

Action Items

Division II Breakout Meetings

2009 NFHCA Annual Convention

Philadelphia, PA

January 15th - 18th, 2009

Moderated by Carla Hesler, Division II Group Representative

Attendance: Adelphi, AIC, Bentley, Bloomsburg, Catawba, CW Post, East Stroudsburg, Franklin Pierce, Kutztown, Limestone, Mansfield, Merrimack, Millersville, Saint Anselm, Saint Michael's, Shippensburg, Southern Connecticut, Stonehill

2008 Action Items Approved

2008 Committee Reports

- A. **All-American Report** – Committee Chair Kelly Frassinelli reported that presently all committee members receive nominations (5 members). She reported that not all members were actually receiving the nominations.

Proposal: Have all nominations sent only to the chair of committee (who ever that may be)... Chair will then email coaches confirming received forms then sends whole list to the rest of committee members.

Request of Coaches: Coaches need to nominate players from other schools they feel worthy of recognition even if not nominating players from own school.

Motion: Approved unanimously to have All American Nomination forms sent only to the chair who will forward to other committee members.

- B. **Coach of the Year Report** – Sandy Miller spoke about the need for full voting participation. Questions arose about how to remind coaches who missed the deadline to vote. Chip Rogers spoke about using an online information gathering survey such as Zoomerang is a possible additional tool to assist with voting procedures.

- C. **All-Star Game Report** - Positive feedback from many coaches about the experiences of senior all-stars at the Division I NCAA Final 4. Discussion from coaches about the nomination process and the need to confirm with seniors whether they can attend if nominated. According to Chair, this stipulation in the nominating process was followed. Committee chair was very pleased with 100% attendance at the game. Question arose about recognizing the seniors who are not able to attend the game. Discussion about funding travel for seniors and some coaches shared how their seniors fund the travel and housing. A suggestion to have hotel rooms blocked out for senior all stars and coaches to help with costs. Lengthy discussion about the possibility of holding the game at the D II Final Four. After discussion a vote was taken (13 – 1) to keep the game at the D I Final 4. Chip Rogers reminded coaches about the short turn around time after the D II Final 4 announcement since there is no predetermined site and how this would make it difficult to make arrangements. Information was shared about using the present senior all star game set up as an opportunity for the National Coaches to evaluate D I and D II college players in one location. Coach asked how the senior all star coach is determined. A motion was made to have protocol clear about who coaches the senior all star teams and if the COY is not able to coach, the committee chair will coach or ask a coach who plans to attend the event.
Unanimous vote Yes. Discussion about changing the name of the game to a Senior Game vs Senior All-Star Game. Not sure this could happen unless all Divisions want the change.

- D. National Coaches Poll** – The group voted unanimously to keep the coach’s poll the same and include the final week of the poll (even though few voted in 08). Chip Rogers reminded coaches how the poll helps promote the sport and offers more media coverage. Coaches offered suggestions to assist in reminding each other to vote.
- E. NFCA National Academic Squad/Team** - Jenn Goodrich spoke about an idea to recognize 4 year National Academic Squad Players with a special award. Coaches enthusiastically supported this idea. Lengthy discussion about how GPA’s are determined by colleges. Bertie Landis (Shippensburg U) requested that all schools forward to her how GPA’S are determined at their school.

Other Business:

- A. Hockey Festival Senior Night** – Information passed along about Division I coaches seeing the event as unnecessary. Attendance at the event ... 22 D I, 15 D II, 60 D III. More info to follow regarding location of senior night and the possibility of hosting the event at the game fields following the final day of games.
- B. New Programs** – Great news from the Division II coaches about the addition of new field hockey programs and talk of schools investigating adding a women’s sport. Limestone and Adelphi both attended the meeting as new programs. Other schools mentioned as possible additions include Seton Hill, New Haven, Dowling. News of Philadelphi U possibly dropping their field hockey program. Suggestion to have a letter sent from the coaching body in support of keeping the sport if considering dropping and to make a presentation in support of adding field hockey to those schools considering a new women’s sport.
- C. NCAA Issues** - Jeff visited from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee with news and updates. Question about the date of the Final 4 in relation to D I and D III. It is already difficult securing officials for the D II games and if all held on the same weekend, it would be even more difficult. A pre determined site was reported to be on the agenda for upcoming NCAA meetings. Concern about officials was raised and it was strongly suggested that North officials officiate South games and South officiate North games. Concerns about hosting the NCAA tournament around football contests and playing the games at night is not in the best interest of the event. One suggestion is to host all 6 teams on one weekend. Jeff confirmed plans for the NCAA to host another FALL FESTIVAL. The need for field hockey to play on turf was enthusiastically supported.
- D. Pam Stupor Director of Curriculum Development** – Pam spoke to coaches about her role in helping to develop knowledge base of coaches. Asked coaches to let her know if they wish to open up a practice to high school/middle school/club coaches.
Pam’s Email – pamela.stuper@yale.edu
Pam’s phone # - (203) 432 1479 (work line at Yale)
People may be calling coaches to at least be a host site.
Also offering umpire involvement.
- E. Honda Broderick Award** – Presently Division II nominates one player from the All American nominations to be the Honda Broderick Nominee. The question to vote is Do we want to have a Honda Broderick nominee and a National Player of the Year. The Honda Award recognizes community service, academic and athletic success. The National POY is a statistical award. Lengthy discussion about the differences in the award criteria and suggestion about having the All-American committee select both a Honda Nominee and name the NPOY. Motion made to have the All-American Committee select the NPOY and name the Honda Broderick D II Nominee. (13-1 vote). One coach requested the wording of the Honda Broderick nominee be reworked before voting on this change.