

**Conference Captains Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2008**  
**11:00 AM - Noon. EST**

**NCAA Division II**  
**Presiding – Gie Parsons**

- I. Welcome – Gie Parsons
- II. Roll Call – Julie Guttowsky
  - In Attendance: 19 out of 23 Conference Captains
  - Attendance: Gie Parsons, Sue Ramsey, Joddie Gleason, Nate Ware, Charrisse Perry, Corey Fox, Joe Pellicane, Jeff Curtis, David Smith, Kelli Lindley, Shannon Bergen, Chris Ratcliff, Jason Martens, Linden Weese, Karen Haag, Angie Kristensen, Buffie Burson, Barbara Nelson from Wingate (for Jennifer Nance), Glenn Wilkes, Jr., Kenny Osborne
  - Not in Attendance: Brandon Schneider, Paula Krueger, Belinda Roby, Chris Kielsmeier.
- III. Approval of April Minutes – Gie Parsons
  - First Motion to Approve Minutes - David Smith
  - Second Motion to Approve Minutes - Chris Ratcliff
  - All in Favor
- IV. Betty Jaynes briefly went over the following information:
  - Job description doesn't really change from year to year. The biggest thing as a captain is to be on the conference calls and to be in attendance at the in-person meeting during the WBCA Convention.
    - Most important is to COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE with the coaches in your conference. Compile a contact list of every coach in your conference. WBCA will send Conference Captains minutes and New & Notes. Send the News & Notes to the coaches in your conference and copy Betty Jaynes at [betty\\_jaynes@wbca.org](mailto:betty_jaynes@wbca.org). This will inform them about important information that was talked about on the call.
    - The Conference Captains calls will never go over an hour. We value your time and after 60 minutes we will end the call.
  - Conference Captains are very important for the State Farm DII Coaches' All-American Team. Last year the DII numbers increased by Region in nominations and in voting. This increase is because of you and your time spent to email and/or call the coaches in your conference and remind them to nominate and vote.
    - Call coaches in your conference before February 20<sup>th</sup> for nominating and before March 6<sup>th</sup> for voting.
  - Need 3 - 4 more head coaches for the YES Clinic in St. Louis on April 4<sup>th</sup> – commit your morning to work with the youth of St. Louis. Right now we have 53 DI head coaches signed up. The following coaches volunteered to work the YES Clinics:
    - ◆ Chris Ratcliff
    - ◆ Linden Weese
    - ◆ Angie Kristensen

- If anyone needs to check their schedules first, please do and email Betty Jaynes if you would like to volunteer at [betty\\_jaynes@wbca.org](mailto:betty_jaynes@wbca.org).
- “So You Want To Be A Coach” program traditionally does not have a lot DII participants. Eighth year for the program. David Smith, Gie Parsons, and Sue Ramsey have been instrumental in getting participants to attend. Betty encouraged the conference captains to look at the SO program and look at the players on their team. The program is for minority seniors that are exhausting their eligibility and want to coach. Participants find out about coaching, what it is like at all levels, and talk about work/life balance just to name a few. This year two new initiatives are being added to the SO program: 1) Participate in the Yes Clinics and 2) Attend the NCAA Salute Dinner.
- Captains – Be selfish; look at team first then look at your conference. Get the student-athlete nominated.
  - ◆ To nominate a player – go onto [wbca.org](http://wbca.org) and fill out the application form. The Deadline is January 16, 2009 at 5:00 PM EST.
- Betty reviewed the Conference Captains call dates for 2008-09.

V. WBCA Membership and St. Louis Convention Update – Felicia Folds

- 83 DII members have registered for convention to date. Last year at this time 86 were registered.
- 111 Final Four tickets have been purchased by DII members. At this time last year there were 129 Final Four tickets sold.
- As of September, 22 DII members are still expired.
- WBCA will be sending a list of the current members in DII by conference. Those who are not members, Conference Captains, please call them and encourage them to become members of the WBCA as well and participate in the WBCA National Convention in St. Louis.
- The WBCA has never had 100% in head coaches in any division in 28 years. Betty Jaynes challenges the captains to get DII to be the first division to have 100% of the head coaches to be WBCA members.

VI. Legislation update – Sue Ramsey

- Preseason seemed to go well with two groups being able to workout at the same time, but NEVER co-mingling.
- If there are any issues that captains have that would like to see go forward, please send to Sue Ramsey and she will give assessment on the issue and the possibility of it going forward.
  - Dave Smith understands that the MAA and another conference have proposed legislation to make the starting date for next year standard in that it will be the second Friday in November each year. He asks Sue what her feelings are about this proposal being passed as they look at scheduling for next year.
    - ◆ Sue does not have much sense on the issue right now. Really goes back to the coaches having the opportunity to go their individual Athletic Directors, if they feel strongly about it and voice opinion. Remember that in DII, it is the individual Athletic Directors’ votes that they tally up in the count. Sue encourages everyone to go in front of their Athletic Directors and voice their opinion on the legislation.
    - ◆ ***Issue was voted on last year, Proposal 2008-21, and was defeated by the following vote: For – 89; Against – 177; Abstain – 2. Unlikely to pass, being the second straight year going through the NCAA legislative cycle.***

- Last year there was a move for 24 in-region games and at the last minute it was moved back to 22 games. Is there any move for 24 in-region games next year?
  - ◆ Sue will be in touch with Tina Krah, NCAA Championships, on whether or not that will happen. Sue thinks that they have tabled it. At this point in time, she does not see anything moving strongly that way. She will follow up with Tina today. If there is a movement, Sue will let all the Conference Captains know.
- Karen Haag asked if there is anything that we can do to stop the high price of packets.
  - ◆ The issue of packet prices was addressed at all divisions. WBCA looked long and hard at this issue and sought legal council to see if there was anything that can be done. Because of Free Enterprise, we cannot do anything to limit the price of packets and were advised that organizing a boycott was illegal.

VII. CEO Report – Betty Jaynes

- Sign up for the 2009 Pink Zone game participation is on the front page of the WBCA website. Pink Zone week is February 13-22, 2009. The Pink Zone week is the WBCA's initiative for breast cancer awareness. The Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Foundation is the foundation of choice for the WBCA to put money it to and all donations through Pink Zone will be put towards the Foundation.

VIII. Thank you – Gie Parsons

- Next Conference Captains call – December 8, 2008 at 11:00 AM EST