

MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

NCAA National Office
Indianapolis, Indiana

June 7-8, 2004

Those in attendance were:

Jeff Compher, Western Carolina University
Marian (Woody) Gibson, High-Point University, chair
Greg Harshaw, University of California, Santa Cruz
Emily Hutchinson, University of Hawaii at Hilo
George A. Klebez, West Virginia Wesleyan College
Joanna Kreps, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Tim Maddox, Cabrini College
Ralph (Chris) Reynolds, University of Notre Dame
Dell Robinson, Mid-American Conference
Marjorie A. Willadsen, Buena Vista University
Terrie Hall, recording secretary
William Saum, NCAA
Ronald J. Stratten, NCAA

Committee members: Blake Bolden, Southwest Missouri State University, was unable to attend the meeting. Jeff Compher; Western Carolina University, George Klebez; West Virginia Wesleyan College and Chris Reynolds; Indiana University, were in attendance for portions of the meeting. John Le Crone, commissioner, Horizon League spoke to the committee during a portion of the meeting

[Note: The following minutes reflect only actions taken (formal votes or “sense of meeting”) in accordance with the NCAA policy governing minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the committee’s agenda were acted upon at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

Monday, June 7, 2004

1. Welcome and Announcements. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Mr. Gibson, chair, who welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes. The committee noted two errors in the minutes of the June meeting: Page No. 5, first paragraph, Divisions I and II to be changed to Division II and III and Page No. 6, item 11, add the word “plan” to the end of the first sentence.

It was VOTED

“To accept the minutes with the noted amendments.”

3. Committee Roster. The committee updated the current roster to reflect new and changed contact information.
4. Sports Wagering. The committee received an update on the results of the recent survey on NCAA sports wagering. The committee was informed that there was other information related to the Associated Health Risks and Behaviors (i.e., sexual behavior, alcohol and drug abuse) to be available at the end of the year.

Also noted that the committee chair, Dr. Marion (Woody) Gibson was appointed to the National Gambling Task Force.

5. Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA) Awards Banquet. Mr. Stratten provided an update on the upcoming Awards banquet and the selection process for the NCAA student-athlete representatives.
6. Sportsmanship Nominations. The committee reviewed the selection process to be implemented in choosing the divisional winners and the national winners for the award.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by the chair.

All members present as noted above.

7. Misconduct Legislation Continued. Mr. Stratten gave the committee a document that included all of the language discussed by the committee the previous day and asked the committee to review and make changes and additions

8. John LeCrone, Commissioner, Horizon League. Mr. LeCrone reviewed with the group the Horizon Leagues policies and practices regarding misconduct. He shared his conference's definition of misconduct: Anytime a coach, player or official does not address their responsibility to create a "collegial atmosphere" around intercollegiate competition, which would include a failure to react or respond to an incident.

After discussion concerning the conference's approach, Mr. LeCrone suggested rather than expanding misconduct policies, he and other conferences would find it more valuable to receive: 1) Data – trends in misconduct; 2) training and mentoring of coaches as educators; and 3) training officials to manage situations.

Mr. LeCrone said he would like to see trends and benchmarking in this area. He also agreed that the CCA would be a good organization to which the committee could send the collected data. With the data the commissioners could see what is happening in the area of misconduct throughout the Association.

After Mr. LeCrone concluded his remarks, Mr. Gibson spoke to the committee regarding taking a different tact in defining misconduct. He believed the rules committees for each sport should define misconduct based on their sport and that the sportsmanship committee's focus their attention on the three areas referenced by Mr. LeCrone.

It Was Voted

"That a new mission statement be redrafted and misconduct language be reevaluated for approval by the committee.

In response to the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet request for further definition and delineation of consequences for misconduct, the committee recessed to review new information received by staff regarding sportsmanship policies and procedures of several conferences.

It was Voted.

"That after review of the materials presented by the conferences, the committee decided to withdraw misconduct proposal 17.02.9 and to develop some strategies including contacting CCA, other conference associations, coaching associations, officials associations and other Association-wide affiliated groups to discuss and develop new strategies to foster a collegial atmosphere for intercollegiate athletics."

9. Review of Mission Statement. The committee agreed to revise the mission statement to include “collegial environment.” The mission statement reads as follows:

“The mission of the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct is to develop and promote strategies that foster a collegial atmosphere and a greater acceptance of the values of respect, caring fairness, civility, honesty, integrity and responsibility among student-athletes, coaches, officials, fans and related groups.

10. NCAA New Strategic Plan. Mr. Stratten reviewed with the committee the charge of the committee for the strategic plan. The committee reviewed the Empire 8 – Chuck Mitrano plan for Division III and agreed that this needed to be expanded to include Divisions I and II, as well.

It was “Voted”

“That the NCAA, as a method of reporting misconduct incidences, expand and pilot the Empire 8’s Misconduct Conduct Foul Initiative to include Division’s I and II.”

The committee asked the staff to explore budget implication’s for the Empire 8 pilot plan on Division’s I and II.

11. Mark Jones. Mr. Jones addressed the committee to which he has been the secondary liaison to and informed them that he has taken a new position with a local law firm that specializes in school infractions. Mr. Stratten, Mr. Gibson and the committee recognized and thanked Mr. Jones for his contributions to the committee over the years.
12. Other Business. Mr. Gibson announced to the committee the subcommittee chairs for the sportsmanship award nomination process would be Tim Maddox; Division III SAAC representative, Emily Hutchinson; Division II SAAC representative and Blake Bolden; Division I SAAC representative. Marion Gibson agreed to fill in for Mr. Bolden if he cannot be contacted.
13. Adjournment: Mr. Gibson adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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