

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

- I. Welcome – Gie Parsons welcomed Captains at 11:03 a.m. (Eastern).
- II. Marketing and Staff Update – Beth Bass. Beth reported that the WBCA budget ended up with a modest surplus. The WBCA has hired Kenya Teague as Manager of Multimedia. The WBCA is still looking to fill two intern positions. Currently there is a Communication & Awards position and a Legislation internship. These positions start January 8, 2007 and run through the end of April. Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter, 3 references, and a writing sample (more information can be found at WBCA.org) to alowe@wbca.org. There is also a Manager of Events and Legislation position that is a full-time position. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to sbaron@wbca.org.

Seana Peck Manager of Marketing, Sales & Activation is out on maternity leave. Kai Williams Marketing Coordinator is out on medical leave until further notice. Any marketing questions should be directed to Beth Bass.

Beth reported that Kodak will not be renewing their sponsorship with the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team following the 2006-2007 season. Kodak will continue with the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team through Cleveland and then State Farm will be taking over the sponsorship.

Beth met with the NCAA (Sue Donohoe Vice President on the women's side, Greg Shaheen Vice President on the men's side and Rick Jones Marketing Representative for the WBCA) to discuss forming a partnership as it relates to sharing some rights with the NCAA. Beth hopes to update the Captains in February as to how the partnership is progressing.

Kay Yow has taken a leave of absence due to breast cancer. On January 28, 2007 the WBCA will be involved in *Hoops for the Cure*. The WBCA is looking to be a part of this weekend to show support for all breast cancer initiatives. More information will follow as the date approaches.

The WBCA is implementing WBCA superlatives. Beth asked the Captains to help in populating a story for *Coaching Women's Basketball* (CWB) on the superlatives and to assist in getting nominations for the superlatives.

- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 15 of 24 Captains were in attendance.
- III. Approval of October Minutes – Gie Parsons. Motion was made by David Smith to approve the October minutes. 2nd by Tim Abney.
- IV. WBCA Awards Program and Realignment – Amy Lowe. 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**. 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**.

Amy discussed the WBCA award region alignment chart that was sent as an attachment to the Captains. The WBCA has worked over the last couple of months with the NCAA and they have been very helpful in assisting us with our award alignment chart for the 2006-2007 season. The schools that are listed as independents have been contacted and they know where they are going to be placed for our awards program. There is one school that is in the process of reclassifying from Division III to Division II. As long as a school is not in the exploratory period they will be placed in the affiliation in which they are transitioning to for our awards program.

- V. So You Want To Be A Coach, JMU Update, Salary Survey, and Convention Meeting – Betty Jaynes. Betty mentioned that there are 50 spots open for minority students that are in their last year of eligibility or have been out for one year to participate in the *Nike So You Want To Be A Coach* program. Currently we have 10 applications. Betty requested that the Captains give her the names of anyone interested in participating in this program.

Katie Pate recommended Deidre Langston at Anderson University. Sue Ramsey noted that Lani Edmund from Ashland University is sending in her application. Paula Krueger mentioned Demi and Diana Lopez from Regis University. Roger Vannoy mentioned that Chasity Williams at Lincoln Memorial is in the process of submitting her application. If the Captains think of any additional candidates that might be interested please contact Betty at Betty_Jaynes@wbca.org.

Betty updated the Captains on the situation at James Madison University. Several months ago the university dropped 10 sports and they said it was because of Title IX. The students feel like Title IX is not beneficial and they want to get rid of Title IX. Betty is on an advocacy group (National Women's Law Center) and they are trying to get a hold of James Madison's plan of action to see if they can make some suggestions to get those programs back into operation. Betty will continue to update you on this situation at James Madison.

The salary survey is no longer online. The response from the salary survey this year has not been very successful. Betty asked the Captains to let her know how to improve the response rate from Division II coaches on future salary surveys.

April 2, 2007 will be the date of the Division II Conference Captains in-person meeting in Cleveland.

The ticket sales for the WBCA High School All-America game presented by *Nike* are not going as well as anticipated. Please encourage the coaches in your conference to purchase their tickets. Tickets are \$15. The game will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

- VI. Membership & Convention Update – Betty Jaynes. If members have not registered for Convention please make sure to do so. For more information on the WBCA National Convention please visit WBCA.org.
- VII. Legislation Update – Sue Ramsey. Sue discussed the hot topic of male practice players. A position paper was sent by the WBCA from President Doug Bruno concerning where the organization stands on this issue. Right now there is nothing in the legislative cycle for Division I or Division II concerning the removal or adjustment of male practice players. If something were to go forward it would not take effect until August of 2008.

Sue encouraged the Captains to stay diligent in voicing the opinions of the WBCA membership to their administrators in regards to the use of male practice players.

Betty noted that Sherri Coale at Oklahoma took her basketball players and went to Oklahoma's SAAC and voiced the benefits of using male practice players. Sherri said it was very beneficial in helping the other student-athletes understand the importance of male practice players. Betty encouraged the Captains to use this approach with the SAAC committee on their campuses.

Betty also mentioned the importance of educating athletic directors about the value and benefits of using male practice players.

Sue noted that it would be helpful for coaches to invite their administrators to a practice so they can see how male practice players are being utilized.

Proposal 6

Sue discussed Proposal 6 concerning the requirement to register with the clearinghouse before an official visit or written letter is offered to PSA's. The WBCA Division II Board of Directors voted against this because at peak performance the clearinghouse still has some glitches and this restricts coaches from having a player on campus. Also, if coaches are talking with NAIA transfers they probably are not registered with the clearinghouse and this might slow down that process even more. Sue noted that these are some things to think about when talking to your administrators.

Proposal 22

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.

VIII. Thank You – Gie Parsons. Gie reminded the Captains about their next call on **Monday, February 12, 2007** at 11:00 AM (EST). Call adjourned 11:40 PM ET.