

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
DI Conference Captains Conference Call  
Minutes Monday, December 4, 2006, 12:00 p.m. Eastern**

- I. Welcome – Doug Bruno welcomed Captains at 12:03 p.m. (Eastern).
- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 30 of 34 Captains were in attendance.
- III. Approval of October Minutes – Doug Bruno. Motion was made by Dan Durkin to approve the October minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Cowles.
- IV. Update on WBCA Awards Program – Amy Lowe. Amy reviewed the timeline for the WBCA awards program. 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**. The nomination deadline for the two new awards (Maggie Dixon Rookie Coach of the Year and the WBCA Defensive Player of the Year Award) will be on **Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 5:00 PM ET**.

Amy reviewed the criteria for the two new awards. **The criteria for the Maggie Dixon Rookie Coach of the Year award is as follows:**

- \*Must be a current Division I head coach in his/her rookie season
- \*Qualification/Advancement in NCAA Tournament and Conference Tournament
- \*Team success during current season
- \*Team improvement from previous season
- \*Regular season conference record
- \*Awards/Honors

**The criteria for the WBCA Defensive Player of the Year is as follows:**

- \*Must be a Conference Defensive Player of the Year (Division I only).
- Note: The WBCA is contacting conference SID's to inform them of the criteria for this award. If a conference does not offer a Defensive Player of the Year award, the WBCA is hoping that through this award it will encourage them to implement one so their conference defensive player of the year will be eligible for this award.*
- \*List the top players the nominee has defended during the season along with the stats of the player the nominee guarded
- \*Present-year game-by-game statistics (steals defensive rebounds, offensive rebounds, blocked shots and offensive charges)
- \*Awards/Achievements

The WBCA is in the process of creating the award committees for these two new awards. There is already a proposed list of committee members and Betty Jaynes is contacting these people to see if they will participate on the committee for the upcoming year. Each committee member will include a chair, four coaches, four media representatives and four at-large representatives.

Amy reviewed the 2006-2007 WBCA award region alignment chart with the Conference Captains. Amy discussed a major change with the Kodak/WBCA All-America Finalists for the upcoming year. The WBCA will add additional finalists to two of the WBCA award regions. The WBCA met with a sub committee of Division I Conference Captains and have decided to move forward with this change for this year. Region 1 will adjust to 9 nominees and region 5 will adjust to 7 nominees. Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 will remain at 6 nominees. This change will go into affect for one year and then will be evaluated to make sure it is the best process moving forward.

- V. “So You Want To Be A Coach”, Yes Clinics, Salary Survey, Convention Program, JMU Update, and Meeting in Cleveland– Betty Jaynes. Betty asked the Conference Captains for names of players that she can contact that would be good candidates for the *Nike So You Want To Be A Coach* program. At this point, there are only 10 players who have submitted their information. Please email [Betty\\_Jaynes@wbca.org](mailto:Betty_Jaynes@wbca.org) with the names of anyone that might be interested in this program. The candidates should be a minority senior who is completing her eligibility or has been out for one year. There is a limit of 50 candidates for this program.

Betty saluted the Captains that have helped the WBCA get the participants for the Yes Clinics. The WBCA is short five head coaches for this program. Betty asked the Captains if anyone was interested in participating. If there are any coaches that are interested please email Betty at [Betty\\_Jaynes@wbca.org](mailto:Betty_Jaynes@wbca.org).

Betty announced that she will be requesting coaches to participate in the Yes Clinics for Tampa. She will be contacting coaches in the ACC, SEC, Colonial, Big South, Southern, and Southwestern conference. Betty asked the Captains in these conferences to alert coaches in their spring meetings about this opportunity and find out who would be interested in participating. Coaches that are interested can contact Betty at [Betty\\_Jaynes@wbca.org](mailto:Betty_Jaynes@wbca.org).

The online salary surveys are coming down off of the WBCA website. We have not had a good response from coaches. The WBCA will evaluate alternative ways to get coaches to participate in the future.

Doug asked the Captains if there was any feedback as to why the salary surveys have not been turned back in. Dan Durkin mentioned that some coaches are not allowed to give out specific salary survey information.

Betty mentioned that when coaches don't complete the salary surveys it is only suppressing their salaries. The WBCA will continue to look at alternative ways to gather this information.

Betty updated the Captains on the James Madison situation regarding the athletics director dropping 10 sports. Betty also noted that they are alternative ways to make budgets without dropping teams. Betty mentioned that she spent 14 years at James Madison and she watched what the leadership did to make sure women's

sports got a fair shake. Betty is on a Title IX commission group that is trying to show James Madison other things they could have done instead of eliminating sports teams. Betty is continuing to educate institutions that are facing this issue so it won't affect Title IX progress for student-athletes in the future.

Betty mentioned that **Monday, April 2, 2007** is the date of the in-person Conference Captains meeting in Cleveland. If Captains can't be in attendance they will need to have a substitute in their place. The WBCA is still working on the time for this meeting.

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 these speakers will help increase registration numbers. The speakers that have committed are: Geno Auriemma, Pat Summitt, Gail Goestenkors, Sylvia Hatchell, Brenda Frese, Pokey Chatman, Anne Donovan, Van Chancellor and Joanne McCallie. If the coaches are participating in the Final Four they will not be speaking.

- VI. Membership & Convention Update – Shannon Reynolds. Shannon noted that Early Bird registration ended November 30<sup>th</sup> and the WBCA did have a good rush of coaches that registered last week. Shannon asked the Captains to encourage all of the coaches in their conference to get registered for the WBCA National Convention in Cleveland.

The WBCA hotels are sold out. The WBCA is working on finding some secondary hotels. Right now coaches will be sent to fan housing which are rooms that are secured by the Final Four.

Ticket sales are down for the WBCA High School All-America game. The tickets for the WBCA High School All-America game presented by Nike are \$15. If you have not gotten your tickets yet please make sure to do so.

- VII. Legislation and Foresight Committee – Shannon Reynolds. Shannon went over the Foresight Committee. The results of the survey came back on the current proposed legislation and Shannon wanted to reiterate the uphill battle coaches are going to have with unifying the membership on legislative direction going forward. In an effort to do that the WBCA is starting to create the March survey and are working on a plan for the Division I business meeting in Cleveland. Shannon encouraged the Captains to remind all of the coaches in their conference to attend the business meeting in Cleveland because there will be a final vote on legislation going forward during this meeting.

Shannon mentioned that in the spring compliance corner the WBCA will list all of the concerns that are compiled from the conferences regarding legislation. The WBCA will then state the pros and cons of what the current position is on the legislation. The hope is that this will help coaches understand both sides before they return the initial surveys in March. The WBCA will then discuss the survey

results during the Division I business meeting. Coaches will have the opportunity to speak on the floor during the Division I business meeting before a final vote is taken.

Shannon noted that November 15<sup>th</sup> was the official notice from the NCAA on all of the proposals that were submitted. The information in the official notice is what the Management Council will consider in their January meeting. This information is listed on our website at WBCA.org.

Shannon mentioned that the NCAA Board of Directors has an opportunity prior to the official notice to look at legislation that has been considered non controversial. Prior to the official notice the NCAA Board of Directors took action on 12 proposals. Shannon reviewed the following proposals on the conference call:

**Proposal 2006-33**

The April phone call to juniors is not permissible until the Thursday following the Women's Final Four.

**Proposal 2005-54**

Override vote. This is in relation to a student-athlete who in enrolled in a graduate program or institution other than the institution in which they previously received a baccalaureate degree to participate in intercollegiate athletics regardless of any previous transfer. This will be up for vote and each institution has to be present to vote on this proposal.

**Proposal 2006-30**

This was submitted by the Big East and had to do with non scholastic evaluation weekends. Originally it was changed to include Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the fall contact period. It has been changed in the official notice to include both weekends. The fall and spring evaluation period could be changed to Friday, Saturday and Sunday versus just Saturday and Sunday.

**Proposal 2006-46a & 46b**

This proposal has to do with the official visit requirement and written offer of athletically related aid and it has to do with the Clearinghouse. See January CWB for story.

**Proposal 2006-54**

The intent of this proposal was to modify the recruiting calendar and to designate July 16-July 21 as a quiet period as opposed to a dead period. Shannon noted that this proposal has not had any support from any group and she felt like this proposal would not pass. Melissa McFerrin asked if this included not having camps for non prospect aged campers. Shannon said it does not count towards non prospect aged campers.

### **Proposal 2006-108**

This proposal has to do with summer basketball certification. There were four components of this proposal that the WBCA wanted.

- 1) Qualified medical personnel present at the event
- 2) Activities could only go from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm
- 3) Student-athletes could not participate in more than five games over a rolling two day period with no more than three games in one day
- 4) Price of the event packet must be listed on the event certification application and be made available to coach

### **Proposal 2006-108b**

Added to list of requirements for the above proposal is that the event packets must include secondary school GPA through the most recent semester or quarter for all participants and must include standardized test scores. This is a proposal that the membership would ask administrators to be in support of.

The next step for these proposals will take place in January. The management council will be able to adopt, defeat, or send the proposal out for comment during this time. The NCAA Board of Directors can then adopt the legislation and move it forward. The final vote for legislation is in April.

Shannon updated the Conference Captains on the issue of male practice players. Two weeks ago a letter called the "Game Plan" was sent out from Doug Bruno. The letter discussed what each conference needs to do in order to educate administrators and student-athletes about the benefits of male practice players.

The NCAA will send out a survey on male practice players and the survey will be sent to athletic directors, FAR's, and SWA's. The results from this survey will be important in determining how schools feel about the use of male practice players.

Doug encouraged coaches to communicate with their student-athletes and talk to them about how they feel about using male practice players. He also encouraged coaches to invite their FAR and SWA to attend a practice so they can see how coaches use male practice players.

Carolyn Campbell-McGovern noted that the survey the NCAA is sending out on male practice players is to get a sense of what institutions are doing with male practice players.

Doug mentioned that we are trying to avoid any type of legislation with male practice players. Shannon added that on July 15<sup>th</sup> we will know if there is a proposal going through on male practice players.

Betty added that Sherri Coale at Oklahoma took her team to their Student Athlete Advisory Committee to explain to them what it means to have male practice players. Betty encouraged the Captains to use this same avenue to educate student-athletes about the use of male practice players.

Shannon noted that in Compliance Corner on WBCA.org there are links posted on with the committee members for Management Council Committee, NCAA Board of Directors and the Championship Committee. She encouraged the Captains to review these lists to see if they have a voting member on one of these committees.

- VIII. Update WBCA – Beth Bass. Beth mentioned that Kay Yow as gone on a leave of absence as well as Janice Richard. Both are battling breast cancer. Debbie Antonelli and is an alum for North Carolina State and she is spearheading an awareness campaign on January 28<sup>th</sup> when North Carolina State plays Boston College. The WBCA will be involved with the program Hoops for Hope on the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup> thru January 28<sup>th</sup>. The WBCA is hoping to get our corporate partner AstraZeneca involved as well.

Doug added that we are looking for ways to present our selves during that weekend. The guys wear gym shoes and we are looking for ways to show that our membership is all unified in the battle for fighting cancer. If you have any ideas please email [alowe@wbca.org](mailto:alowe@wbca.org).

- IX. Thank You – Doug Bruno. Doug thanked the Captains for their participation. Call adjourned 1:05 PM ET.