



## LSC SOFTBALL COACHES MEETING

Monday, August 4, 2014, Courtyard Marriott, Allen, Texas

### Those participating were:

Angelo State: Travis Scott, Christina Whetsel (liaison); Cameron: Rodney DeLong; Eastern New Mexico: not represented; Midwestern State: Brady Tigert; Tarleton State: Julie Mata; Texas A&M-Commerce: Richie Bruister, Judy Sackfield (liaison); Texas A&M-Kingsville: Betsy Dean; Texas Woman's: Genny Stidham, Jared Stidham; West Texas A&M: Kevin Blaskowski (chair), Candace Abrams; LSC Office: Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham, Dora Martinez.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. **EQUIVALENCY LEGISLATION**: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TSU) to continue proposing legislation to increase the maximum scholarship equivalency limit from 7.2 to 10.0 in the sport of softball. A committee was formed including Richie Bruister, Julie Mata, and Betsy Dean to revise the proposal so that it has the best chance to be co-sponsored and present to the CAA. **Passed unanimously.** **NOTE**: Discussion included similar rationale as proposed in 2014 with focus on reaching out to NFCA, fellow Division II coaches and women's soccer and track and field representatives.
2. **2016 SCHEDULE**: It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) to approve the schedule as presented with a four-game series consisting of a single game Thursday, a doubleheader on Friday, and a single game Saturday. **Passed 6-1-1.**
3. **INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER RULE**: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (CU) to eliminate the international tiebreaker rule from regular-season conference competition. **Passed unanimously.**
4. **PRE-GAME DECORUM**: It was moved (CU) and seconded (ASU) to amend the pre-game decorum to add that the schedule is set by the home team for home and visitors warm-up. **Passed unanimously.**
5. **SCOUTING POLICY**: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TAMUK) to add a scouting policy: "No verbal or written reports or game tapes of Conference opponents shall be exchanged with non-conference opponents." **Passed unanimously.**
6. **PARTICIPANTS**: It was moved (CU) and seconded (MSU) to submit a form for participants at the postseason tournament. **Passed unanimously.**
7. **FUTURE MEETING DATE**: Consensus was to have next meeting on August 3, 2015.
8. **PASS LIST**: It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (MSU) to have the home team provide up to five general admission passes for opposing teams head coaches family and significant others. **Passed unanimously.**
9. **BAT TESTING**: It was moved (MSU) and seconded (CU) to incorporate bat testing for the 2015 season. **Passed unanimously.** **NOTE**: Discussion was for each team to purchase a SSL portable barrel compression bat tester (cost is \$850) and work with softball officiating supervisor to set protocol with umpires testing.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. **UMPIRES**: LSC softball officiating supervisor Dora Martinez provided a recap of the year and an overview of the officiating program. She noted that many league umpires advanced to the postseason including three to the Division II Championship, 10 to super regional's, and 14 to regional's. Martinez has working many Identification Camps including those in Amarillo, San Antonio and Lubbock. She added that this fall, the NCAA is testing experimental balls and using a lineup with Links. The coaches requested that she address time between games with the umpires.
11. **UMPIRE HOTEL ROOMS**: Discussion on having softball officiating supervisor Dora Martinez add hotel rooms to form to help schools plan for hotel needs. Currently umpires are contacting schools and coaches directly requesting rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Robotham