

## MINUTES OF VIA GIRLS COACHES MEETING

December 4, 1965  
Virginia State College

The coaches met on the above date with Mrs. Young presiding. It was called to attention of body purpose of meeting which is to organize on State level a Women Coaches Association. The function of the group is to design a program of activities to be sponsored throughout the state in various high schools for girls. Various opinions were voiced with reference to the function of such an organization. Of these, two specific ideas were prevalent. Namely, the idea of Play Day activities and the continuation of the competitive sport-Basketball and the inclusion of others. Many problems were presented as related to having these type activities within schools. However, it was pointed out that if group is to organize then rules and regulations would govern many obstacles thus possibly eliminating many existing problems. Because of Mr. Womble's absence, chairman pointed out that she wasn't in a position to state just what provisions the VIA would make. But, she did assure group that Mr. Womble had made it known that if group would organize then much could be accomplished. Mrs. Matthews gave the group a briefing on the conducting of Play Day activities.

Mr. Womble joined us and preceded to enlighten body on possibility of the functioning of a Women Association. Mr. Womble was asked how would our Organization function as related to many respective districts? He pointed out that many values could be attained in spite of prevailing problems in various districts. Mr. Womble presented Mr. Leroy Porter who made the observation that Booker T. of Norfolk was not represented because of a School Board regulation that stated that there shall be no girls competitive sports in the City of Norfolk. However, he emphasized that they are

willing to participate on non-competitive basis.

Mr. Womble explained that function of group would not exceed district level although it is believed that many ideas suggested by group would be approved on State basis. This explanation has reference to competitive sports.

It was agreed by body that then presiding chairman meets with executive committee on Friday, December 10, 1965 she is to submit a detailed report of Women's Coaches Association desires as related to group function on competitive and non-competitive basis.

The following sports were suggested for competitive participation. They are: Basketball, softball, volleyball, track and field and tennis. The non-competitive sports are: Soccer, hockey, speedball, basketball, volleyball, track and field, relays, badminton, table tennis, and softball.

Mr. Womble pointed out that group wouldn't need a budget unless it would function directly on State level. Budgets needed would come under respective districts.

Mr. Womble expressed his appreciation for attendance of group. He stated that he was very concerned about the participation of girls. He emphasized the importance of our concern about future activities for the development of our girls. He feels that many values can be acquired.

The presiding chairman preceded with the election of officers. The following slate of officers was elected. They are:

President	Mrs. Rachel Young	Wyatt High School
Vice-President	Miss Alma Thompson	East End High
Secretary	Mrs. Margaret M. Higgs	Booker T. High
Assi-Sect.	Mrs. Dorena Jackson	Central High
Treasurer	Mrs. Laureta Matthews	Carter G. Woodson
Reporter	Miss Brenda Carey	Thomas C. Walker

The President . asked body to decide on next meeting date in order for group to be informed of results of meeting with executive committee. The group is to meet Saturday, January 15, 1966 at 10:00 a.m., Room 114 at Virginia State College (Foster Hall).

The President agreed to ask Mr. Womble to send correspondence to all girls Physical Education instructors requesting that they attend our next meeting.

It was called to the attention of the body that many schools didn't respond to meeting because it requested that coaches of girls come whereas many schools don't sponsor competitive activities. In view of this fact, Mrs. Jackson suggested that we change our name. The new name agreed upon is "Girls Athletic Association Sponsors".

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mrs. Rachel Young, Chairman  
Mrs. Margaret M. Higgs, Secretary