

Annual Committee Report

Committee Name: Vernon College Athletics Committee

Chairperson: John Hardin III

List of members: Garry David, John Mahoney, Brandi Ballard, Sjhonton Fanner, Jason Jenkins, Della Porter, Ann Patterson, Jo Ann Sharp, Dona Crow, Rachel Winship, Megan Ochoa, Mary Ann Noah, Julie Myers-Kuhn, Kevin Lallmann, Bobby Scott, Valerie Armstrong.

Dates of meetings: Thursday, May 10, 2012

Accomplishments: Fulfilled Annual Meeting Requirement

Recommendations: N/A

Membership suggestions: N/A

Attachment of agendas and minutes (including attendance)

Submitted by: Jacqueline Bone

Date submitted: May 10, 2012

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2012

10am in the Student Services Conference Room

Meeting Agenda

Purpose:

To provide review, input, and oversight to the College's athletic programs.

Responsibilities:

1. To assist the Athletic Director in selecting new programs. –*John B. Hardin, III and Coaching Staff*
2. To review the effectiveness of the College's athletics programs. –*John B. Hardin, III*
3. To make recommendations to the Dean of Student Services/Athletic Director and/or the President. –*John B. Hardin, III*

MINUTES

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The Vernon College Athletics Committee met on May 10, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Student Services Lobby of the *Osborne Administration Building* with the following present: John B. Hardin III, John Mahoney, Brandi Ballard, Sjhonton Fanner, Jason Jenkins, Della Porter, Ann Patterson, Jo Ann Sharp, Dona Crow, Rachel Winship, Megan Ochoa, Mary Ann Noah, Julie Myers-Kuhn, Kevin Lallmann, Bobby Scott, Valerie Armstrong. Also present Jacqueline Bone.

Members absent: Garry David

Dean Hardin called the meeting to order at 9:55 am. It was noted that the committee was a little too large to meet in the Student Services Conference Room therefore the meeting was moved to the Student Services lobby.

Dean Hardin discussed the first responsibility of the committee; To assist the Athletic Director in selecting new programs. Dean Hardin let the committee know he did not see any budgetary funds anytime in the near future for new intercollegiate sports. In the past, tennis and golf have come up as possible additions to Vernon College Athletics. Julie Myers-Kuhn made the suggestion of basketball since it is the more popular sport and we have the facility.

Dean Hardin pointed out that the addition of an athletic program would also mean re-evaluation of the travel and equipment scholarship budgets. Dean Hardin mentioned that basketball kids are often found in large cities and do not play for partial scholarships, which would impact the Vernon College Scholarship Budget.

Dean Hardin moved on to the second responsibility of the committee; to review the effectiveness of the College's athletics programs. Dean Hardin said that softball had a good first half of the year; the girls played well and were in tune with a good record. Dean Hardin told the committee interviews for the Head Softball Coaching position would begin the middle of May. Dean Hardin completed going through the application pool yesterday and mentioned he was shocked at the caliber of applicants that applied, in reference to experience. Dean Hardin advised the committee that he met with all of the freshman softball girls; all but one plans to return to Vernon College. Baseball Coach Kevin Lallmann, stated this year was a regrouping year. Kevin mentioned the team started the year with 30 kids in the program and ended up taking 19 to the last game. Overall, it was a smooth year with a few bang-ups. Dean Hardin told the committee that Grand Opening of the Bob and Anna Wright addition to the baseball field has helped out immensely, being that the coaches must promote their own programs. Volleyball Coach Valerie Armstrong said the fall was good for the team and they ended out the

year with a 3.19 average GPA. Valerie said she has a good crew coming back with 4 returners and also a good recruiting class. Rodeo Coach Bobby Scott said this year was solid for the rodeo team. The men's team won 3rd in Southwestern Region standings and the women's team won 4th in Southwestern Region standings. Cassidy Boggs won 2nd All Around and will go to the College National Finals for breakaway roping and goat tying. Ty Kirkland won Saddle Bronc and will go to the College National Finals. Bobby mentioned the rodeo team members as individuals have gone to the College National Finals 8 of 9 previous years. Bobby mentioned the rodeo team has gone to the National Finals every year except for two since 1986 and have won 3 championships in the past. Dean Hardin pointed out that the rodeo practice facility being in close proximity to the dormitory is a big plus to recruiting kids along with the great accomplishments of the team.

Dean Hardin opened the floor up for discussion of recommendations. The standing committee would like to see facility improvements for softball and volleyball. Mary Ann Noah inquired to why there were no lights at the baseball or softball fields. Kevin responded to her question stating that they played at the wrong time of year for needing lights. Dean Hardin spoke of fundraising efforts by the athletic team. They chose to sell advertising space on banners to be placed at the baseball and softball fields, on the gymnasium wall for volleyball and on the arena fence for rodeo. This should make up for the lack of funds available.

Jo Ann congratulated Rachel on doing such a great job on the Sports Banquet and this was seconded by many. Dean Hardin also thanked Sjhonton for keeping the athletes entertained while they are not on the field/court/arena. Dean Hardin also wanted to recognize the assistant coaches for being so helpful the year.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin Lallmann and seconded by Jason Jenkins. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.