

## **MCAC September Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:**

August Meeting Minutes – Come as a motion. Passed unanimously

Fall Meeting Minutes Review – brief discussion on Fall meeting format, length and how to be more efficient with time and topics.

Spring Sport Reports from Fall Meeting (tabled last week due to time)

- Jason Fischer SCTCC presented baseball playoff proposal which was passed at both coaches level and at NJCAA region meetings. Refer to handout for further detail. Item presented as point of awareness and opportunity for questions.
- MCAC Northern Division softball schedule proposal from their spring meeting. Motion comes as a proposal; seconded Reed. Motion passes unanimous.

Group reviewed email to membership from Chris Parker, NJCAA as to NJCAA Connect issues.

## **New Business:**

**Soccer officiating concerns (RCTC):** Group discussed the possibility of situations where officials in soccer matches may also be affiliated with the college. Discussion on officials credentials in soccer and other sport. Group noted that there are occasions in which former students and/or are in officiating capacity. Group noted need for balance between excluding possible officials, especially in more rural areas. Mike L. noted that VB has officials standards written into sport code, which could be a template for other sports to follow.

**NJCAA Compliance Resources (CLC):** Discussion regarding recent forfeitures by member schools due to paperwork and gaps in NJCAA process. Question raised by Mary S. as to when NJCAA compliance workshops will begin again; with several new faces and even veterans in admin roles, having a refresher or introductory workshop would be helpful. Noted by the group that a ‘best practices’ discussion at Spring GA could be helpful. Noted by Steve C. and Buster G. via email, current best practice is to read the NJCAA handbook cover-to-cover. Group can re-visit discussion as Spring GA gets closer.

**Recruitment of currently enrolled SA's by member schools (M State):** Concerns raised by MSFF as to discussions and social media conversations happening between SA's at one campus and coaches at another campus. Group noted that monitoring of coaches is a challenge and that a school's head coach in each sport are ultimately responsible for program conduct. MSFF is working with Region and NJCAA to decide what to moving forward in terms of process.

**Men's Region leadership positions / committee (multiple):** Tabled

**POA: Ejected & Suspended athletes protocol:** Group discussed and review game day management issues involving suspended athletes. Complaint brought forward as to the possibility of ejected SA's attending away contest during the time a suspension was being served. Discussion as to how to balance keeping suspended SA's from attending contests to realistic expectations for oversight and administration of gate entry and crowd management. Difference between suspended SA driving to away game and entering on their own vs. suspended SA traveling with team or being in team area at a competition. The EC will wait to act until a formal complaint is presented.

**Non-scholarship FB & Wrestling proposal:** Conference office working a draft proposal in sports of FB and Wrestling to move from 20 all inclusive poll of scholarship and non-scholarship programs, to a 15/5 model, with five non-scholarship programs being ranked separately. Discussion on how voting would be structured, if it should/can be designated DI/DIII or 'Non-scholarship'. Discussion as to how and when to present and to poll coaches to be sure that they support the concept. Will re-visit at later meeting, closer to spring GA and NJCAA meetings in spring .

**Winter Sport Pre-season meetings:** Conference office noted that MBB and WBB have upcoming pre-season phone calls. Call will be joint this year, due to BB film exchange issues with Hudl/Krossover/Synergy.

Other items as presented: None

Motion to adjourn, passed by unanimous voice vote.