

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

I. Roll call

Dave Krauth	Augustana
Lori Fish	Minnesota State, Mankato
Karen Stromme, Sue Fiero, Rachel Otto	Minnesota Duluth
Patty Patton Shearer	Nebraska - Omaha
Travis Brewster	North Dakota
Lori Ulferts	St. Cloud State
Chad Lavin	South Dakota
Melanie Nelson	NCC Office
Jon Martin	NCC Office

II. New Business

A. Report on WBCAC –Karen Stromme is our conference representative and there were no new items to report.

B. Regional Advisory Update – Next year we will need one new representative from the NCC, Gene Roebuck will still have two years remaining however we need an administrator. Coaches recommended Karen Stromme since she is both a coach and SWA.

Motion UNO, second USD that Karen Stromme be the AD/SWA on the regional advisory committee. Motion passes 7-0.

Karen was very willing to serve on the regional advisory committee.

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

D. Video-Taping Policy – Coaches discussed the overnight shipping expense and the actually need for shipping overnight. One suggestion is that on the request form coaches send that they include not only the game tape they want but also state when they want the tape so that the institution sending the tape can determine if they send it overnight or send it regular mail. Coaches also reinforced that only new tapes should be used.

Motion UMD, second MSU – That when requesting tapes that coaches include the date they want the tape by so that overnight delivery is not mandatory. Passes 7-0

Motion SCSU, second UMD – To require by the 2007 season that institutions use DVD instead of the video tapes for the tape exchange and that Karen Stromme will research this and get cost to the AD's for the May meeting. Passes 7-0.

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 having Saturday games played at 1:00 and 3:00 or at 2:00 and 4:00. With no Friday night play this would be a positive move and save money. Some of the advantages are hotels are more strict on late checkouts, for teams playing on the road Thursday-Saturday it allows an earlier return and being able to check out early, and finally it allows teams to return home at a reasonable hour verses late night travel.

Motion UMD, second MSU – That Saturday afternoon contest be played at either 1 and 3 or 2 and 4. Motion passes 7-0

G. 2005 Disney Classic – At this time UNO and UND will be competing in the 2005 tournament. For 2006 Augustana, UMD and SCSU have indicated an interest at this time.

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.

Motion UMD, second, MSU – That the All-Conference team should consist of 10 athletes with no first team or second team designation and any athlete receiving a vote be named to honorable mention. Passed 7-0

Also, concerning the special awards coaches clarified that Newcomer of the Year is a transfer and not a freshman. Coaches also want to look in the fall at having a 6th Player Award. Lori Fish will visit with some other coaches to develop criteria for the award to present to the coaches in the fall.

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. Coaches at this time seemed to favor Option 2 however they wanted to meet with the men's coaches in the fall to official vote on the schedule

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 asked the coaches to send in the rating forms. Coaches had concerns that they didn't see many different officials and asked about rating after each game. This would work however they would need to have all coaches do this and not just some of the games but all the games. Colin explained that he uses the ratings

from the observers as well as the coaches and will send these ratings to the coaches upon completion.

Items From the Floor

The intra-conference rule was discussed. Melanie explained that the NCC Bylaw does state the S/A has to sit a year in residency prior to competing and the intent of the rule was so they did not compete for another institution in the conference the next year but must sit. Recently the conference did put in an appeals process of the rule that allows the institution to appeal and the eligibility committee will then decide on the case. The intra-conference rule will be reviewed at the AD's meeting in May.