

North Central Conference  
Men's Basketball Coaches Meeting  
April 12, 2005

**I. Roll call**

Tom Billeter	Augustana
Matt Margenthaler, Mike Schott	Minnesota State, Mankato
Gary Holmquist, Butch Kuronen	Minnesota Duluth
Kevin McKenna	Nebraska - Omaha
Rich Glas	North Dakota
Kevin Schlagel	St. Cloud State
Dave Boots	South Dakota
Melanie Nelson	NCC Office
Jon Martin	NCC Office
Bill Gross	NCC Administrative Liaison
Kevin Buisman	MSU Administrator

**II. New Business**

**A. Report on NABC** – Just a reminder the NABC discourages coaches scalping tickets. The National poll is voted on by one coach per region and the North Central regional coach responsible is Greg Stemen from Southwest Minnesota State, any questions coaches should just call him. Next year they will be doing a pre-season poll. Dave explained some changes that will be occurring with the regional ranking criteria, specifically that D-I and NAIA games will not count towards the criteria. He reminded coaches that this material will be available after the National DII committee meets this summer and that coaches should be sure to review the materials. Also, next year teams will need to play a minimum of 16 in-region games.

**B. Regional Advisory Update** – The NCC representatives to the regional committee will stay the same, they are Kevin McKenna and Kevin Buisman. They had no report at this time

**C. Wells Fargo Finals Issues** – No issues were discussed or changed

**D. Video-Taping Policy** – No changes made to the policy that was in place last year. Coaches need to make every attempt to mail the video tapes by Monday even if a Monday falls on a holiday. Also, coaches need to send the request of what videos they want from each institution out on time.

**E. Game Management and Sportsmanship Issues** –Coaches did not have concerns with any NCC sites concerning sportsmanship or game management. Coaches should contact the NCC office if at anytime there is a concern so that the issues can be resolved.

**F. 2005-06 Basketball Schedule** – The 2006 schedule approved by coaches in September was voted on and approved by the AD's in their January meeting. Coaches

were reminded to work off the schedule that was sent out stating Approved 1/08/05. Coaches discussed the women's proposal for all Saturday games to be played at 1:00 and 3:00 or at 2:00 and 4:00. The men's coaches didn't have strong opinion on this issue and did not make a motion. The issue will be decided by the AD's in May.

**G. 2005 Disney Classic** – At this time UNO will be competing in the 2005 tournament. For 2006 no team has indicated an interest at this time. Coaches should contact the NCC office if they are interested in the 2006 tournament.

**H. All-Conference** – There was discussion on the number of athletes that make the all-conference team, there was concern that with fewer teams the number may be too many. Discussion also was held concerning how the All-American team is selected as well as the All-Region team.

**Motion UND, second, USD – That the All-Conference team should consist of 10 athletes with no first team or second team designation and with no honorable mention. Passed 7-0**

**Motion AC, second UND – That coaches will be allowed to nominate more than one athlete in the special awards. Passed 7-0**

**I. 2007 Basketball Schedule** – Two options of a 2007 schedule were shared with the coaches. One had strictly Thursday-Saturday and another had one weekend of Friday-Saturday. The options did concern coaches in that there were streaks of home games and streaks of away games. Bill Gross presented an idea of looking at Wednesday-Saturday play where you may be able to avoid the streaks. Coaches would like Bill to pursue this option to see if it would be better to go to a Wednesday-Saturday format.

**J. Fall In-Person Meeting** – Coaches determined that with scheduling, the conference membership issues, and meeting the new commissioner it would be good to have an in-person meeting. Meeting will be at the Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel September 26, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.

**K. Officiating** – Colin Kapitan was unable to be on the call and so coaches agreed to set a call for May and those coaches available would be on. Some issues discussed were seeing the same officials to often, the need to stay competitive in what we pay, the pool and how it is being improved as well as how officials are ranked. The NCC office will set a date and time for a call in May so coaches can have discussions with Colin.