

Women's Basketball Coaches Association
NAIA Conference Captains Conference Call
Minutes – Tuesday, September 11, 2007 12:00 p.m. Eastern

- I. Welcome – Russ Davis welcomed Captains
 - Encouraged Captains to increase WBCA membership amongst their conferences

- II. Roll Call – Betty Jaynes. 4 of 7 Captains were in attendance.

- III. Report from NAIA- Laurie Thomas, Director of Championships
 - Dennis Green will be the new NAIA liaison to the WBCA starting end of September/beginning of October 2007
 - NAIA offices have moved to downtown Kansas City, MO
 - In 2008-2009, Heart of America Athletic Conference changes from DI to DII
 - Information about becoming a WBCA member, Award nominations and Scholarship link will be added to the NAIA DI and DII e-newsletter

- IV. Update on Awards and Elections- Betty Jaynes
 - All America Team is now under the umbrella of State Farm, no longer Kodak
 - Committee consists of 8 members and 1 chair
 - All America Team and Coach of the Year Awards are the biggest in NAIA
 - Have to be a member of WBCA in order to nominate players
 - Award nomination forms will be available online after January 1, 2008
 - “So You Want To Be A Coach” program needs more participation from the NAIA
 - Encourage NAIA coaches to become WBCA members and nominate their players
 - YES clinics-Would any NAIA captains be interested in participating?
 - Yes (Russ Davis, Donnita Drain and DoBee Plaisance)

- V. Membership & Convention Update- Dorinda Schremmer
 - Goal is to increase membership in the NAIA who has an estimated total of 500-700 head coaches and assistant coaches
 - Only 157 NAIA coaches are members
 - As of now, only 18 NAIA members are registered for convention
 - Need to get hotels early and early bird registration completed and purchase HS tickets. WBCA official hotel is already sold out.
 - Had record 1st day of registration
 - Tampa could be one of the biggest conventions yet
 - Will the All Star Challenge Game come back?
 - Not for 2008 but is a possibility for future conventions
 - We don't currently have a sponsor for the game
 - Athletes were being over used and split in too many directions

VI. CEO Report-Beth Bass

- Welcomed the Captains and thanked them for attending
- Gave recap of Board of Directors Meeting
 - Board of Directors Meeting was one of the most productive ever
 - Goal of WBCA and NCAA is to grow all of women's basketball
 - Would like to start a leadership mentoring center that would help mentor young coaches. Pilot program to start tentatively Spring '08
 - Mentioned becoming involved in the Kay Yow Foundation. Hope to make a formal announcement in February 2008
- WBCA wants to help get NAIA membership numbers up
- Let Russ know which NAIA teams will be participating in Think Pink week (Feb. 8-17). Carol Stiff of ESPN wants to promote by using live feeds from all divisions. This would be great exposure for NAIA.

VII. Thank You- Russ Davis

- Before ending the call Russ asked the Captains if they think the conference calls should continue. Those in attendance agreed that the calls were very helpful and worthwhile.