

**Conference Captains Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2008**  
**Noon-1:00 PM EST**

**NCAA Division III**  
**Presiding – Nan Carney-DeBord**

- I. Welcome to all new and returning captains – Nan Carney-DeBord
  
- II. Roll Call – Julie Guttowsky
  - In Attendance: 26 out of 38
  - Attendance: Nan Carney-DeBord, Karen Tessmer, Jody Pepple, Kim Kirkpatrick-Thornton, Deena Applebury, Mia Smith, Amanda Rodgerson, Michele Davis, Brain Donoghue, Kim Martin, Brain Niemuth from Simpson Collage (for Janet Berry), Darren Bennett, Denise Bierly, Andrea Bertini, Brain Morehouse, Ellen Thompson, Lori Geir-McBride, Cherise Galasso, Jamie Beaudoin, Stacey Brunner, Juli Fulks, Mandy King, Sarah Harris, Abby Hearn, DeeDee Jarman, Shirley Egner, Beth Fox from Muskingum College (for Michele Durand), Laura Habacker
  - Not in Attendance: Alex Lang, Mike Miller, Marcie Taylor, Mike Strong, Karin Harvey, Lisa Campanell Komara, Patricia Canterino, Jennifer Watson, Matt Dean, Tara Ruckh, Christy Thomaskutty
  - The following DIII Conferences are still vacant: Centennial Conference, North Eastern Conference, South California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
  
- III. Approval of April Minutes – Nan Carney-DeBord
  - First Motion: Shirley Egner
  - Second Motion: Cherise Galasso
  
- 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 be in attendance at the 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 DIII Coaches All-American Team. Last year the DIII numbers increased in nominations and in voting. This increase is because of you and your time to email and/or call the coaches in your conference and reminding them to nominate and vote.
    - Call coaches in your conference before February 20<sup>th</sup> for nominating and March 6<sup>th</sup> for voting.
  - Need 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:
    - ◆ Sarah Harris
    - ◆ Kim Kirkpatrick

- ◆ The NCAA will contact you at the first of the year with all the information you will need to know.
- 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 DIII participants. Eighth year for the program. Betty encourage the conference captains to look at the 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 added to the SO program: 1) Participate in the Yes Clinics and 2) Attend the NCAA Solute 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 and fill out the application form. The Deadline is January 16, 2009 at 5:00 PM.
- Reviewed the Conference Captains call dates for 2008-09.

V. Legislation and Survey Update – Karen Tessmer

- Karen briefly discussed the DIII survey that went out in September. Thanks everybody for filling the survey out. Had about a 70% response rate, 237 coaches.
  - First question: Do you favor a recruiting calendar?
    - ◆ 41% YES, 60% NO
    - ◆ At this point, unless there is some overwhelming reason, we are not going to pursue anything further with the recruiting calendar. No Comments from Captains.
  - Second Question – Tryouts: 55% In favor, 45% Not In Favor. WBCA will start to explore legislative proposals. Going to need some conferences to support this. Any comments or know if your conference would be willing to support a proposal for tryouts?
    - ◆ Nan poses the comment about not being sure if there might be an issue between the private vs public institutions in terms of tryouts. Thinks there might be some differentials on the presidential level.
    - ◆ Karen states how there were not many comments from coaches who responded to this on the survey but that she has talked to the NCAA a little bit about tryouts. Tryouts seem to go against some of the DIII philosophy. NCAA said that if there was lots of support out there, it can definitely be proposed and see what happens when it comes to convention. Need some more input from Conference Captains, coaches who really want us to pursue hard on tryouts, and find some Conferences who want to support this.
      - Darren Bennett from Skidmore College: Doesn’t understand favoring tryouts, without limiting a recruiting calendar. With at recruiting calendar, we should have enough days to go out and watch a psa and watch them a multiple number of times versus giving them a tryout on campus. Mike Strong brought this up at the Convention. Darren believes that Mike’s point in bringing this issue up is that there are times when psa’s gets to a campus, goes out for the basketball team, and ends up getting cut. If they would have known they weren’t going to make the team, they may have gone to another school where they could have played. Darren thinks it is the coaches’ job to let that psa know before they get to campus during the recruiting process if they wouldn’t make the team, we shouldn’t recruit that psa.
      - There was a discussion about the number of student-athletes, how the program can only keep a certain number of student-athletes, then the student-athlete feels they could have gone to another institution and been able to play. Coaches should let these

psa's know in the recruiting process about making the team or not. One captain feels like coaches do, but the psa sometimes only hears what they want to hear.

- ◆ Nan discusses another issue about the variety of admission processes that are in DIII: Early Action, Rolling Admission.
- ◆ Karen feels that Admissions is not going to like trying out psa's and then encouraging them to go to another school because they would not make the team.
- ◆ Need a little more feedback to see if we need to pursue this further. There wasn't an overwhelming difference in the votes, would go further if members would like.
- ◆ Brain Morehouse from Hope College: Michigan Intercollegiate Conference is not in-favor of the tryout process. Feels that from the Presidential level, it wouldn't be supported in that league. One of the concerns that he has is that if he holds tryout in April, tells a psa that they would make the team, and then in July gets two transfers. Now he has stuck in a bad situation. Feels like it would be almost like a scholarship offer for the kid that tried out in April and then would have to go back on his word because he got these two transfers that he wanted.
  - We just said no to a recruiting calendar on a vote that was not all that different in the percentile from the tryouts. His question is why would we continue to pursue tryouts that were split so far down the middle, if we are not going to pursue a recruiting calendar with stipulations?
- ◆ No more comments from Captains. If you have any serious thoughts or concerns about the recruiting calendar or tryouts, please let Karen Tessmer or WBCA know and we will discuss it and see what steps need to be taken next.
- Third question on the survey: Other issues that coaches would want to see looked at – Over half of the comments were about preseason and individual workouts. A lot of comments about getting more time with the student-athletes. This went to the NCAA Convention a few years ago and did not pass. Maybe it has been enough time that we can put something together and try it again. Seems to be a hot item.
  - ◆ Another issue that was brought up in the comments section was about Male Practice Players. Unfortunately this issue is not going to be supported for another proposal. We are going to have to live with it for a little while.
- Karen briefly mentioned the legislative proposals to be voted in the January NCAA Convention that would affect women's basketball.
  - ◆ SPOPL # 3: Recruiting – Tryout Exceptions – Facility Usage Buy Outside Organization
  - ◆ SPOPL# 6: Playing and Practice Seasons – Specific Workout Programs.
  - ◆ SPOPL #7: Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Required Days Off – All Sports – Conference and Postseason Tournaments.
  - ◆ SPOPL # 12: Executive Regulations – Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships participation – Selection Criteria – Availability of Data Throughout Season.
    - Karen feels that there needs to be some education about what the criteria means and how to help people understand it better. NCAA is looking at this to see if it is even logistically possible.
      - Shirley Egner serves on the committee and believes the information should be for the committee only and as coaches if we have a concern about the criteria and regional rankings then we need to be in contact with our regional reps that can take the message back to the national committee.

## VI. WBCA Membership and St. Louis Convention Update – Felicia Folds

- As of today, 84 DIII members are registered for the St. Louis Convention. At this time last year, we were at 100 registrants.
- 123 Final Four tickets have been sold, compared to last year at this time which was 149 Final Four tickets sold.
- If you are registered and have not taken care of your hotel reservations, please do so. The host hotel is full. You may reserve hotel rooms at the Crowne Plaza, which is one block down from the Hyatt and one block closer to the convention center. If you have any questions, please email Felicia Folds.
- St. Louis is rolling out the carpet for us. If you're not signed up right now, please consider doing so. It is going to be great! Come join us in St. Louis.

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 to and all donations through Pink Zone will be put towards the Foundation.

VIII. Thanks – Nan Carney-DeBord

- Betty Jaynes asks everyone to check their information out on the Conference Captains roster to make sure it is correct. If anything needs to be changed, please contact Julie Guttowsky.
- Nan reminds the group that we are still looking to fill captains for the following conferences: Centennial, North Eastern, and South California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- Importance of communicating to your conference through distribution. Also encourage communication through you regarding any legislative issues/questions and/or convention.
- Encourage individuals in your conference who are not members of the WBCA to join.
- Request the date of Pink Zone game. Very pleased from the results of the DIII support from last years Pink Zone game and would like to double if not triple DIII contributions this year.
- Nominations for SO.
- Next call is December 8, 2008 at Noon EST.