



LSC COUNCIL OF ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

May 21-22, 2012, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

Those participating were:

Abilene Christian: Jared Mosley, Ann Varner; Angelo State: James Reid; Cameron: Jim Jackson, Kim Vinson; Eastern New Mexico: Jeff Geiser; Incarnate Word: Mark Papich, Angela Lawson; Midwestern State: Charlie Carr (Chair), Venera Flores-Stafford, Kurt Portmann; Tarleton State: Lonnie Reisman, Susan Burton, Troy Jones; Texas A&M-Commerce: Carlton Cooper, Judy Sackfield; Texas A&M-Kingsville: Ken Oliver, Amanda Knight; Texas Woman's: Chalese Connors, Charolette Hunt; West Texas A&M: Michael McBroom, Kent Johnson, Courtney Lee; LSC Office: Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Don Vieth; Sponsor Presentations: Ryan Ermeling, Stretch Internet (stream@stretchinternet.com).

ACTION ITEMS

I. LSC ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

FOOTBALL COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package, except for separate votes noted below – moved by WT, ACU)

- a. VIDEO EXCHANGE POLICY: Consensus agreement was to amend LSC Football Operating Code No. 44 such that "In case of catastrophic incident, the institution that is unable to upload its game must contact Game Tape Exchange personnel, who may be able to provide assistance. After that call, if it appears the issue will not be resolved before the required upload deadlines, the institution must immediately contact all coaches and the Commissioner's office. *Note*: Coaches will update video contact list in August and GTX personnel plan to install a link "email all" on the website to help facilitate this.
- b. OFFICIATING: It was moved (UIW) and seconded (A&M-C) to support the Commissioner in going before the Athletics Administrators to suggest a change in direction for the football officiating program. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- c. SUMMER WORKOUTS: Consensus agreement was for coaches to divvy up the Division II leagues around the country and contact coaches to raise awareness and gain support for change to legislation regarding summer workouts. Bill Maskill (MSU) agreed to coordinate the process.
- d. PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (UIW) to adjust LSC Football Operating Code No. 38 so as to read "Field cleared and available for team warm-ups and practice 90 minutes prior to game time." *Coaches passed unanimously. Rationale*: To avoid conflicts with marching band. **CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (A&M-C) that it read "Field cleared and available for team warm-ups and practice 75 minutes prior to game time." Passed 8-0-1.**
- e. MEDIA DAY: Consensus agreement was to conduct the annual Football Media Day in conjunction with the Texas High School Coaches clinic on Tuesday, July 31, in San Antonio.
- f. BALL AGREEMENT: With appreciation for the interest shown by adidas to become the LSC's official ball, it was moved (MSU) and seconded (UIW) to pursue another ball agreement with Wilson. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- g. POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES: Commissioner Wagnon led a discussion on postseason bowl games and asked the coaches for feedback. Consensus among the group was to keep the Kanza Bowl opportunity if we can and work to establish another bowl opportunity in this footprint, as possible. **CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (TAMUK) to extend Kanza Bowl agreement for 2012 and also to explore other nearby options (in Texas). Passed 8-0-1.**

BASKETBALL COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package, except separate vote noted below – moved by ACU, WT)

- h. VIDEO EXCHANGE POLICY: Consensus agreement was to amend LSC Basketball Operating Code No. 40 such that "In case of catastrophic incident, the institution that is unable to upload its game must contact Game Tape Exchange personnel, who may be able to provide assistance. After that call, if it appears the issue will not be resolved before the required upload deadlines, the institution must immediately contact all coaches and the Commissioner's office. *Note*: Coaches will update video contact list in October and GTX personnel plan to install a link "email all" on the website to help facilitate this.
- i. BALL AGREEMENT: Consensus agreement was to pursue an extension of the ball agreement with Wilson. Coaches asked the Commissioner to request a "buy 12, get 3" component in the new agreement.
- j. TECHNICAL FOULS: Commissioner Wagnon led the coaches in a discussion about the alarming rate of technical foul calls in the league, particularly in men's games. He provided documentation for both genders. He asked the coaches to consider an accumulation policy whereby a player might begin to face suspension(s) after accumulating a certain number of technical foul calls during a given season. Comfort level for the group seemed to be around giving a warning after three and suspending for four and above. No action was taken. **CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (A&M-C) to approve an**

accumulation policy for players, coaches and other team personnel whereby the Conference is to issue a warning letter after two (2) technicals; to suspend for the first half of the next regularly scheduled game after a third (3); to suspend for the next regularly scheduled game after a fourth (4); and to suspend for remainder of the season after a fifth (5) technical. Passed 8-2-1. Note: CAA would like to revisit this for other sports.

- k. 2013-14 LSC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE: Consensus agreement was to approve the 2013-14 LSC Basketball Schedule as proposed, noting that member institutions could work with each other to adjust December dates in order to minimize impact on final exam periods.

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS (CAA passed unanimously as package – moved by WT, ACU)

- l. STROBE POLICY: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (ASU) to adopt the NCAA Strobe Lights Policy for all Lone Star Conference Postseason Tournament indoor events. *SIDs passed 8-2-1.*

GOLF COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package – moved by WT, UIW)

- m. 2013 LSC TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND SITE: It was moved (CU) and seconded (A&M-C) to return to the DFW area and allow officers of the LSC Golf Coaches determine the course with same format as 2012. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- n. DESIGNATED COACHES: The following action was taken relative to coaches for men's teams at the LSC Golf Tournament:
 - i. It was moved (MSU) and seconded (A&M-C) to allow men's golfers to communicate with two designated coaches during the 2012 tournament. *Coaches failed for lack of unanimous vote (4-2).* Note: Prior to the vote, Commissioner Wagnon indicated that a unanimous vote of head coaches was required to supersede any LSC Golf Operating Code policy, citing Article 8, Section I of the LSC Constitution as the precedent.
 - ii. It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (MSU) to amend LSC Golf Operating Code No. 11 so that men's golfers may communicate with two designated coaches during the tournament, beginning in 2013. *Coaches passed 4-2.*

TENNIS COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package, except for separate votes noted below – moved by ACU, CU)

- o. LINEUP SUBMISSION POLICIES: The following action was taken in regard to lineups for the LSC Tournament:
 - i. It was moved (MSU) and seconded (ACU) to implement a \$100 fine for any team(s) that fails to comply with LSC Tennis Operating Code No. 14, which requires lineups (along with cumulative records, by position, of each player in singles and doubles) to be submitted to the Conference Office by Noon the Monday prior to the LSC Tournament. *Coaches passed 5-0.*
 - ii. It was moved (UIW) and seconded (ACU) to change the deadline in LSC Tennis Operating Code No. 14 to 5:00 PM the Monday prior to the LSC Tournament. *Coaches passed 5-0.*
- p. TIEBREAKER POLICY: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (CU) to alter the LSC Tiebreaker Policy as it relates to seeding the LSC Tennis Tournament such that "Most recent NCAA regional ranking" be considered prior to a coin flip. *Coaches passed 5-0. Rationale:* Those involved with this year's 3-way tie felt the NCAA rankings provided a better solution than to flip a coin.
- q. UMPIRES AT LSC CONTESTS: Coaches reiterated their desire for at least one (1) official at every Conference match. The cost would be between \$125-200 per match depending on location. They estimated it would be about a \$1,500 investment per year for each team. Consensus was it would be worth the cost, noting that most other sports pay officials to work each contest. Note: Original motion from Coaches last November, which was tabled at December CAA meeting, was to require a minimum of two (2) umpires and singles sticks for all LSC home matches or at least three (3) umpires total if men/women duals are being contested simultaneously. *Coaches passed unanimously.* CAA unanimously agreed to further study the feasibility and impact of this initiative and table until May 2012 meeting. RATIONALE: With the regular-season schedule being used to determine the LSC Champion, each match carries great significance. **CAA moved (ACU) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve. Failed 0-6.**

BASEBALL COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package – moved by ACU, CU)

- r. FUTURE SCHEDULES: Reviewed the previously approved 2013 LSC Baseball Schedule and discussed the changes for 2014 when the schedule will roll over. Consensus agreement was to approve the 2014 Schedule as a continuation of the 2013 schedule with reversed sites and rotating the order of games by a week, with the exception of Rivalry Week.
- s. WEATHER/TRAVEL POLICY: It was moved (ACU) and seconded (ASU) to adjust the weather/travel policy in LSC Baseball Operating Code No. 2 so as to read "In the event of inclement weather, the host has authority to move games scheduled for Friday-Saturday-Sunday to Saturday-Sunday-Monday, or to a two-day series on Friday-Saturday with Sunday as a makeup date or Saturday-Sunday with Monday as a makeup date. A series scheduled for Easter weekend could also be played Thursday-Friday-Saturday or as a two-day series on Thursday-Friday with Saturday as makeup date or Friday-Saturday with Sunday as makeup date. Two-day series shall be played as 7x9 doubleheaders. In any event, the decision to change playing date(s) must be communicated prior to the visiting team's departure. Once the visiting team departs campus, the game(s) must be played on the date(s) scheduled at the time of departure." *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- t. 2013 LSC TOURNAMENT SITE: It was recommended that the Conference office pursue neutral site venues when RFPs are distributed for the 2013 LSC Tournament. Two potential sites discussed were Grand Prairie and Round Rock.

- 2. **MEMBERSHIP POLICY:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (TWU) to adopt changes to the LSC Constitution as presented in a document at the meeting, with a caveat that an ad hoc committee be formed to study damages of potential membership loss and recommend appropriate fees for Article 3, Section 6(a)(iv) in the document prior to the June 2012

LSC Council of Presidents meeting. **Passed unanimously.** *Note:* Commissioner Wagnon explained at the meeting how this document was suggested by Christian Dennie, legal counsel for the Conference Office, upon reviewing the LSC's current policy and monitoring NCAA conference membership issues throughout the country. The group recommended the committee roster be as follows: Michael McBroom (WTAMU), Chalese Connors (TWU), Venera Flores-Stafford (MSU) and Commissioner Wagnon.

3. **ROLE OF THE SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR:** Consensus agreement was to form a task force, with SWA and AD representation, that would study ways to give SWA's more responsibility and/or codify the role of SWA in the Conference. *Note:* Committee roster to be appointed by Commissioner Wagnon at a later date.
4. **APPROVAL OF 2012-13 FEES, DATES, AND ASSIGNMENTS:** The following actions were taken in preparation for the 2012-13 athletic seasons:
 - a. CHAMPIONSHIP SITE FOR SOFTBALL, OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD AND BASEBALL: It was moved (WT) and seconded (ACU) to distribute a Request For Proposal (RFP) to host softball, outdoor track & field and baseball at a single site in 2013. **Passed 10-1.** *Rationale:* Each of these sites needs to be determined for a variety of reasons, and the calendar happens to call for each of these events to occur on the same weekend. If one site can accommodate all three events, we can attempt to create a festival environment similar to NCAA Division II Championship Festivals.
 - b. BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT: It was moved (TWU) and seconded (ACU) to adjust format to four days (Wed-Thu-Fri-Sat) and set sessions as women/men doubleheaders throughout tournament with 2 vs. 7 and 1 vs. 8 on Wednesday; 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5 on Thursday; and to agree to revised contractual terms, whereas City of Allen and the Conference share in net profit or loss of the event. **Passed unanimously.** *Rationale:* Format change is meant to address financial concerns from City of Allen, and ordering of games is intended to provide Nos. 1 and 2 seeds of both genders with a day of rest on Thursday as opposed to four teams from one gender.
 - c. CALENDAR: It was moved (TAMUK) and seconded (ACU) to approve the 2012-13 calendar as adjusted. **Passed unanimously.**
5. **MULTI-MEDIA RIGHTS POLICY:** Commissioner Wagnon led discussion on possible conference multi-media rights policy. It was moved (TWU) and seconded (MSU) to form a task force, consisting of those with broadcast-oriented experiences, to review and refine the policy for recommendation at a later date. **Passed unanimously.**
6. **SUMMER FINANCIAL AID:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (TSU) to modify the current LSC athletic summer financial aid policy (LSC Bylaw 8.03) to reflect NCAA Division II rules. **Passed unanimously.** *Note:* Discussion about "academic excellence" being an organizational value and the LSC ranking 22 of 23 Division II conferences in Academic Success Rate led to this recommendation. Rationale is based on the premise that lessening restrictions for summer financial aid will enhance academic success.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. **COMMISSIONER'S DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Wagnon provided the group with a brief update on membership matters and reported that Travis Whipple had resigned his position as Assistant Commissioner, effective May 31.
8. **NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. NCAA MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: Jared Mosley (ACU) reported on his service as the LSC's representative to Management Council. He reminded the group to utilize its \$1,000 credit for NCAA co-branding signage, spoke of a blanket waiver dealing with postseason countable athletically related activities, and touched on the national discussion of potential reform to academic requirements.
 - b. DIVISION II ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION: Carlton Cooper (A&M-C), who represents the LSC on the Board of Directors, gave a brief report and urged the group to nominate their own student-athletes for the DII ADA Academic Achievement awards. Nomination forms, due by July 2, can be found on the DII ADA website.
 - c. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Faculty Rep Keith Vitense (CU) reported on his service on the Academic Requirements Committee and specifically on a Task Force conducting a comprehensive review of Division II academic requirements, including initial eligibility, progress toward degree and two-year transfer requirements. He led the group through many of the concepts being discussed and shared a document with talking points.

9. **CONFERENCE INITIATIVE REPORTS**

- a. **SENIOR WOMAN ADMINISTRATORS:** Melanie Robotham (LSC) gave a report on discussion from the SWA breakout session. Her report centered on two major topics of consideration:
 - i. To identify Conference initiatives/aspects for SWA involvement. Possible areas discussed were: Women's Workshop, Social Media, Conference Grant, Academic Standards, Recruiting, Conduct, Awards, Ease of Burden, Guidelines for On-Campus Conference Championships, Scheduling. Consensus agreement was to focus on upcoming Women's Workshop in June with an emphasis on attendance and professional development and to begin monthly conference calls in August to look at the initiatives listed.
 - ii. To codify role of SWA in the Conference. Discussion included a review of the LSC's current governance model, with consensus agreement being for SWA's to request an identifiable vote by voting separately at CAA meetings. Such a vote could be reflected in meeting minutes to show SWA vote along with FAR and AD. Other discussion included ways to increase participation, with the group preferring to hold monthly conference calls and meet in-person as needed (but not in place of CAA meetings). Also, the group examined possible standards for the SWA position, in which the group indicated support for setting a model as conference for NCAA Division II, and utilize expertise and diversity in different roles that SWA's hold at member institutions (academic, compliance, coaching, and business). The group recommended a committee be formed to work on these items, as reflected in Action Items.
- b. **COMPLIANCE AND CONFERENCE SAAC:** Jay Poerner (LSC) gave a report on compliance efforts and Conference SAAC initiatives. Consensus agreement was to conduct the 2013 LSC SAAC Summer Retreat in Lawton, Okla., with Cameron University serving as host institution.
- c. **MARKETING/SPONSORSHIPS AND BROADCASTING:** Stan Wagnon (LSC) gave a report on sponsorships, noting significant progress has been made but additional growth is needed. He reminded the group of the need to identify on-campus inventory that could be made available for sale at the Conference level. For broadcasting, he reported on the Fox Sports Southwest partnership, including the early success of the webstreaming initiative.
- d. **PUBLICITY AND CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Melanie Robotham (LSC) gave a report on the Conference's publicity efforts, including steady increase in Facebook and Twitter presence.

10. PRESENTATIONS: Ryan Ermeling of Stretch Internet provided the group with a presentation on a webstreaming solution known as Game Central. The provider can work individually with each school but also made a proposal that would provide increased discounts according to how many LSC member schools participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Robotham