

Minutes from the April 30 MAC Softball Conference call

Present – Messiah, Lebanon Valley, Alvernia, Elizabethtown, Widener, Arcadia, Lycoming, Albright, Misericordia, King's, Eastern, Desales, Fairleigh Dickinson, Wilkes, Manhattanville, Ken Andrews, Denny Mader, Katie Cirilo

Ken Andrews opened the call at 10:30 am

Denny Mader – Season went fairly well, thank you to the coaches for submitting the information on the umpires, making progress including eight new, knowledgeable umpires over the last eight months with the hope of more female umpires in the future, in regards to the upcoming playoffs, Manhattanville and Messiah have been assigned umpires and there may be one change for Manhattanville because of the D2 festival weekend.

Stacey LVC – How many bat lists will be needed for the playoffs?

Denny Mader – one per day to be checked every game...possible bat testing the first day, any bat in the dugout must be checked for the playoffs, only bats removed last weekend were removed for dents and rattles,

Dante Fedeli FDU – Before the second game, should the umpires count the bats or check the list?

Denny Mader – They are to be checked with the list before the second game as well. In response to Dante, “you have been diligent in your reports, please include in the umpire reports if they only count bats.” The onus is on the coaches and the administration. There is never 100% control over the bats... Looking to take the liability off the umpires in the future, unlikely...D3 is sincere about playing the game fairly.

Lisa Gigiello King's – What reviews did you get back from the umpires and is the information shared with them?

Denny Mader – only information shared are the comments, identity not disclosed, evaluation numbers, names and dates not shared, message comments to take the directness out.

Lisa– Is there a process to remove an umpire from returning? Some should not be in pressure games.

Denny Mader – Nine umpires did not return from last season. All are terminated at the end of the season. They fall into three categories; 100% invited back, re-evaluated, not invited back.

Lisa– Is there a plan for how many times you can get an umpire? Limit to home games?

Denny Mader – Arbiter is not assigned to any one team more than three times or two home and two away...weather and availability does not always permit this

Dante Fedeli FDU – On all conference voting, after going through the nominations, two sets of players were nominated for more than one award, statistics were incorrect for a Manhattanville player, and 41 at bats is not enough for an all conference nomination...is there going to be a check and balance for nominations?

Ken Andrews – There is no way the office can check it.

Dante Fedeli – Make it the job of the chairperson...needs to be checked.

Katie Cirilo- It should be the responsibility of the coach. The chairperson would need all the logins and passwords.

Dante – What happens if they are nominated for two different positions? Utility position was not playing one position more than 60% of the time??

Dante Fedeli – MOTION to have an in person meeting to vote on all conference the Monday after the regular season

Frank Matthews Wilkes – second the MOTION

Kathy- NFCA All Region selections on Thursday at 8 am, leaves a smaller window to vote if the conference gets pushed to Monday

Amy Weaver Messiah – first year NFCA is later

Lisa-How far in advance?

Kathy- December

Dante- decide in December

Lisa– agrees however on a conference call

Lisa- MOTION to have all conference voting on Monday instead of Sunday

Brittany Stroop Eastern – second the MOTION

Katie- pick one position for the players for all conference, establish a minimum games/AB's, criteria in writing

Stacey- MOTION to nominate in one position and add it to the criteria for all conference voting

Fred – second the MOTION

Vote- 15 in favor, Zero opposed

Stacey- MOTION to define utility player the same as the definition from the NFCA

Dante- Second the motion

Vote- 15 in favor, Zero opposed

Jen Probst Misericordia- loading statistics automatically??

Katie- program may not be the same

Fred Dohrmann- Commonwealth adding two teams, may have to play teams on Sunday because of travel, number of playoff teams next year, reschedule the next available day/clarification

Ken Andrews- next available day, may need to bump a non conference game depending on early or late in the season

Rachel Turoscy Desales- part time coaches and professors, next available day worked out with the other coach, never a problem making up games

Jen Probst – Clarification on four games championship Saturday

Amy Weaver-MOTION for four games Friday and three games Saturday, Friday (10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm) and Saturday (11am, 1pm, 3pm)

Dante Fedeli – Second the MOTION

Vote – 14 in favor, 1 opposed

Dante Fedeli- possibility of two fields at host location

Rachel- MOTION for the #1 seed to host the tournament as long as the field was preapproved and met the criteria list (i.e. live stats, tarp, man power, AD approval)

Amber Radomski –second the MOTION

Vote- 10 opposed, 5 in favor

11:35 am – Commonwealth coaches remain on the call for discussion regarding 2013 conference tournament with additional teams

Five team, three day double elimination tournament for all teams, nine games over Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

An Athletic Director (???) suggested 4 and 5 play Wednesday and join the double elimination the next day with a win and a loss

Meeting ended – 11:45 am

