



## LSC COUNCIL OF ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

December 10, 2012, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

### Those participating were:

Abilene Christian: not represented; Angelo State: Sean Johnson, Christina Whetsel; Cameron: Jim Jackson, Kim Vinson; Eastern New Mexico: Jeff Geiser (Chair), Sara Hill; Incarnate Word: not represented; Midwestern State: Charlie Carr; Tarleton State: Lonn Reisman, Susan Burton, Troy Jones; Texas A&M-Commerce: Judy Sackfield; Texas A&M-Kingsville: Scott Gines, Amanda Knight; Texas Woman's: Chalesse Connors, Charolette Hunt; West Texas A&M: Michael McBroom, Courtney Lee; LSC Office: Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Tommy Wright.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### I. LSC ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

##### WOMEN'S SOCCER COACHES (CAA passed unanimously as package, except for separate votes noted below – moved by ASU, WT)

- a. 2013 LSC SCHEDULE: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (ENMU) to approve the 2013 schedule as presented with slight changes as agreed upon in the meeting. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- b. 2013 LSC POSTSEASON SOCCER TOURNAMENT: Coaches had a discussion on having either a 4-team bracket or a 6-team bracket but adding an extra day of rest, but consensus was to retain the current format. **CAA tabled until later in meeting.**
- c. GAME ADMINISTRATION: It was moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) that the home team shall provide a minimum of four (4) ball people (minimum college age) and position them according to the best fit for its facility (Example: one behind each goal and one on each sideline, or two on each sideline). *Coaches passed unanimously.* NOTE: It was clarified through discussion that A&M-C and TWU both pay for ball people, whereas ASU, ENMU and WT utilize kids and/or high school students. **CAA moved (WT) and seconded (ENMU) to approve with removal of 'minimum college age' restriction. Passed unanimously.**
- d. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS: It was moved (A&M-C) to adjust team to ten (10) players: three (3) backs, three (3) forwards, three (3) midfielders and a goalkeeper. *Coaches failed for lack of second.*
- e. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS: It was moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) to select first and second teams with no honorable mention. Teams shall consist of eleven (11) players: four (4) backs, four (4) midfielders, two (2) forwards and a goalkeeper. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- f. GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) that the Goalkeeper of the Year be the highest vote-getter as determined by the all-conference team voting. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- g. DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: It was moved (ASU) that the Defensive Player of the Year be the highest vote-getter as determined by the all-conference team voting. *Coaches failed for lack of second.*
- h. ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (A&M-C) to change backs to defenders on all-conference team. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- i. OFFICIALS: Coaches had a discussion and provided feedback on officials which included fees, concern over excessive contact in the players' backs, reporting of cards, and egos of referees. No action was taken.
- j. FUTURE MEETING DATE: It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (WT) to conduct next year's meeting via conference call on Dec. 2, 2013 unless an in-person meeting is needed due to membership change or other business, in which case to align the meeting with recruiting tournament in the Dallas area. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- k. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TWU) to approve Jeff Trimble (MSU) as Vice Chair for the 2013-14 academic year. *Coaches passed unanimously.*

##### VOLLEYBALL COACHES

- l. 2013 LSC SCHEDULE: It was moved (TSU) and seconded (TWU) to approve the 2013 schedule as presented with amendment to CAM-MIDW-TAMK games in week 6 to rotate order in which teams play each other. *Coaches passed unanimously.* **CAA moved (ASU) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve. Passed unanimously.**
- m. 2013 LSC POSTSEASON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TWU) to change the postseason tournament format to a 6-team bracket at a single site in which the top two seeds receive a bye. *Coaches passed 7-1.* **CAA tabled until later in meeting.**

- i. **FORMAT:** It was moved (TSU) and seconded (ASU) to have a championship banquet on Wednesday night with games Thursday: 5 & 7:30 p.m. (3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5); Friday: 5 & 7:30 p.m. (3-6 winner vs. 2 and 4-5 winner vs. 1); Saturday: Championship at 2 p.m. (Friday winners). *Coaches passed unanimously.* **NOTE:** Consensus agreement was to keep order of matches as listed regardless of the host's seeding.
- ii. **SITE:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TSU) to play the conference tournament at a predetermined site, to be hosted by the previous year's regular-season champion. *Coaches passed 5-3.* **NOTE:** Coaches engaged in significant discussion before and after the vote and even considered re-voting but allowed the vote stand.
- n. **OFFICIATING:** John Kimmel gave a report regarding the volleyball officiating program. He noted that some referees have registered complaints regarding line judges, noting they sometimes arrive late and don't have proper training and/or understanding of the position. He suggested using baseball and/or tennis folks as they are 'line' oriented.
- o. **UNIFORMS:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TSU) to establish a uniform policy for conference matches whereby the home team will wear dark on Friday and light on Saturday, plus the home team shall have its pick for Tuesday matches and will inform the visitor in advance via email or phone call. *Coaches passed unanimously.* **RATIONALE:** To keep from having both teams wearing the same color during a match, which makes it hard to follow for webstreaming audiences. **CAA moved (WT) and seconded (MSU) to approve with amendment that the home team will wear light on Tuesdays. Passed unanimously.**
- p. **ALL-CONFERENCE VOTING:** It was moved (TWU) and seconded (TSU) for the Conference Office to release ballots to coaches after voting is completed for all-conference honors. *Coaches failed 1-6-1.* **RATIONALE:** Thought was to hold coaches accountable for the way they vote. Concern was expressed that it wouldn't change voting but might damage relationships. Also concern associated with players knowing how other coaches voted. **CAA moved (TAMUK) and seconded (ASU) to assign a task force to create framework for all-conference awards programs in all sports to include voting, protocol, etc., with committee roster to be filled by the Commissioner. Passed unanimously.**
- q. **FUTURE MEETING DATE:** Consensus agreement was to conduct the next meeting Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, in the Dallas area.
- r. **PRE-MATCH WARM-UP:** It was moved (A&M-C) to change the pre-match protocol to begin 90 minutes prior to each match, essentially adding the opportunity for teams to have the court for 15 minutes apiece prior to the current 60-minute warm-up timing. *Coaches failed for lack of a second.*
- s. **BALL AGREEMENT:** Consensus agreement was for the conference office to pursue a renewal of the Molten ball agreement.

#### SOFTBALL COACHES

- t. **TRAVEL PARTNER DOUBLEHEADERS:** It was moved (TWU) and seconded (MSU) to play travel partner doubleheaders on back-to-back weeks (April 11-12 and April 18-19 (Easter)). A doubleheader scheduled for Easter weekend could also be played Wednesday or Thursday. *Coaches passed 5-1.*
- u. **2014 LSC POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (MSU) to have top six teams play a single-elimination tournament with the following format:
  - i. Day One: First round: 3 vs. 6; 4 vs. 5; Semifinals: 4-5 winner vs. 1; 3-6 winner vs. 2
  - ii. Day Two: Championship game

*Note:* Coaches are proposing dropping to six teams from eight strictly due to membership change, but don't want to lose permanently or jeopardize going back to eight teams. *Coaches passed unanimously.* **CAA tabled until later in meeting.**
- v. **SHOWCASE TOURNAMENT:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (ASU) to play LSC Showcase Tournament over four days with each team playing six games (1-2-2-1 format for each team). *Note:* Coaches would like site to go out for bid with WTAMU and TWU showing interest in hosting. Proposed to have RFP's due June 1, 2013 in order to determine site at Presidents meeting in July 2013. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- w. **2014 SCHEDULE:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (TARLETON) to approve the 2014 schedule as presented (via email 10/23/12). *Coaches passed unanimously.* **CAA moved (TAMUK) and seconded (WT) to approve, including travel partner doubleheaders and Showcase tournament. Passed unanimously.**

#### BASEBALL COACHES (CAA moved (TAMUK) and seconded (WT) to approve 2014 schedule. Passed unanimously.)

- x. **2014 LSC BASEBALL SCHEDULE:** Yesterday the LSC Baseball Coaches met on a conference call to vote and discuss the scheduling format for the 2014 season. Here is what was agreed to that we would like passed on to the conference AD's, FAR's, and Presidents for their approval.
  - i. Play a 35 game conference schedule with a home and home format. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
  - ii. Begin regular season weekend of Feb. 28, 2014 and continue conference play every weekend until weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
  - iii. Push back Conference Tournament to May 8-10 (would have to finish by May 11<sup>th</sup> this allows for a rain day if needed). Currently we are the only conference in the region that plays their conference tournament a week early and it adversely affects the schools that advance to Regionals ability to compete after not playing a game for 10-14 days. This would allow us to be more in line with what other schools and conferences are doing, give us an extra weekend to schedule non conference games, and give the teams advancing to regionals a better chance to compete. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
  - iv. The top 4 teams would advance to the Conference Tournament. *Coaches passed unanimously.* **CAA tabled until later in meeting.**

- v. Tournament would be traditional 4 team double elimination bracket. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA tabled until later in meeting.*
- vi. The first round of conference games would be 4 game series using the same format as we currently use (1 (9 inn)-2 (7 inn.)-1 (9 inn). The second round would be a 3 game series with a 1 (9 inn) & DH (7/9) format. If a game or games were cancelled due to weather during the first round of conference play, the teams would be required to make up 1 of the games missed in the second round and the 3 game series would become a 4 game series. *Coaches passed unanimously.*

2. **2013-14 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS:** With the change in membership for the 2013-14 athletic seasons, the group took the following action relative to conference postseason events:
- a. **ALL-COMERS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:** It was moved (CU) and seconded (ASU) to keep championship formats the same in the sports of cross country, women's indoor track & field, women's tennis, men's and women's golf, and men's and women's outdoor track & field. ***Passed unanimously.***
  - b. **WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP:** It was moved (WT) and seconded (ENMU) to have a four-team postseason tournament. ***Passed unanimously.***
  - c. **2013 LSC POSTSEASON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TWU) to change the postseason tournament format to a 6-team bracket at a single site in which the top two seeds receive a bye. *Coaches passed 7-1. CAA moved (TAMUK) and seconded (ASU) to amend format to 6-team bracket. Passed unanimously.*
    - i. **FORMAT:** It was moved (TSU) and seconded (ASU) to have a championship banquet on Wednesday night with games Thursday: 5 & 7:30 p.m. (3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5); Friday: 5 & 7:30 p.m. (3-6 winner vs. 2 and 4-5 winner vs. 1); Saturday: Championship at 2 p.m. (Friday winners). *Coaches passed unanimously. NOTE: Consensus agreement was to keep order of matches as listed regardless of the host's seeding. CAA moved (CU) and seconded (ENMU) to approve. Passed 7-2.*
    - ii. **SITE:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TSU) to play the conference tournament at a predetermined site, to be hosted by the previous year's regular-season champion. *Coaches passed 5-3. NOTE: Coaches engaged in significant discussion before and after the vote and even considered re-voting but allowed the vote stand. CAA moved (WT) and seconded (MSU) that tournament continue to be hosted by No. 1 seed. Passed unanimously.*
  - d. **2014 LSC POSTSEASON SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** It was moved (WTAMU) and seconded (MSU) to have top six teams play a single-elimination tournament with the following format:
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  - e. **2014 LSC POSTSEASON BASEBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**
    - i. Push back Conference Tournament to May 8-10 (would have to finish by May 11<sup>th</sup> this allows for a rain day if needed). Currently we are the only conference in the region that plays their conference tournament a week early and it adversely affects the schools that advance to Regionals ability to compete after not playing a game for 10-14 days. This would allow us to be more in line with what other schools and conferences are doing, give us an extra weekend to schedule non conference games, and give the teams advancing to regionals a better chance to compete. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
    - ii. The top 4 teams would advance to the Conference Tournament. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
    - iii. Tournament would be traditional 4 team double elimination bracket. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (TAMUK) and seconded (ASU) to approve. Passed unanimously.*
3. **GAME MANAGEMENT:** It was moved (ENMU) and seconded (MSU) to require in No. 9 of the Game Management Operating Code that game administrators at all contests be responsible for reporting any incidents or breach of Conference policy to his/her athletic director, who in turn shall inform the Conference office. ***Passed unanimously.***
4. **OFFICIATING FEES:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) to approve the following recommendations. ***Passed unanimously.***
- a. Baseball: 2014 and 2015: Two (2) umpires at \$140 per 9-inning game and \$115 per 7-inning game. Mileage will be paid at \$.40/mile, excluding the first 50 miles, to both umpires and hotel accommodations will be provided when an overnight stay is warranted.
  - b. Soccer: 2013 and 2014: \$165 (fee includes first 50 miles of travel) for Center Referee and \$115 (fee includes first 50 miles of travel) for two (2) Assistant Referees. Mileage will be paid to each referee at \$.40 per mile, excluding the first 50 miles, or the actual cost of airfare, whichever is cheaper.
  - c. Basketball: 2014-15: \$220 flat fee for all exhibition and regular-season games for three officials.
  - d. Football: 2014: \$300 flat fee for seven (7) officials.

- e. Volleyball: 2013 and 2014: \$120 (fee includes first 50 miles of travel) for two (2) officials. Mileage will be paid to both officials at \$.40 per mile, excluding the first 50 miles, or the actual cost of airfare, whichever is cheaper.
- f. Softball: 2014: \$80 flat fee for three (3) umpires. For member-hosted tournaments (umpire must be assigned four or more games at the event), each umpire shall receive the flat fee for his/her first game and \$65 for each subsequent game. Hotel accommodations will be provided when an overnight stay is warranted. 2015: \$85 flat fee for three (3) umpires. For member-hosted tournaments (umpire must be assigned four or more games at the event), each umpire shall receive the flat fee for his/her first game and \$65 for each subsequent game. Hotel accommodations will be provided when an overnight stay is warranted.

5. **ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (TSU) to lower from 3.3 to 3.0 the qualifying GPA for academic all-conference recognition. Rationale: While 3.3 matches the CoSida regional and national programs, those programs deal with a much greater number of student-athletes. Lowering to 3.0 would allow the conference recognize more deserving students. **Failed 2-7.**

6. **FOOTBALL: PLACEMENT OF BANDS:** It was moved (WT) and seconded (TAMUK) to revise LSC Football Operating Code so as to allow the home team band to be situated on either side of the field, provided they are situated outside the 20-yard lines if on the same side as the visitor team bench. Rationale: Provides more flexibility to host schools in order to best utilize their stadium and seating arrangements. **Passed unanimously.**

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** It was moved (WT) and seconded (MSU) to approve Sean Johnson as vice-chair for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years. **Passed unanimously.**

- a. Chair: Jeff Geiser, ENMU
- b. Vice-Chair: Sean Johnson, ASU

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. **ACADEMIC STUDY:** Melanie Robotham (LSC) gave a report on behalf of the Senior Woman Administrators group that is conducting a study of academic performance and practices for LSC member schools. The information gathered at this point included institutional performance in ASR and Federal Graduation Rates, institutional admission policies for freshmen and transfers, special talents admissions policies, admissions appeals process, academic services offered, and advising services offered.

9. **LSC MARKETING/SPONSORSHIPS UPDATE:** Tommy Wright (LSC) provided an update of marketing and sponsorship activities for the Conference. Among the assets that he believes we can monetize are the strong connections to the Hispanic market and the signature events like Football Festival, Basketball Championship and Spring Championships Festival. Some challenges are the lack of familiarity with our brand, the youth of our signature events and the limited campus exposure for conference sponsors. He said near-term efforts would focus on finding additional branding opportunities, establishing consistency in marketing efforts and exploring opportunities for member schools to involve local sponsors with conference-wide initiatives. Finally, he stressed the need to better connect with DFW alumni in support of the Football Festival and Basketball Championship.

10. **NCAA PROPOSED LEGISLATION:** Jay Poerner (LSC) led a discussion on NCAA Proposed Legislation.

11. **MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION:** Stan Wagnon (LSC) led a discussion on membership exploration efforts.

12. **EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS:** Michael McBroom (WT) led a discussion about expectations for athletic training services provided by host schools, along with expectations for athletic trainers to travel with visiting teams. The discussion centered on liability concerns and seeking an understanding of conference policy, which states that host teams will provide "first aid assistance" to visiting teams, but also states that "an athletic training staff representative should travel with all sports." The group agreed that clarification of these statements was needed, and that discussion with athletic trainers on each campus would be helpful. The group will revisit this at its next meeting.

13. **FINANCIAL SURVEY:** Jay Poerner (LSC) provided hard-copy results of the most recent financial survey.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Robotham