



Fall Administrative Delegates Meeting Thursday, November 29, 2007 Franklin & Marshall College

Attendance: Kathy Tierney, Jody Law, Jacob Mullins (Bryn Mawr); Les Poolman, Julie Ramsey-Emrhein (Dickinson); Patty Epps, Shawn Carty (Franklin & Marshall); Dave Wright (Gettysburg); Wendy Smith, John Douglas, Ann Koger (Haverford); Tom Calder, Mike Renwick, Rebecca Copeland (Johns Hopkins); Jamie Smith (McDaniel); Sam Beidleman, Corey Goff, Jenny Chipman (Muhlenberg); Adam Hertz, Karen Borbee, Christyn Chambers (Swarthmore); Brian Thomas, Erin Stroble (Ursinus); Bryan Matthews, Kim Lessard (Washington); Steve Ulrich, Jeff Baldwin (CC Office).

Sport Committee Reports

II. Committee Reports

MOTION (Field Hockey):

Passed 11-0

The Conference will adopt the official clock schedule as written in the minutes and apply it to all regular season Conference games, as well as the Conference tournament. **Passed 11-0.** *Board endorses.*

MOTION (Volleyball):

defeated 0-11

All-Centennial team voting should include stats from all and Conference-only matches and the timeline for voting be adjusted so that voting takes place at the coaches meeting. **Passed 11-0.** *The Board endorses the inclusion of stats on the All-CC ballot but does not endorse that voting take place at the committee meeting.*

MOTION: Gettysburg moved that each sport committee has the option to determine the time frame for choosing All-Centennial Conference teams either at the end of the regular season or at the post-season coaches meeting. Each committee needs a 2/3 majority to change the present format. All motions to change must be in the Centennial Office by the Spring meeting of the Administrative Delegates. Any change is effective for five years. **Passed 10-1.**

MOTION (Football):

Passed 7-0

The Conference should attempt to secure a three-year contract with the Centennial Conference Football Officials Association. The CCFOA has proposed a game fee increase of \$10 per man for varsity games to \$150 per game. This amounts to a \$350 increase for a five-game home slate. ~~The Conference is also asked to subsidize observer's fees (\$50 per game).~~ In return, the committee wants an off-season plan, better communication throughout the season and that the observers report to the coach post-game for feedback. **Passed 9-0.** *The Board endorses the movement toward securing a contract for three years at the above rates.*

III. Dissent Package

MOTION (Field Hockey):

not brought forward

The Conference will ensure that water is available to each team in the bench area 70 minutes prior to the start of competition. **Passed 11-0.** *The Board realizes the desire of the committee to ensure water is available but recognizes the responsibilities of support staff prior to the start of a contest takes precedence.*

MOTION (Field Hockey):

not brought forward

Mandate that each institution require the staffing of four ball-runners per competition as is listed in the NCAA Field Hockey Tournament Operations Manual. **Passed 11-0.** *The Board discussed one institution that pays student-workers \$9.50 per hour and discussed the expense (\$14.25 per person for an 1 1/2 hour contest = \$57 per game). Eight home games would cost \$456 to finance ball runners.*

MOTION (Men's Soccer):**not brought forward**

Committee moves that the Centennial tournament move from a Wednesday-Saturday-Sunday format to a Tuesday-Friday-Sunday format. The top two seeds would host semifinals with the highest remaining seed hosting the final. No kickoff would begin prior to noon. *The Board noted that men's lacrosse is a contact sport and is permitted a day between games for that reason alone. All other Conference semifinals and finals are Saturday-Sunday.*

MOTION (Volleyball):**not brought forward**

In order to obtain top officials for the conference championships, the Conference should pay the normal fee paid to officials, set forth by assignors, that is paid during the regular season. **Passed 9-0.** *The Board heard from the Conference Office that the fee paid in 2007 was that agreed to by the assignor and the office (\$100 per referee; \$50 per linesman). The NCAA championship tournament pays \$110 per referee and \$50 per linesman. There seems to be some thought among the committee that paying more money will secure better officials, when in reality, the opportunity to do DI or DII matches seems to be more of a factor.*

IV. "Under The Lights" - Fall/Spring Weekend Night Competition

With the addition of lights at Franklin & Marshall, only Bryn Mawr, Haverford and McDaniel remain as solely daylight teams during the fall and spring. We have passed regulations on playing basketball on Saturday afternoons. With some of the problems that have arisen from night activity, do we need to consider regulations for fall and spring sports as well?

V. Fall Sports Starting Date for Practices

Rather than say that regular-season competition (excluding scrimmages and exempted contests) may begin on September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, I would like to recommend the following:

Centennial Conference institutions may play their first contest or engage in their first date of competition on the Friday prior to Labor Day.

If this were to be enacted ... 2008: Friday, August 29; 2009: Friday, September 4; 2010: Friday, September 3; 2011: Friday, September 2; 2012: Friday, August 31 -- **NO MOTION**

VI. Alumni Games in the Nontraditional Segment

Current Centennial Conference regulations state ... "The Conference permits one date of competition with outside competition that is counted toward the allowable 16 practices." This regulation does not exempt a contest each year with an alumni team of the institution, as is permitted by the NCAA. The Board is suggesting permitting an additional DOC with an alumni team that is also counted toward the allowable 16 practices.

MOTION: Washington moved that a contest against an alumni team of the institution may be exempted from the one date of competition regulation, as long as it is counted as one of the allowable practice opportunities. **Passed 8-3.**

Other discussion was held on the hammer throw and the possibility of scoring it at the Centennial track and field championships.

VII. NCAA Issues

Ulrich and Patricia Epps, director of athletics at Franklin & Marshall and member of the NCAA Division III Management Council, lead a discussion on the latest information on the 2008 Convention and the possible reorganization of NCAA Division III.

Key Points That Will Affect an Institution

recruitment

retention

length of playing season