

**Softball
AIA Sports Advisory Committee
Minutes
January 16, 2012**

Call to order:

Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Becky Barris (Winslow)

Present

- Becky Barris (phone-in) Ed McQuade, Brent Rincon, Lee Haws(phone-in), Bill Moten(phone-in), Mark Steiner and Rick Sharp

Not Present

- Jorge Mendivil, James Driggers, and Shelly Arredondo

Minutes of May 17, 2011 meeting review:

Committee approved 7-0

Section and Division nomination selection process of coaches and athletes:

The first concern is the number of games played with in the section for coaches to see/observe other players and coaches for selection purposes. Dean Visser handed out the Softball – Section and Division Recognition Nomination and Selection process. Lee Haws (Ft Thomas) said the December Football SAC meeting had coaches who wanted to meet together in person to discuss their selections and not just use the computer. Lee stated that it is difficult to compare other athletes without personally seeing them in competition. Dean Visser also stated that if the sections wanted to get together and meet in person to discuss their selections they could but would still need to input their selections into the AIA web site under their login and ID.

Additional regular season tournament to replace region tournaments:

Becky Barris (Winslow) expressed concern from the northern schools regarding the ability for all regular season softball games being completed by the April 25th end of season date. Becky was also concerned with teams not having a game from April 25 until the State Tournament the next weekend. Dean Visser was going to look into the feasibility of a post season 3A north non counting tournament.

Much discussion followed; Rick Sharp (Desert Mountain) discussed having a four (4) team tournament for those teams that didn't make the state tournament. This would follow the regular season; but Brent Rincon (Basha) stated that it would be difficult to schedule and most teams if they are not in the State Tournament would not want to prolong their season, but want to turn in their uniforms. It was concluded that the Division I and II would not want any type of

tournament after the regular season but the Division III and IV may want to fill in some dead time at the end of the season with a weekend tournament.

State Tournament Information:

It was requested by softball coaches to have a longer warm up time; maybe an increase from 5 to 10 minutes. Dean Visser said that with less overall teams at the State Tournament he would look into the schedule and try and accommodate the request if there was enough time.

Dean also handed out a Draft of the State tournament schedule. Dean brought up the fact that the baseball sports advisory committee had requested the Championship for Division I & II to be concluded by the Tuesday of the 46th week and if softball could do the same it would open up the college facilities like ASU and U of A.

Computerized Scheduling:

The committee discussed computerized scheduling and the ability to play more teams in the individual sections for the sake of competition but wants to see how this two year block shakes out.

Next meeting May 15, 2012; 1:00 pm @ AIA offices

Meeting Adjourned