

## **MINUTES: EMPIRE 8 Basketball CONFERENCE CALL**

June 17, 2013

### Participating on the call:

Alfred – Dale Wellman and Jay Murphy  
Elmira – Randie Torgalski and Shannon Howley  
Hartwick – Missy West and Todd McGuinness  
Houghton – Andrew Hannan and Alicia Mucher  
Ithaca – Dan Raymond  
Nazareth – Devin Gotham, Kevin Broderick and Pete Bothner  
St. John Fisher – Rob Kornaker and Marianne O’Connor-Ermi  
Stevens – Bob Hurley and Megan Haughey  
Utica –Michele Davis  
Empire 8 – Chuck Mitrano and Janelle Feuz

Meeting opened at 11:00 am

### **Empire 8 Officiating Assignor Positions**

Chuck Mitrano briefed the coaches about the timeline and process of filling the positions. Chuck outlined the improvements we expect to make with having an assignor not affiliated with the ECAC. Chuck encouraged the coaches to provide feedback to Kevin Broderick and Devin Gotham before Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> about the candidates. Chuck is planning to make information about all candidates available to all coaches via “dropbox.”

Pete Bothner encouraged coaches to provide Kevin and Devin with a list of characteristics they would look for in an effective assignor. Shannon Howley mentioned she has witnessed many positives steps that Mike Schmidt has already taken in his first year in his assigning position for women’s officials. Rob Kornaker mentioned that he has spoken with coaches in the Centennial Conference, which has recently hired an independent assignor, and the feedback was positive. Chuck asked that the names in the applicant pool remain confidential.

### **2013-2014 Schedule**

Kevin reminded coaches of the recently approved time change for conference games which the traveling team, traveling more than 150 miles, for a game on Saturday can request game times for Saturday be changed to 3pm and 5pm, provided they have played Friday. Coaches were already aware of this and there was no discussion.

Pete asked all coaches to send feedback to Kevin and Devin regarding any promotional/marketing plans they may be using this year to address maximizing attendance this season for all double headers.

### **Video Exchange**

Todd McGuinness proposed having all conference games available for viewing by all conference coaches on Ez-Stream Janelle Feuz raised the issue that this was not possible on the Ez-Stream system without making the games also available to non-conference opponents, parents, fans, etc. Shannon said she will check into whether or not Ez-Stream has the capabilities to make all games available just to all conference basketball coaches. It was decided by a vote of 13-3 that if

Ez-Stream is capable, our tape exchange policy will be that all conference games will be available on Ez-Stream for all conference coaches.

It was also agreed upon that if Ez-Stream is not capable, we will follow the same tape exchange policy adopted prior to last season, with November 15<sup>th</sup> remaining the date that each school must submit their tape exchange requests.

**Expansion Question**

Rob asked a question about conference expansion and the thought process of getting to 10 members. Pete Bothner explained conference always considering new options for members and understands it would help with basketball scheduling.

Meeting adjourned 11:35am