

Conference Captains Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2009
Noon-1:00 PM EST

NCAA Division III
Presiding – Nan Carney-DeBord

- I. Welcome – Nan Carney-DeBord
- II. Roll Call – Julie Guttowsky
Attendance: Nan Carney-DeBord, Karen Tessmer, Kim Kirkpatrick-Thornton, Deena Applebury, Mia Smith, Brian Donoghue, Kim Martin, Janet Berry, Andrea Bertini, Brian Morehouse, Karen Powell, Tamie Tills, Lori Geir-McBride, Lisa Campanell Komara, Josh Suttles, Stacey Brunner, Juli Fulks, Stephany Dunmyer, Sarah Harris, Brad Durchslag, Amanda Rodgerson, DeeDee Jarman, Christy Thomaskutty, Larry Czer, Shirley Egner

Not in Attendance: Jody Pepple, Dina Henry, Alex Lang, Patricia Canterino, Mike Miller, Michele Davis, Joseph Wright, Marcie Taylor, Mike Strong, Darren Bennett, Denise Bierly, Ellen Thompson, Cherise Galasso, Karin Harvey, Jamie Beaudoin, Michele Durand, Jennifer Watson, Matt Dean, Abby Hearn, Tara Rackh.
- III. Approval of December minutes – Nan Carney-DeBord
 - a. Motion to approve the December minutes – Kim Kirkpatrick-Thornton
 - b. Second Motion – Karen Tessmer
 - c. All-in-Favor, No Opposed
- IV. Recruiting Panel St. Louis Convention – Nan Carney-DeBord
 - a. Going to have a DIII Recruiting Panel in St. Louis on Monday afternoon after the Russell Coach of the Year Luncheon. Around 3:30 p.m. Betty Jaynes was able to finish getting all the volunteers for this panel this morning.
- V. Reminders – Betty Jaynes
 - a. Conference Captains please mark your calendar to send an email or make a call to the coaches in your conference before Feb. 20th to ask them to **nominate** and before March 4th to **vote** for the State Farm Coaches Division III All-America Team.
 - i. Having Captains do this last year was really helpful for the Division III Committee.
 - b. Next Conference Captain meeting will be the in-person meeting in St. Louis on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. We hope that all Conference Captains will be able to attend.
 - c. Conference Captains meeting is back to back with DIII Business Meeting, which is from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Extended meeting by an hour this year)
- VI. WBCA Membership and St. Louis Convention – Tip Tucker Kendall & Felicia Folds
 - a. Deadline to preregister for Convention is February 28th and then the price goes to \$445.
 - b. For Convention we have 138 registrants, which is down from Cleveland at this point that had 159 in 2007. (Comparing numbers from Cleveland in 2007 and not Tampa)
 - c. 162 Final Four tickets have been sold, which is down from Cleveland, where we had 210 tickets sold at this time.
 - d. Only 12 Nike High School All-America Game tickets have been sold to DIII.

- e. Currently have 473 WBCA DIII members and 59 non-renewals from August through January – Included are 23 Head Coaches, 25 Assistant Coaches and 10 non-coaches (e.g. athletic directors, SIDs, recruiting coordinators, etc.).
- f. WBCA convention registration and membership numbers are down in all 3 divisions We are starting watch the trends: is it head coaches, assistant coaches, etc. We are discussing some new membership initiatives, reaching out to coaches on a personal level: (1) increase registration for convention to have better participation at all levels and (2) new membership initiatives. Appreciate Captains spreading the word, encouraging their peers to come and participate in the events. Watching numbers and will get out any information to you we can.
- g. Positive changes to the WBCA that are going to draw new members: updated website and changes to our publications. Would like to sell our membership on the positives but know that with the economy we might offer some incentives for this year.

VII. Legislation – Karen Tessmer & Shannon Reynolds

- a. Women’s basketball related proposals that were adopted during the NCAA Convention in January are as follows:
 - i. 2009-1 – Effective Immediately: Limits the number of athletes from the same institution who may participate on an outside team tour with requiring the tour to be certified as an institutional tour. For basketball the limit is 2 student-athletes from the same institution.
 - ii. 2009-2 – Effective Immediately: Institutional staff members may design a voluntary individual-specific workout program for a student-athlete, but may NOT conduct the individual’s workout outside the declared playing season.
 - iii. 2009-10 and 2009-11 are very similar– Effective Immediately: Use of facilities and having a tryout exception. If your staff is there working an event and there are prospective student-athletes there, now you may work areas of the event without that being considered a tryout.
 - iv. 2009-9 – Effective August 1, 2009: Each head coach shall be certified in first aid, CPR, and AED.
- b. 2009-8, about selection criteria, was Withdrawn. One of the conferences that proposed it withdrew and they did not have enough conferences to support it.

VIII. Discussion of DIII Business Meeting Agenda for WBCA Convention – Betty Jaynes

- a. DIII Conference Captains, last year, asked to be able to have the opportunity to submit any topics to the agenda for DIII Business. The following is a highlight of the current agenda:
 - i. Session on
 - 1. Playing Rules
 - 2. Legislation
 - 3. Karen Tessmer – DIII Championships
 - ii. Betty asked Captains if there was anything else to be added to the agenda to be discussed at the business meeting in St. Louis.
 - 1. Nan Carney-DeBord suggests for a potential agenda item - discounted rates or package opportunities for DIII assistant coaches with registration. It is difficult for many Head Coaches to attend convention let alone their staff.
 - a. Shannon states that most of the decision along the lines of price decreases or increases is a Board of Directors decision and it is worth bring up at the next Board meeting.
 - iii. WBCA will be finalizing the Business Meeting Agenda by end of next week. Email Betty Jaynes if you think of any topics. (Have received nothing to date)

- b. Nominations for all committee openings, as well as WBCA Board of Directors will come in an email directly to coaches within the month. If you would like to run for one of these positions, just hit reply and tell us what position you would like to be nominated for. Elections in late April.
- c. The following are the 2009 DIII “SO” participants:
 - i. Brittany Bumgarner – Guilford College
 - ii. Lori Tanaka – University of Chicago
 - iii. Reba Ross – Birmingham-Southern College
 - iv. Stephanie Anderson – Whittier College
 - v. Christine Rogers – Washington College

IX. CEO Report – Beth Bass

- a. Really appreciate Conference Captains commitment. Know this is a busy time of year and just thank you for taking the time to get on the call.
- b. WBCA Full Staff in place – Tip Tucker Kendal, Director of Membership, Exhibition & Convention Services started January 5, 2009. Carol White, Manager of Awards and Communications Coordinator started in October 15, 2008. Have all 6 interns in place and working hard.
- c. Coach Yow passed away on January 24th. Celebration service was on January 30th. If you haven’t had a chance to go to the WBCA website, please do. Many people wrote in and the coverage was amazing. Beth Bass, Betty Jaynes, Shannon Reynolds, and some other WBCA staff were able to attend. The representation of coaches at the viewing and the service was amazing right in the middle of the season. Some flying in just for a short period of time to pay their respects then head to a game, others with whole staff. Made you proud of Coach Yow’s Nation of Coaches, as she used to refer to it.
- d. Kay Yow/WBCA Fund is going tremendously well. Marsha Sharp is the current President of the Foundation and serving as the acting Executive Director. A lot of momentum behind the passing of Coach Yow. Over 1300 teams registered for the PinkZone. Over 75% of those teams participating are donating the money raised to the Fund. Last year we only had about 17% donate back to the Kay Yow/WBCA Fund. Out of the PinkZone, it is working that institutions are choosing to donate back to the WBCA foundation of choice. This is fantastic.
 - i. PinkZone week is February 13-22, 2009. Rarely do you see different entities come together for the right reasons. All the amazing work from the V Foundation and the relationship with ESPN. ESPN was able to produce, with the work of Carol Stiff, 5 vignettes about Coach Yow. They were able to produce generic versions that ESPN has graciously let CBS College Sports and Fox Sports use during PinkZone.
 - ii. Right after Coach Yow passed, the NCAA granted wavier to extend PinkZone to two weeks. Earlier so teams could wear pink items in support of Coach Yow.
 - iii. We are going to have programming in St. Louis at the Convention to keep the good message going.
- e. Financial Overview of what is happening at the WBCA – Need to look at where we are and where do we need to focus. We have had some preliminary discussions with the WBCA Executive Committee. We are going to be putting a game plan together and could anticipate as much as a 30% contingency plan for cost reductions as we move into St. Louis and the remainder of the WBCA fiscal year which closes on August 31, 2009.
 - i. Positive note, on the marketing side we seem to be on track with our exhibition numbers, with our exhibitors.

- ii. New sponsor coming in called Nfinity. They are the number one supplier of cheerleading shoes and are trying to get in the market of women's basketball. Nfinity is sponsoring a Sunday night party after the Semi-Final games.
- f. Shootaround with Beth (Mowins) and Debbie (Antonelli). We are having a live broadcast on Friday, April 3, 2009. Werner Ladders, the official climbing apparatus to cut down the nets for all three divisions, is sponsoring this live podcast.
- g. Please come to St. Louis with your thinking caps on. We need your help to figure out what the WBCAs' next steps are.

X. Thanks You – Nan Carney-DeBord

- a. Asked if any there were any additions to the call so that we could have a quorum to approve the December minutes. We had two Captains added, had a quorum and were able to approve the minutes.
- b. Next meeting is the in-person meeting in St. Louis on April 6th at 8:30 a.m. I hope to see you all there.
- c. All Conference Captains: Encourage Convention registration prior to February 28th.