

**Sport Committee Conference Call
Wednesday, October 12th – Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Diane St.Denis (Chair), Al Scott, Ken Schildroth, Tony Addona, Ross Wilson, Pat Murray, Jean-Guy Ouellette, Sheila-Ann Newton

1. Approval of agenda

**Motion 1 (R. Wilson/K. Schildroth)
To approve the agenda as circulated.**

Carried

2. Approval of minutes from September 26th conference call.

**Motion 2 (R. Wilson/K. Schildroth)
To approve the minutes of the September 26th conference call.**

Carried

3. Men's Basketball 8-Team Format (Recommendation from NABCC)

Appendix A

D. St-Denis reviewed Appendix A.

Discussion highlights:

- recommendation did not include rationale for the selection of the assigned berths to the OUA and CWUAA.
- recommendation didn't include the selection criteria/process of the wildcard berth.
- an approve in principle the move to step 2 of establishing a selection criteria that will meet Sport Committee's approval.
- at June Sport Committee meeting agreed we needed to establish a way to get the most competitive teams to the championship – assigning berths directly to a Regional Association does not work. Is it performance based? Is it based on total numbers within the Regional Association? Did they consider a rotation en ensure balance over the course of several years? Too many unanswered questions.
- we asked the NABCC to provide their best options for an 8-team championship and they've done that. We need to move forward.

Motion 3 (P. Murray/R. Wilson)

Carried

That the 8-Team Men's Basketball Championship be made up as follows:

- **One berth per each of the 4 Regional Associations (as per policy 20.20.1.2)**
- **Host (as per policy 20.20.1.3)**
- **One (1) assigned berth OUA**
- **One (1) assigned berth Canada West**
- **One wildcard/at-large berth**

provided the Sport Committee approves the objective selection process and criteria for the selection of the wildcard/at-large berth position that the NABCC forwards to Sport Committee by October 31, 2005.

Below is an outline of the next steps that must be taken in this process:

1. NABCC forwards an objective selection process and criteria to Sport Committee. Oct. 31st
2. Sport Committee reviews process and votes on the recommendation. Week of Nov. 14th
3. If Sport Committee supports the recommendation: an email vote will occur with the membership seeking support to amend policy 20.20.1.4 to include wildcard/at-large berths. End of Nov.
4. The results of the email vote will then be forwarded to the Board of Directors. Nov. 30th
5. If Sport Committee does not support the recommendation research will be completed to seek out alternate ways of filing the final spot. This may include returning to a former

process (ie. equity draft), a rotational format, an assigned berth to a specific Regional Association etc.

6. Sport Committee to forward a final recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Nov. 30th

7. Board of Directors will make final decision.

Dec. 7th

ACTION: S. Newton for forward the above information to the NABCC as soon as possible. To begin research re fall back position. Processes followed prior to moving to the 10-team format. Other options.

4. University of Alberta Proposal re schedule change for the

Appendix B

D. St-Denis referred to Appendix B. This is the revised proposal as request by Sport Committee following our September 26th conference call. The University of Alberta has attempted to address all of our concerns.

It was also noted that this proposal was done on consultation with the President of the Coaches Association.

It was agreed by the committee that every effort should be made to ensure the two semi-final games are played on the same field as the Gold medal game.

Motion 4 (J. Ouellette/R. Wilson)

Carried

To approval the proposal from the University of Alberta with the amendment that best efforts should be made to ensure the two semi-final games are played on the same field as the Gold medal game.

ACTION: S. Newton to circulate an email as soon as possible, to all soccer schools including the background information prepared by the University of Alberta.

The Committee wanted it noted that a learning from this experience was to ensure that when changing championship formats with pre-determined Hosts the new format must be final prior to the Host agreeing to any change.