



Softball
AIA Sports Advisory Committee
Minutes
Wednesday May 15, 2013

Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Dean Visser (AIA)

Roll Call:

Present

- James Driggers, Ed Mc Quade, Brent Rincon, Mark Steiner and Rick Sharp, Amanda Amann (phone-in) Kevin Standerfer (phone-in) Lee Haws (phone-in), Bill Moten (phone-in),

Not Present

- Shelly Arredondo

Minutes of May 17, 2012 meeting review:

A motion by James Driggers and second by Rick Sharp to approve the minutes from May 17, 2012 – Motion passed unanimously

Section and Division nomination selection process of coaches and athletes:

Discussion took place regarding the timeline and dates of the nomination and selection process. It was recommended that the nomination process start earlier - because the coaches will be more apt to login and nominate. Maybe a direct email to the coaches could be done to try increase participation. The committee also wanted to see if the whole process could be condensed so that coaches would be able to recognize the players at their awards banquets. They also felt that many coaches forget to go back in and nominate/vote. The committee thought that with smaller sections they could assign one or two coaches to help oversee the process and get more participation. The committee wanted to see if the stats on Max preps could be brought over to the voting area so it would encourage coaches to use Max preps and lessen their work load on the back end.

A motion by Mark Steiner with a second by James Driggers was made to give the top 10 position players; regardless of position 1st Team and the next 10 vote getters 2nd Team and to give the top 3 pitchers 1st Team and the next 3 vote getters 2nd Team (similar to baseball).

Motion passed unanimously.

State Tournament Information:

The committee felt the State Tournament went extremely well this year; the changes from last year were well received. By in large there were no major issues to be concerned about. Dean Visser (AIA) brought forward some talking points for discussion:

- Start Times – The Saturday morning 10:15 start time recommended by the committee last year worked out nicely. There will always be travel challenges for schools from out of the Tucson and Phoenix area.
- Start Dates – The committee would like to see if Division III & IV can start earlier (same Saturday as Division I & II) Dean stated that he would discuss with the City of Phoenix regarding Rose Mofford's availability.
- Continue to have the Player Entrance at the North Gate – this was the first year of having a separate entrance for players and coaches, since the schools update their roster and coaches on the AIA site under Max preps it will be simple to print the roster off and check in the players and coaches each night.
- It was discussed as to how many coaches' assistants and managers would be allowed into the site through the pass gate – 2 coaches – 2 assistants 2 managers is a good starting point for this discussion. The committee also wanted any team in the tournament and any player on the school roster who shows their school ID be allowed to come in through the pass gate without being charged. Dean is going to look into this possibility.
- The pass gate would also accommodate the coaches who have a legitimate AIA pass and want to get their guest into the game but can't leave the team; they will be able to sign the guest in ahead of time.
- It was determined that the visiting team will take the 1st base dugout and the home team will take the 3rd base dugout regardless of who arrives first.

The committee was very pleased with ASU and the City of Phoenix for their hospitality.

Next meeting - Wednesday May 21, 2014; 10:00 am @ AIA offices

Meeting Adjourned