

NCCAA South Region Meeting Minutes

St. Louis, MO

June 4, 2011

Attendance: Mark Goetsch (Pensacola), James Whitaker (Clearwater), Scott Moore (North Greenville), Vickie Denny (Clearwater), Michael Brown (Palm Beach Atlantic), Duane Aagaard (Southeastern), Chi Ly (Palm Beach Atlantic), Dennis Heisel (Chowan), Mike Bona (Emmanuel), Chris Williams (Southern Wesleyan), Phil Franklin (Piedmont Baptist), Jake Deer (Florida Christian), Al Depoutot (Trinity College), Tom Price (Southern Wesleyan), Randy Douglas (Point University), Jim Butski (Florida Christian), Justin Pollock (Toccoa Falls), Lance Martin (Toccoa Falls), Jon Copeland (Florida Christian), Martin Carter (Carver College), Bryce Bow (Florida Christian), Kim Abbott (Columbia International)

1. Mark Goetsch (South Region Chair) called the meeting to order.
2. Everyone introduced themselves.
3. Several members shared testimonies of what God has done throughout this year.
 - a. Jake Deer – positive changes within program at FCC
 - b. James Whitaker – men’s soccer mission trip to Guatemala
 - c. Dennis Heisel – a number of their student-athletes involved in mission trips through churches and across sports.
 - d. Tom Price – women’s soccer player going to China for 8 weeks this summer
 - e. Randy Douglas – upcoming women’s soccer team mission trip
4. Mark Goetsch went through the minutes from the last South region meeting.
Duane Aagaard made a motion to accept the minutes from last year (Dennis Heisel 2nd).
5. Mark Goetsch handed out a list with contact information for all South Region athletic directors and region sport chairs. All changes to this list were updated (see attached list). He reminded everyone that there is always opportunity to bid for national tournaments.
6. Mark Goetsch gave a number of reminders for all South region AD’s and coaches:
 - a. Encourage each team to utilize the mission support from the NCCAA for mission trips – both as a team and for individuals on our teams.
 - b. Reminded everyone about the new handbook changes.
 - c. Send your Code of Ethics / Code of Conduct Forms directly to the NCCAA. These are due by September 15.
 - d. Send your Declaration of Intent Forms directly to the national office
 - e. Presidential Award Winner from South Region – Clearwater Christian College – Division II winner for 2010-11
 - f. Encourage us as AD’s to encourage coaches to put student-athletes up for NCCAA Player of the Week. Try to get an increase in South region nominations.
 - g. Reminder about Statistical reports – Monday by 5pm to Gabe Wallis.
 - h. Eligibility – DI -- send those to Mark Goetsch; DII – send those to James Whitaker
 - i. When eligibility issues come up, first go to the handbook, then call Mark (DI) or James (DII), then Jerry Malone.
 - j. Region Chair / Region Vice Chair – no vote needed; Mark and James on the same cycle

7. There was a discussion about the needs for Region Sport Chairs DI volleyball and D1 cross country. Mike Bona suggested that his coaches would be willing to take on these roles:
 - a. D1 Volleyball –Mindy Crawford (Emmanuel)
 - b. D1 Cross Country – Jose Larios (Emmanuel)
8. There was a discussion about establishing a regional competition for cross country.
 - a. Duane Aagaard made a motion to establish cross country regional (Lance Martin 2nd)
 - b. Vote – passed unanimously to establish cross country regional
 - c. South region schools participating in cross country: North Greenville, Southern Wesleyan, Palm Beach Atlantic, Truett McConnell, Toccoa Falls, Point University, Emmanuel
 - d. Southern Wesleyan will host regional as part of their cross country meet next year.
9. North Greenville and Emmanuel will be adding track and field this next year.
10. There was discussion about the Golf Regional. We need more teams to participate.
 - a. It will be hosted by Southern Wesleyan next year at Smithfield Country Club (Easley, SC).
 - b. There was discussion about whether to make the regional mandatory to participate in nationals.
 - c. Duane Aagaard made a motion that “All south region team will be required to participate in NCCAA regionals per declaration of intent by fall 2012.” (Chris Williams 2nd).
 - d. Vote – passed unanimously to require regional teams to participate.
11. There was a discussion about needs/changes to South Region Tournaments for next year.
 - a. DI Women’s basketball will be March 5-7 at Emmanuel.
 - b. DI Volleyball will be November 18-19 at Palm Beach Atlantic.
 - c. DII Men’s Basketball will be February 23-25 at Toccoa Falls College (Trinity College cannot host).
12. Region / National sport chairs gave reports:
 - a. Lance Martin (DII men’s Basketball) – decline in DII has affected the region – down from 9 to 5 teams
 - b. Mike Bona (DI women’s basketball – 3 teams this past season; potential of 5 or 6 next year; finding dates that work is a challenge)
 - c. Chi Ly (men’s and women’s tennis) – challenge to get teams and dates
 - d. Tom Price (DI women’s soccer national chair) – mentioned that Palm Beach Atlantic finished 2nd nationally for women; men finished 1st.
 - e. Jon Copeland (DII baseball) – 3 teams last year, 3 teams next year.
 - f. Justin Pollock (DII baseball national chair) – great national tournament – unmatched tournament, special environment at Prasco Park
13. National Champions in 2010-11 from South Region – Clearwater (volleyball), Clearwater (men’s soccer), North Greenville (softball), Toccoa Falls (baseball), Palm Beach Atlantic (men’s soccer), North Greenville (men’s tennis)

14. There was a discussion about the amount for the South Region dues. Duane is serving as the treasurer for the South region and mentioned that we have at least \$1000 in our account so we are in a good position. Dennis Heisel made a motion to keep the South region dues at \$150 (Duane Aagaard 2nd). The motion was passed unanimously. Duane will continue to serve as treasurer and send out invoice for 2011-12 by August 15 to be paid by September 1.
15. Duane Aagaard brought up a discussion about the problems of the recent 7 team tournament in men's soccer with the play in game. Chowan had to travel all the way down to Southeastern to play in the quarterfinal ("play-in") game and then had to drive all the way back home to host the event. There was a discussion about options for this type of situation and tournaments with more than 4 teams playing.

Duane Aagaard made a motion (Mike Bona 2nd) that all soccer teams go to same site for regional tournament (no "play-in" game). It was noted that along with this there will be a change to the schedule – adding Monday to make the tournament a Fri/Sat/Mon tournament. This motion was passed unanimously.

16. Mark Goetsch mentioned the CSPN coaches network and encouraged coaches to get involved.

Submitted by James Whitaker, South Region Vice-Chair