



**Conference Captains Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2009**  
**Noon-1:00 PM EST**

**NCAA Division III**  
**Presiding – Pam Ruder**

- I. Welcome to all new and returning captains – Pam Ruder
- II. In Attendance: Pam Ruder, Karen Tessmer, Deena Applebury, Dina Henry, Patricia Canterino, Michele Davis, Brian Donoghue, Kim Martin, Janet Berry, Darren Bennett, Denise Bierly, Holly McGovern, Brian Morehouse, Tamie Tills, Ellen Thompson, Lori Geir-McBride, Cherise Galasso, Karin Harvey, Jamie Beaudoin, Stacey Brunner, Sharon Rissmiller, Nan Carney-DeBord (for Michele Durand), Stephany Dunmyer, Sarah Harris, Brad Durchslag, Matt Dean, Abby Hearn, Tara Ruckh, Amanda Rodgerson, DeeDee Jarman, Christy Thomaskutty, Larry Czer, Shirley Egner.  
  
Not In Attendance: Jody Pepple, Kim Kirkpatrick-Thornton, Eric Harrison, Mia Smith, Mike Miller, Joseph Wright, Marcie Taylor, Dee Dee Cotton, Karen Powell, Lisa Campanell Komara, David Sweet, Mike Krasnoff.
- III. Approval of April and August Minutes – Pam Ruder
  1. First motion to approved both sets of minutes: Christy Thomaskutty
  2. Second motion to approve both sets of minutes: Shirley Egner
  3. Approved Unanimously
- IV. Review Job Descriptions, captains involvement with WBCA State Farm Coaches Division III All-America Team (contact conference coaches to nominate before February 19, 2010 and before March 5, 2010 for voting), “So You Want To Be A Coach” program, WBCA Internships and call schedule – Betty Jaynes
  1. Betty Jaynes briefly emphasized four points for the Conference Captain job description:
    - a. Always be on the conference captains calls or have a substitute so that your conference is represented.
    - b. Always send out the News & Notes to the coaches in your conference.
    - c. Get coaches in your conference to become members of the WBCA. Encourage to go to the WBCA National Convention. Speaking points about convention to Athletic Directors and coaches can be found on [wbca.org](http://wbca.org), events page, national convention, resources for coaches.
    - d. Assist the DIII State Farm Coaches All-American Committee (Captains made such a great impact last year).
      - i. Send email to coaches in conference to remind them to nominate (Deadline 2/19/10)
      - ii. Call those coaches in your conference who haven’t voted yet (Deadline 3/5/09). The WBCA will send you a list of those coaches 2 days before the delaine date.
    - e. On October 9, 2009, the WBCA was approved for the So You Want to be a Coach grant. Applications where posted on [wbca.org](http://wbca.org), Friday, Oct. 23.
    - f. Calling for Betty F. Jaynes Interns. Applications are online now.

- i. No stipends associate with the internship this year. Due to the economy, this is the first year the WBCA has not had paid internships. Going forward, still plan on having paid internships, if funds are available.
  
- V. WBCA Membership and San Antonio Convention Update— Tip Tucker Kendall
  - 1. Asked the group for feedback on the new format of Coaching Women’s Basketball magazine. Lots of positive feedback. A lot of the content ideas came from the membership survey this past summer. Calling for coaches who would like to help with content, ideas to put in the magazine, would like to write, or if there is anything you would like to see in the magazine, please let the WBCA know. This is the first of the many changes in the WBCA.
    - a. New e-newsletter, Fastbreak, will be launching in the middle of November.
  - 2. More convention communication will be sent out about San Antonio with speakers and convention changes soon.
  - 3. DIII is right on track from last year for Convention Registration. Currently have 84 DIII Coaches registered for Convention.
  - 4. Membership side – still working on getting everyone transitioned to the renewal date of 8/31. DIII is at 82% renewal rate for this year. Still have 79 DIII coaches who have not yet renewed their membership.
    - a. Asking Conference Captains to contact those coaches who haven’t renewed and those coaches who are not members – encourage to renew/join the WBCA and come to convention.
  
- VI. Legislative Update – Karen Tessmer
  - 1. WBCA DIII Board members have been working with the NABC Board members to create a legislative survey to send out to both memberships. Content of the survey is about pre/post season conditioning and tryouts (2 issues that both groups have a strong interest in). Survey will come out early November. Keep an eye out and make sure to fill out the survey so we can get your feedback.
    - a. Need to remember that in order to submit proposals from DIII in to the NCAA legislative cycle, 2 conferences or 20 active institutions must sponsor the proposal.
    - b. Once we get initial feedback from the survey, next steps can be decided on.
  - 2. Only 2 of the 7 original membership sponsored proposals received another conference sponsor to move forward in the 08-09 NCAA Legislative Cycle. One is regarding football and the other regards 2 year non-participation for disciplinary reasons.
  - 3. NCAA Second Publication of Legislative Proposals (SPOPL) is posted on the DIII legislative page of the WBCA website. The NCAA Official Notice will be released on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 4. There have been some questions regarding proposal 2-1. If adopted, this proposal would remove the restriction of AAU teams and allow DIII coaches to coach AAU teams. This proposal came from the NCAA DIII President’s Council and will be voted on in January.
    - a. Need to make sure you make your voice heard on those proposals effecting women’s basketball. Make sure to talk to your Athletic Director on your position for each proposal.

VII. CEO Report – Beth Bass

1. Betty Jaynes filled in for Beth Bass, who was representing the WBCA in New York for a Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund event.
2. WBCA closed books on August 31<sup>st</sup>. New year starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. WBCA staff did a great job with tightening the belts and cutting where we could. Looking forward to a great convention in San Antonio.
3. WBCA has been working with the NCAA, planning for this year's basketball season. Lots of exciting changes are being planned for the Women's Final Four and the WBCA Convention.
4. WBCA is making a huge commitment to a new data base and website. Company we went with is IMG. Need a complete overhaul to keep up with the times and to better communicate with our members.
5. Beth Bass has had two great appearances for the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund. One in White Plains, NY, where Cynthia Cooper-Dyke spoke on behalf of The Hartford and Morgan Stanley Group. The second appearance was at the Women's Sport Foundation where Coach Summitt spoke.

VIII. Thanks – Pam Ruder

1. Appreciates everyone's time and thanks them for being on the call. Excited to start the season and begin practice. Wishes everyone luck.
2. **Next call is December 7, 2009 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. EST**