MCAC Men's Basketball

19-20 End-of-Season Coaches Call

Roll Call: Ron Larson, ARCC; Jim Russell, CLC; Paul Ciochetto, HCC; Rick Nikunen, NCTC; Nathan Thooft, Ridgewater; Jessie Bennett, Mesabi Range; Brian LaPlante, RCTC; Bill Engel, RRCC; Mark Lindquist, CLC Asst.; Derek Hahn, Riverland; Andy Cone, SCTCC; Reed Peterson, Vermilion; Shawn Sorenson, MSFF. Special Guest: Dave DeWitt, ARCC WBB.

Action Items from WBB & MBB on 3/18.

- WBB Approved proposal regarding mandatory filming of MCAC contests in MCAC facilities from at or near center court of the facility. 12-0-0.
    - MBB approved same proposal, 14-0-0.

- WBB Approved proposal regarding mandatory use of Presto Live Stats in MCAC contests in MCAC facilities, including immediate score reporting on Presto after contest by home team. 11-1-1.
    - MBB approved same proposal, 11 – 1 -1 . MRC w/ dissenting vote, RRCC w/ abstention.

- WBB Approved proposal for $100 fine for failure to meet mandatory film exchange policy; also included is a $50 increase for successive incidents. For example, a second incidence would be $150, a third incident would be $200, etc.

    - Friendly Amendment from MBB (Brian Laplante, RCTC) to add a $50 incremental fee for each 24 hours past the MCAC due date. For example, a team who misses a film upload for 24 hours past the due date would owe $150 for that incident. Missing a film deadline by 48 hours would be $200, etc.

    - MBB approved above proposal, with friendly amendment, unanimously.

- Hibbing Community College proposed that all MCAC contests in MCAC facilities are mandated to be live-streamed to public (Motion Paul Ciochetto, HCC; 2nd Brian Laplante, RCTC). Ron Larson, ARCC added friendly amendment to create and present live-stream protocol for showing scores, etc.
    - MBB approved above proposal, with friendly amendment, unanimously.

- ARCC motioned for central officials assigning position in men's and women's basketball for all MCAC. 2nd by Brian Laplante, RCTC. Motion passed 8-0-1 w/ RRCC the abstaining vote.

- Discussion of receiving information regarding fielding proposals from **HUDL** and **Synergy** regarding no-cost Conference film exchange. Both proposals will be circulated via email to both coaches groups. A decision between Hudl & Synergy will be made via email vote by April 1.

- Southern Division MWBB 20-21 schedule would be a flip from 19-20 MWBB; passed unanimously.
- Significant discussion regarding changes in MCAC MWBB schedule philosophy. Ron Larson, ARCC recommends in-person meeting to evaluate schedule options for 21-22 to maximize opportunity to determine best possible formats.
    - Ongoing significant discussion regarding scheduling options; including dealing with canceled seasons, round-robin vs. 'Cross-over' format. Dave Dewitt requests feedback from men's basketball coaches. Also, option of a bye for top finishing team, or play-in games. Several opinions expressed.

    - An April 1, 2020 deadline for 2021-22 schedule proposals was established for priority consideration.
- Discussion regarding schools such as FDLTCC and other schools which forfeit contests/seasons.

- Noted by Conference office that MCAC Spring 2020 General Assembly has been postponed.

- Discussion regarding the NJCAA National tournament, team selection and schedule philosophy. Significant discussion in how Conference can maximize opportunities to raise team profile and how to understand NJCAA scheduling opportunities for a 2nd at large team.

- Item regarding player and coach conduct to improve issues related to crowd control and team conduct issues basketball. Significant discussion on the role of officials and in how games can spiral out-of-control. Multiple coaches reflect on role of coaches, officials and player conduct, particularly 'trash talking', complaining on calls, etc.

    - No proposals presented from coaches in terms of conduct control.

- Discussion regarding formal interest from Gogebic Community College; discussion regarding scholarship vs. non-scholarship.

- It is our understanding at this time that NJCAA basketball All-America committee and related items will still be decided, even with the NJCAA Convention being canceled.

- Congratulations to Rochester CTC and St. Cloud CTC from the group on tremendous season; as well as congratulations to Western Tech & Northland CTC women's basketball on their national championship and runner-up placements.