBCA High School All-America game *presented by Nike* are \$15 and sales are down this year. If you have not gotten your tickets yet please make sure to do so. Tip off for the WBCA High School All-America game is tentatively set for March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm.

**The All-Star Challenge game has been suspended for one year and will be reevaluated next year.**

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hampton Inn and Radisson Hotel Cleveland-Gateway have rooms available for the WBCA National Convention. Please visit WBCA.org for more information on housing options in Cleveland.

Gie encouraged the Captains to make personal phone calls to those not registered for Convention.

- VII. Legislation and Foresight Committee – Shannon Reynolds and Sue Ramsey. Shannon reviewed women's basketball proposals and discussed that it is one vote per institution. Shannon encouraged the Captains to become familiar with the legislation process so their voice is heard.

Shannon pointed out that an NCAA staff member speaks with each division on our Board and we get an idea of the proposals that are going through the system and then the WBCA gets some feedback from our Board members. On every proposal the Board members representing Division II supported the proposals except for two of them.

Proposal 12 Recruiting-official visit requirements and written offers of athletically related financial aid-registration with initial eligibility clearinghouse and institutional request list. This proposal specifies that an institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she registers with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and is placed on the institutional request list. The Board members were split on this one and this may be one that you find controversial.

Proposal 14 Eligibility-General requirements graduate student/post baccalaureate/second baccalaureate/participation/Transfer Eligibility. This proposal permits a student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school or is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, at an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, to participate in intercollegiate athletics regardless of any previous transfer, provided the student has eligibility remaining. The Board of Directors representing Division II were split on this proposal.

Sue Ramsey added that Proposal 4 concerning that all coaches present at each practice, competition, skill instruction and strength and conditioning session involving student-athletes shall be certified in first aid, CPR, and AED. Sue noted that Division II grant money is available through your conference and may be used to certify all coaches in first aid and CPR and to purchase an AED. Sue suggested that coaches try and push proposal 4 into place.

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until he or she registers with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse and is placed on the institutional request list. The concern is that the Clearinghouse does get backed up and coaches don't want an athlete penalized because the Clearinghouse is backed up with paperwork. Sue suggested that this would be a good rule to have in place if the Clearinghouse could get things running more efficiently on their end.

On Proposal 17 Sue discussed that a two-year college transfer student who was a qualifier and who has not previously attended a four-year collegiate institution is eligible for competition, practice, and athletics aid at a Division II institution during the first academic year in residence, provided the student-athlete spent one full-time semester or quarter at a two year college, presented a 2.000 minimum GPA and satisfactorily completed an average of 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two year college. Sue suggested that this proposal may raise a flag because a player could have played for someone else the previous semester (Shannon is going to get clarifications).

Sue discussed proposal 22 which specifies that all countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of each student-athlete's final examinations; further, in sports other than football, to specify that there are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from the same team who may be involved in individual or team skill-related instruction with their coaches. Sue encouraged the coaches to get Proposal 22 voted in.

Shannon discussed the issue of male practice players. She reviewed the male practice player position paper that was also discussed at the WBCA Board meeting in August. Right now there is a proposal in at Division III and in January they will vote on restrictions being placed on male practice players. The current Division III proposal restricts male practice players to one practice per week and a maximum of 2 male practice players. At Division I and Division II the WBCA is trying to educate administrators and committee members about the benefits of using male practice players. We are hoping that the coaches in your conferences will communicate with the administrators on your campus the benefits of male practice players. **The Division II survey is due on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon ET.** Please send the male practice player position paper to the coaches in your conference and then we need for them to respond back to you on how they feel about the use of male practice players. We do need for each coach in each conference to vote. When we send the survey out it is asking if you are in support of any additional restrictions other than what is already in place for male practice players.

Shannon gave the Captains an update on the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA). The feedback Shannon received was not good for male practice players. The administrators feel like male practice players take away opportunities for women and they are in favor of the

restrictions on male practice players. The number one priority for the WBCA is educating administrators about the benefits of male practice players in an effort to improve the women's game.

VIII. Marketing Update, Division I Women's Basketball Committee, and Division I Discussion Group – Beth Bass.

Kodak has had some major woes and will not renew their sponsorship for the Kodak/WBCA All-America team after this year. The WBCA is working with a corporate sponsor that you will be pleased with and the WBCA will announce this change in sponsorship at the Convention in Cleveland.

IX. NCAA Yes Clinics and Nike's So You Want to Be A Coach Program – Betty Jaynes.

Betty asked for volunteers for the Yes Clinics in Cleveland.

- The applications for the *Nike So You Want To Be A Coach* program are available online at [WBCA.org](http://WBCA.org). Please think of minority student-athletes who might be interested in this program and get them nominated. Minority female student-athletes who will exhaust their final year of basketball eligibility at a four-year institution by March 30, 2007 or have graduated within the past year are eligible and should apply before January 17, 2007.

The BFJ internship program is also taking applications for 6 internship positions. For more information go to [WBCA.org](http://WBCA.org).

X. Thank You – Gie Parsons. Call adjourned 11:55 PM ET.