

NAIA Regional Conference Captains Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST

- I. Welcome – Russ Davis

- II. Roll Call & Terms – Betty Jaynes
 - Attendance: Russ Davis, Kevin Engellant, Joe Reints, Lori Carter.
 - Excused: Bill Watson, Region 6 Captain (Russ is going to get back with us on a Region 6 Captain within the next week.)
 - Went through each Captains Terms:
 - Russ Davis: 08/31/09
 - Kevin Engallent: 08/31/09
 - Joe Reints: 8/31/11
 - Lori Carter: 8/31/11
 - Bob Hallberg: 8/31/10
 - Bill Watson: 8/31/09
 - Region 6 Caption will be: 8/31/12

- III. Report from NAIA – Russ Davis
 - NAIA office sent out an email to all the NAIA coaches. Russ went over a couple points from that email
 - Rating: Are coming out on Mondays (5:00 Central Time) instead of Wednesday, like in the past. Reasoning behind this is that a lot of games are being played on Monday and Tuesday and the ratings coming out on Wednesday did not reflect those games.
 - Pre-season rating will come out on October 27th and the regular season rating will come out on December 1st.
 - The final rating at the end of the season has been changed to March 11, 2009. The final rating will take place after the deadline for conferences, associations, and independent institutions tournaments.
 - Wanted to make similar to the men's side.
 - Jackson, Tennessee's contract is for two more years, need to go back to conferences and let everybody know if they are interested in hosting, then there is a bid process to go through. Form online at naia.org to see if any cities are interested in bidding for the NAIA Women's Basketball Division I Championships. Looks like Jackson wants to renew their contract.
 - All the spots are filled on the NAIA Board. Russ Davis is the President this year and will be his last year on the NAIA Board.
 - NAIA is going to try and go to a National Letter of Intent involving the Eligibility Center because the NAIA's paperwork for signing athletes is not currently binding. Some institutions thought they had players signed and then they got picked up by NCAA institutions.
 - Go through the Eligibility Center will make the signing binding and will eliminate this problem.

- IV. Update on Awards and Elections-State Farm Coaches All-America Team, Award committee elections, "So You Want To Be A Coach" program, WBCA Scholarships and YES clinics for Tampa, 2008-2009 Internship Program – Betty Jaynes
- Ask Russ if NAIA would like to go to similar method as DI for Nominations that they would get at Convention. It now goes through email. Russ has agreed to go this route.
 - State Farm Coaches All-American team. This past year Regional Captains sent emails to coaches in their region for nominations and to vote. Percentage that responded went up.
 - February 20, 2009 is the deadline for all nominations for NAIA awards.
 - March 6, 2009 is the deadline for the ballots.
 - NAIA REGIONAL CAPTAINS – four days in advance to these dates, send an email to your regional coaches reminding them of nominations and votes!
 - “So You Want To Be A Coach” program: not a lot of NAIA representation.
 - Look over your own team and those in your conference. Identify minority young women who are completing their eligibility and wish to coach. Those nominations are on the wbc.org website
 - YES Clinics are continuing this year: Saturday, April 4, 2009. 7:00am-Noon
 - For the youth of St. Louis.
 - Betty asked if anyone was coming to St. Louis for the convention and wanted to volunteer to help out at the YES Clinics.
 - Currently have 50 DI Head Coaches who are volunteering their time. Need about 15 more Coaches to volunteer
 - Bob Hallberg would like to help, but is an Athletic Director also, but depends on the other teams at his institution. Too early to commit.
 - Russ Davis volunteered.
 - Applications for the 08-09 Betty F. Jaynes internships are posted on wbc.org. Great internship for recent graduates from January through the end of April. Beth Bass does a great job helping get the interns jobs after their experience.
 - Betty Jaynes asked Russ is there is anything that the WBCA can do at the convention for NAIA, for example: additional programs, meetings, special half day with roundtables, speakers, life skills, etc.
 - Russ feels that we are doing ok based on the number of registrants from NAIA. Build the attendance and then look to expand programming.

- Russ suggests having an NAIA spot for the one of the on-court presentations.
 - Right now the WBCA has been doing the top 25 in the USA Today Division I poll. But that doesn't mean that we can't take the NAIA Champion. A discussion about the NAIA championship as to when the tournament starts.
 - Bob Hallberg suggests the person who won the NAIA championship.
 - Russ likes to speak on half court defense.
- There is an opening on the NAIA State Farm Coaches All-American Team from Region 4. Bob Hallberg has been appointed to fill the position.
- List of different committees, whose on each; structure of the different committees.
 - All the Awards Committees are located on the WBCA website.

V. Membership & Convention Update – Felicia Folds

- Breakdown of NAIA registrants for St. Louis,
 - Registration started September 2, and of today, Sept. 11th, we have only have 10 NAIA coaches that are registered
 - 18 Women's Final Four tickets and 7 High School game tickets have been sold.
 - As of this time last year, there were 19 registrants and 26 Women's Final Four tickets sold.
 - Felicia ask Captains to send out email to coaches in your region to remind them of Convention registration and get in on the early bird rate.
 - We will send to each captain a list of the coaches who are in their respective region, with contact information.
 - Russ asked for statistics on the WBCA membership to be sent to the Captains.
 - About 300 Head Coaches for NAIA I & II.

VI. NAIA Regional Captains Future Plans-Russ Davis

- There was a short discussion about the future of the Regional Captains program. Are we ok to continue the program?
 - Russ is going to email or call each one of the captains to see how they feel about the program, how things are going and to go over the captains job description. He will get back with Betty by September 26, 2008.
 - WBCA wants to help but needs the guidance of the NAIA Captains.

VII. Thank You – Russ Davis