



Conference Captains Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2009
Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST

NCAA Division I
Presiding – Geno Auriemma

- I. Welcome – Geno Auriemma
- II. In Attendance: Geno Auriemma, Muffet McGraw, Jen Rizzotti, Shimmy Gray-Miller (for Cathy Andruzzi), Richard Barron (for Kellie Harper), Jill Dunn, Deb Patterson, Phyllis Mangina, Tricia Binford, Betsy Blose, Lynne Roberts, Erin Rewalt (for Debbie Taylor), Audra Smith, Beth Couture, Paul Nixon, Joe Logan, Maria Fantanarosa, Vanessa Inge, Jenny Vickers (for Jim Flanery), Jeff Mittie, Stephanie Gaitley, Brady Sallee, Nikki Caldwell, Tammy Smith, Amanda Butler, Annette Watts, Rae Blair, Erik Johnson, Cindy Fisher, Raegan Pebley

Not –in-Attendance: Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Sandy Pugh, Shann Hart
- III. Approval of Minutes from June, August Membership, and September Foresight calls – Geno Auriemma
 - a. First Motion to approve: Phyllis Mangina
 - b. Second Motion to approve: Jen Rizzotti
 - c. Approved Unanimously
- IV. 2010 Yes Clinics Progress Report (America East, Atlantic 10, Big East, Ivy Group, Metro, Mid-Eastern, Northeast, Ohio Valley, and Patriot League); "So You Want To Be A Coach" program; State Farm Coaches All-America Team phone calls (Before March 3rd for nominations and before March 15th for voting); and next conference call – Betty Jaynes
 - a. Conferences in charge of Yes Clinics this year (listed above) – You will be receiving information from the NCAA soon. Format is going to be changing a little bit. The time and date are still the same. Saturday, April 3rd.
 - b. "So You want to be a Coach" grant was approved by the NCAA. Applications are now available the WBCA website.
 - c. State Farm Coaches All-American Team. We have not been very successful in regards to coaches voting. WBCA will be sending to each Conference Captain the list of those coaches who have not voted by March 11, 2010. Conference Captains are to contact those coaches and get them to vote. Deadline date for voting is March 15th.
- V. Membership and Convention update – Tip Tucker Kendall
 - a. September 1 start of the new membership year. Still in the renewal process. DI Coaches are at 84% renewal. 178 non-renewals at this point. The majority of those non-renewals are assistant coaches. 23 Head coaches have not renewed.
 - b. Reminder: Early bird registration ends November 30th.

- i. Geno asks the group if they are having issues with convention registration due to frozen travel budgets.
 - ii. Beth – has been hearing a tremendous amount of feedback on how hard it is to get things through the system on campus. This is the time to talk to administrators about the importance of the DI Business Meeting – voting on legislation, on court programming. It is important for all DI Coaches to attend. Make sure that we are communicating with our administrators as well as Faculty Athletic Reps.
 - iii. Geno – Need to get the message across, that it is more than just going to socialize. Business is being conducted, as well as learning. Good time to also make the point that it is important for assistant coaches to attend for learning, professional development, and networking.
 - iv. Reagan Pebley – proposed a couple months ago about pushing back the early bird deadline. Is this something we can still look at?
 - 1. Shannon Reynolds – Had this point down from last call. Great idea. Betty Jaynes made calls to all DI coaches who had not renewed their membership and she is going to do the same for those DI coaches not registered for Convention. Have about 6 weeks until early bird registration deadline. Still a little early. WBCA is going to put some effort into increasing registrants. Going to track on the number of registrants before we make a decision on extending the early bird registration deadline.
 - 2. Joe Logan asks if the WBCA could draft a letter to be sent to the Athletics Directors explaining the importance of attending the WBCA Convention.
 - a. Shannon Reynolds – WBCA did that last year. WBCA needs to be careful how we approach the issues and making sure not to tell them how to conduct their business. WBCA has compiled numerous resources for coaches to use. Can be found on wbca.org: events tab→WBCA National Convention→Scroll down to Resources for coaches.
 - c. Asks Conference Captains for feedback on the new look and format of the magazine: Lots of positive feedback.
 - i. If Captains have any ideas (story ideas) for the new magazine, feedback, content you would like to see, if you like to write and/or be involved in the magazine, let WBCA staff know.
 - ii. New e-newsletter, Fastbreak, will be coming out in mid-November.
- VI. Legislation\Foresight Committee report\Secondary Violations – Shannon Reynolds
- a. Foresight deadline was Oct. 15th. Still haven't heard from the following conferences: Southwestern Athletic Conference and the Summit League.
 - b. Next step on the Foresight Process is to compile all issues and sort in to sections, research the current rule, and then send to the WBCA Legislative Committee for help with the pros and cons of each issue submitted.
 - c. One of the common themes to the Foresight Issues being sent in involves Open Gyms. Proposal 2009-37, in the current NCAA legislative cycle, if

adopted, would eliminate open gyms during the summer. Not a clear definition. WBCA has developed educational document to help educate DI, high school, and non-scholastic coaches (on wbca.org).

- i. Jen Rizzotti – Has concerns with the amount of Foresight Issues regarding open gyms. With so many options, there is a possibility that the vote will be split, nothing receives the 70% minimum majority vote, and then we are back to the same place we are now.
- ii. Shannon Reynolds – Is a challenge when asking each Conference to submit Foresight Issues. We try to look at proposals to look for common themes. NCAA looks at the issues and gives us feedback with regards to the unintended consequences or what would work. Big concern is that the bigger this issue gets, the greater possibility of getting open gyms will be eliminated during the academic year. If our membership doesn't want this, we need to be careful and tell them what we want. If we don't decide as a membership, the NCAA is most likely going to be decided for us.
- iii. Jen Rizzotti – Is there a way that we can get feedback before San Antonio, use Conference Captains to get feedback from their conference coaches? Vote, survey, feedback opportunity? Need to get a pulse on what coaches really want.
- iv. Stephanie Gaitley – One of the problems that the coaches in her conference are dealing with is that different states have different rules with regards to who can be involved in open gyms. Trying to understand why we can't go to fall leagues – a scholastic event. If we go scholastic with open gyms, want to add fall leagues.
- v. We need to look at the definition of an open gym. If we are going to continue the way we are then we need to change what the definition of an open gym is. Nail something down before San Antonio.
- d. NCAA DI Recruiting Cabinet is about to undertake a review of the recruiting model over the next year. They are most likely going to be asking for feedback.
- e. Shannon Reynolds discussed legislation regarding nonscholastic teams and adjoining states being put forth by the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, and sponsored by the DI Sport Management/Championship Cabinet. At its October meeting, the NCAA DI Legislative Council supported the concept, however did not think that this piece of legislation should be considered emergency and non-controversial legislation. They have submitted the recommendation to the NCAA DI Board of Directors to sponsor the legislation into the 2009-10 NCAA legislative cycle to be voted on in January.
 - i. NCAA Proposal No. 2009-94: ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- BASKETBALL EVENT CERTIFICATION -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENT - Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that in order for a basketball event to be certified, participants on nonscholastic teams in a certified event must be legal residents of the state in which the team is located or a geographically adjoining state and not more than a total of three prospective student-athletes from adjoining states may participate on any one nonscholastic team.

- f. WBCA will be conducting a survey prior to January that will include open gym scenarios and the legislation regarding non-scholastic teams with players from adjoining states.
- g. Two proposals were brought forth for men's basketball: (1) DOBO being able to get to an event only if they had a family member participating in the event; (2) Restricting camps and the locale of the camps within the state and proximity to the institution. Based on survey results from August, our membership wanted to be included in these proposals. Women's basketball has been officially included in those two proposals.
- h. WBCA has been receiving calls about iHoops (NCAA initiative on youth basketball) and YB21 (Non-scholastic event operators' initiative to organize youth basketball). Right now WBCA is just listening and trying to figure out what both entities are doing.
- i. After the Fall non-scholastic weekend, Elizabeth Ramsey did receive some calls. Step in the right direction to try and change the culture. WBCA will keep you updated on the how the calls pan out.

VII. CEO Report – Beth Bass

- a. WBCA closed the books on August 31st. Start of the new year on September 1st. Losses not as bad as originally anticipated. WBCA staff did incredible job cutting expenses. Audit will begin in the next couple weeks.
- b. Posed to have a great convention in San Antonio.
- c. Geno Auriemma, Charlie Turner Thorne, Beth Bass and Shannon Reynolds went to San Antonio on Oct. 20-21st to meet with the DI Women's Basketball Committee about the DI Women's Basketball Final Four, WBCA Convention, and discussion about how to grow the game.
- d. Very excited about the new WBCA initiatives with regards to communicating better with our members: new CWB, e-newsletter, signed with IMG to upgrade our website and database.
- e. Great attendance for the 4Kay golf event in September. ACC did a great job hosting. Made more money than last year.
- f. WBCA Pink Zone is February 12-21st.
- g. Beth Bass and Shannon Reynolds attended the Myles Brand Memorial on Oct. 28th.
- h. Met with Kevin Weiberg, iHoops. Updated on what is going on with the program, where they are heading, and how they are looking to work with the WBCA and NABC as it relates to the certification and education of youth basketball coaches.

VIII. Thank You – Geno Auriemma

- a. Thanks the group for being on the call and for donating their time to be a Conference Captain and distributing the information between your conference coaches and the WBCA. Good Luck with the season.
- b. Next Call: November 30, 2009