

NAIA-Softball Coaches Association Business Meeting  
December 11, 2008---9:00 AM  
Marco Island Marriott Resort

Minutes

- I. Call to Order-Keith Kramme, NAIA-SCA President
  - A. Scott Waller-NFCA-All present please verify information
  - B. Introduction of Worth representatives
  - C. Introduction of Officers:
    - Terry Knecht-1<sup>st</sup> VP
    - Hal Wynn-2<sup>nd</sup> VP
    - Lou Yacinich-Secretary
  - D. Last years minutes approved
  - E. Attendees introduced themselves
  
- II. Reports
  - A. NFCA Report-Ritchie Richardson (NAIA Rep)
    - 1. New NAIA Rep will be Hal Wynn-Faulkner University
    - 2. Show of hands-Do coaches want the Fastpitch Delivery delivered on-line?-Vote was overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the paper delivered in hard copy form in the mail.
    - 3. Recognized the All-Region Coaches and the National Coach of the Year.
  - B. NAIA Report-Dennis Green
    - 1. Introduced Cheri Kempf from Worth Sports
      - a. Worth is proud to be the official ball of the NAIA
      - b. Wants input from coaches on products
      - c. Is planning to be leader for softball products
    - 2. Introduced Rick Fremin-coach at Belhaven
      - a. Rick showed everyone a lineup card holder
    - 3. Dennis recognized new employees at NAIA office
    - 4. Coaches Manual on-line late January or early February
    - 5. 2009 National Tourney-32 teams-one site, dates are May 14-20; qualifying deadline is May 4.
    - 6. 2010 National Tourney-Qualifier deadline is May 10-National Tourney May 20-26
  - C. Raters and Rating process-Terri Knecht-1<sup>st</sup> VP
    - 1. 24 total raters
    - 2. Schools must report scores by 12:00, noon, on Mondays
    - 3. Raters ratings due to National Office by 10:00 am on Tuesdays
    - 4. Ratings released by 5:00 pm on Tuesdays
    - 5. Ties are allowed within conferences (much discussion about this being a negative, however it is an NAIA directive that they be allowed)
  - D. All-America Selection Process-Keith Kramme
    - 1. Reviewed previous process

2. New Process-Only required pieces of information are:
    - a. All-Conference sheet
    - b. Game-by-game stats
    - c. Overall stats
  3. Discussion on new process was favorable
  4. New Process will make supporting material simpler and clearer
  5. EMPHASIS IS ON COACHES TO GET ALL SUPPORTING MATERIAL TO NATIONAL OFFICE
- E. Scholar-Athlete-Hal Wynn
1. Get supporting material in to Lou Yacinich this year
  2. Send in early
  3. Requirements for award are in manual
- F. National Tournament Review-Keith Kramme
1. Community of Decatur was great last year
  2. Quality field prep after rain storms
  3. Decatur, Alabama has the tourney in 2009 and 2010
  4. Discussion about next host-interested parties can contact National Office about bid process

### III. Discussion of 2009 National Tournament

- A. New format
1. 8 pools-4 teams-3 game guarantee
  2. Pool winners advance to double-elimination
  3. Reviewed tie-breakers
- B. Motion made by Laura Klutsarits-Siena Heights- and passed that tie-breakers stay in same order-add a limit of 8 runs to run differential-vote was 28 yes and 0 no.
- C. Motion by Ed Lehotak-Bellevue-to accept Option C for Double-elimination format of tourney- 28 yes-0 no
- D. Motion by Terri Knecht-SCAD-to accept Option D for Double-elimination format as contingency plan if problems arise during discussions with City of Decatur tournament committee over Option C above.

### IV. Proposals

- A. Proposal 1-Fall Playing Date-Mike Christner-William Penn-  
Passed 28-0
- B. Proposal 2-Fall Playing Dates-Melanie Gregor-Holy Names  
Withdrawn
- C. Proposal 3-Expand post-season roster size to 20-Becky Norris-Indiana Tech  
Passed 22-5
- D. Proposal 4-Change National Qualifier date-Pat Reardon-Central Methodist  
Passed 27-0

### V. Discussion

- A. National Tournament Qualifier must be determined by May 4 for 2009
- B. Rick Fremin-Belhaven-would like to see a stadium field for final 8 at National

Tournament

- C. Kris Wilcoxson-AUM-How is National Tournament host site determined?-  
Dennis Green, National Office, explained process

VI. Dee Abrahamson-NCAA rules interpreter

- A. Pitching lane from rubber out 8' is a rule for this year-see rule book for diagram
- B. Ball specifications are being determined by dynamic stiffness standard  
Would appear that multi-layer ball will soon become illegal
- C. Bat standards-current standards are:
  - 1. Bat must have "2004 ASA" seal
  - 2. Bat must not be on "non-approved list"

VII. Nominations for Secretary

- A. Mike Smith-California Baptist
- B. Laura Klutsarits-Siena Heights
- C. Terri McCormick-Univ of Mobile

VIII. Adjournment