

HCAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

PRESENT

Wendy Smith
Dave Beccaria
Jamie Gluck
Adam Lewis
Sam Permutt
Maggie Cronin
Alison Crawford

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR & HCAA

Wendy Smith spoke with the execs and urged them to find more and better ways to promote/publicize the HCAA among the student-athletes. It appears that the HCAA still isn't known well enough among the student-athletes, and we need to find ways to make sure that the student-athletes know they can turn to our group if they have any issues, questions, or concerns. It's important for the head coaches to not only pass along HCAA meeting summaries to their respective teams but to also make sure that their teams are aware of our student-athlete advisory committee.

GOALS FOR 2009-2010

The execs began discussing goals for the coming year. Initial ideas included meeting with captains in order to layout clear guidelines related to strength and conditioning. It appears that there's somewhat of a disconnect between the student-athletes' expectations, the realistic logistical opportunities (based on the fact that Cory works with 21 varsity teams), actual NCAA legislation (and how it impacts the logistical opportunities, and team expectations for development. The execs are planning to have a meeting of all team captains plus Dave Beccaria, Cory Walts and Melissa Cruice in order to discuss this issue in more detail.

The execs also want to improve alumni relations, especially with specific women's teams. It appears that certain teams have a more extensive approach to alumni relations, including career advice/mentoring, etc., and more teams would like to have some sort of organized network with their alumni.

The execs also expressed an interest in expanding leadership training (currently being organized by Julie Young and Bill Brady) to include underclassmen in some way. The feeling is that underclassmen need some sort of preliminary preparation in the event that they become captains...so as to avoid "learning on the job."

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Alison Crawford has started working with Eighth Dimension to organize the athletic department's involvement with the Special Olympics at Villanova University on November 7. As we get closer to this event, Alison will outline the roles and expectations for our student-athletes who will be involved with this event. We want all head coaches to start promoting this volunteer service opportunity. The goal is to make sure that all teams are involved in some capacity because this particular event will be the comprehensive athletic department community service event for the year.

Alison also has been communicating with Bob Szybist, who organizes the after-school mentoring program at Belmont Charter School. She is in the process of developing the format for this year, and she will describe this opportunity and begin recruiting volunteers at an HCAA meeting with all captains in the near future.

In an effort to streamline communications, all community service information will go through the captains this year...instead of community service representatives. Having different lists of people who are responsible for different things has become a little cumbersome, so the HCAA will communicate directly with the captains this year. However, teams can assign someone (other than a captain) to be in charge of organizing team and individual community service efforts if they so choose.

NEXT MEETING

The next HCAA Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Dining Center.