

PAC-12 CONFERENCE
MEN'S BASKETBALL MEETING MINUTES

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

April 30, 2013

Biltmore Hotel, Phoenix, AZ

In attendance: Larry Krystkowiak, Utah (chair); Sean Miller, Arizona; Herb Sendek, Arizona State; Mike Montgomery, California; Tad Boyle, Colorado; Dana Altman, Oregon; Craig Robinson, Oregon State; Johnny Dawkins, Stanford; Steve Allford, UCLA; Andy Enfield, USC; Lorenzo Romar, Washington; Ken Bone, Washington State; Larry Scott, Kevin Weiberg, Gloria Nevarez, Duane Lindberg, Dave Hirsch Pac-12.

Approval of minutes of October 28, 2012, meeting

ACTION: The coaches voted (12-0-0-0) to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Larry Scott gave an overview of the conference. He expressed that the national perception of the league was up this year in combination with receiving more exposure during the first year of the television agreement. Scott felt the tournament was a successful end to the conference season. Scott also gave an update on the creation of Fox Sports One channel and how it may impact the basketball exposure. Scott spent some time reviewing the first year of the Network and the quality of the broadcast during the year and touched on the feedback provided to commentator Bill Walton during the season. He explained the process was a joint effort with ESPN that resulted in a style adjustment during the season.

International Initiative Update

Commissioner Scott gave an overview of the league initiatives in China and presented the FUSC proposal to host 2-3 coaches in early August to participate in coaching clinics.

Benchmarking

Gloria Nevarez gave a bench marketing report on the Pac-12 conference compared to other leagues. The same report was presented to the Athletic Directors. The group talked about the disparate impact of non-conference schedules on NCAA selection. The group took issue with the criteria of the committee. Nevarez presented the data on talent turnover and the group talked about the inability to influence the decisions of whether to stay or enter the draft. The coaches discussed a format that allowed student-athletes to test the waters in the draft and retain their collegiate eligibility. The conversation then moved to the negative impact of transfers, especially fifth year transfers. The group inquired about obtaining data that could show how many fifth year transfers obtain a graduate degree.

2013 Basketball Tournament Las Vegas

Nevarez and Danette Leighton gave an overview of the basketball tournament in Las Vegas. The coaches asked about staying at their own hotel. The sense of the group was that the MGM was fine if the meeting room and private dining issue was solved.

Scott asked about the Hall of Honor and whether we should expand the event. The sense of the group was that it is a good event, and if there's value from the conference perspective then it should grow.

Band Locations

Nevarez gave an overview of the discussion at the athletic director group. The coaches had no comments on band locations.

Scheduling

Weiberg gave an overview of the scheduling parameters. Kevin reviewed the athletic directors scheduling discussion and the attempt to move games to either Friday or Tuesday. The sense of the athletic directors was to retain the current format.

The coaches expressed concerned about having three road weekends back to back. Duane shared that even the random travel schedule (e.g. no travel partners) resulted in a few 3 travels.

Coaches discussed the difficulty of taking one day off especially with the bylaw that requires you to set your week at the beginning of the year. The group discussed the idea of a conference charter deal as helpful in managing the schedule and travel issues.

Opening day of Practice/Pac-12 Networks pre-season basketball special

Lindberg gave an update on ESPN's desire to showcase mid-night madness plans. He asked the group to communicate any plans for such events so Networks can cover. The new start of practice rules may reduce the number of events planned around midnight madness, but we still would like to know of any special plans around start of practice.

Officiating Review

Commissioner Scott gave an overview of the officiating incident at the tournament in Las Vegas. The conference hired an independent firm to investigate the incident. The independent review will conclude by June meetings. Scott spoke about the need to review the final report and determine what happens next with the program. On a parallel track the conference is collecting feedback on how the program went last year. Scott spoke about the timeline and process for selecting and assessing the next coordinator. Nevarez gave an overview of the roster of officials from the 12-13 season.

The group discussed the need to get a deep roster of strong officials and the best way to collect feedback from coaches.

Media Day

Leighton gave an update on plans for media day on October 17, 2013. New playing and practice rules will allow coaches the flexibility to schedule practice around media day.

Committee Reports

NABC did not yet meet.

Meeting with Athletic Directors

Nevarez reviewed the process for tomorrow's meeting with the Directors and confirmed the informational items that would appear in Supplement 2

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

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