

Women's Meeting

The meeting was held Monday, December 13, 2004

In attendance: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Tom Tracey, Director of Officials; Mike McDowell, Director of Communication; Matt Olds, Intern; Carl Salyer, Maryland; Jason Gall, Brown; Alan Huckins, Hartwick; John Zeigler, Bucknell; Barry King, Indiana; Erik Farrar, Harvard; Keith Bullion, Salem International; Matt Anderson, Michigan; Derek Ellingson, Princeton University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Joe McCommons, Queens; Scott Reed, George Washington.

The meeting began with a discussion of the various proposals. A complete description of each proposal can be found by clicking on the link below.

Varsity Proposal 1

Withdrawn by Luis Nicolao.

A new proposal was introduced by Matt Anderson. The proposal stated that a second referee poll will be conducted at the close of the regular season among varsity coaches only. This poll will determine the referees that are selected for the Eastern Championship. If one or more of the divisional championships does not have an Eastern Championship referee assigned to it, then the assignments for the divisional championships will be altered to ensure all divisions have an opportunity to see a referee who will work the Eastern Championship. Alan Huckins seconded. Motion passed.

Varsity Proposal 2

Withdrawn by Luis Nicolao.

A new proposal was introduced by Carl Salyer. The proposal stated that in response to the creation of the MAAC conference and the fact that all members were ECAC teams, two spots out of eight at the ECAC Championship would be reserved for MAAC teams. If a tournament host did not qualify, then the field would be expanded to nine teams. John Zeigler seconded. Motion passed.

A new proposal was introduced by Alan Huckins. The proposal stated that qualification for the ECAC Championship for the six CWPA slots will be based upon the results of the Eastern Championship. If one or more slots are still available after the automatic qualification, the CWPA women's poll committee will select the remaining teams. The seeding for the ECAC Championship will be based on the decision of the CWPA women's poll committee and one or two representatives of the MAAC Conference. Scott Reed seconded. Motion passed.

A new proposal was introduced by Alan Huckins. The proposal stated that the ECAC Championship must be played in a 25 yard all-deep facility. Erik Farrar seconded. An amendment was added that the MAAC must determine the site of the championship in the years they are due to host at least two years in advance. Motion passed.

New Business

Barry King made a motion that the Eastern Championship field be composed of eight teams. Matt Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Luis Nicolao made a motion that the Northern, Southern, and Western divisions each receive bids for the two top finishers at their respective division championships. The remaining two bids would be determined by the CWPA women's poll committee. Carl Salyer seconded. Motion passed.

By acclamation, the members of the 2004 poll committee are Alan Huckins, Hartwick; Carl Salyer, Maryland; Matt Anderson, Michigan. The chairperson of the polling committee was to be decided at a later date.

Matt Anderson made a motion that there is a minimum suit standard for league competition beginning in the '06 season. Carl Salyer seconded. Matt Anderson amended the motion to state that cross-back suits would be considered acceptable, but "over the shoulder" suits would be required to have straps a minimum of 1" in width. On first offense, the coach of the offending player would receive a letter from the league office. The second offense would result in the player not being allowed to play until a suit meeting the minimum standard was worn. Scott Reed seconded. Motion passed.

Maryland was added to the rotation for women's Easterns, Southern and ECACs.

Men's Meeting

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The meeting began with a discussion of the various proposals. A complete description of each proposal can be found by clicking on the link below.

Varsity Proposal 1

Withdrawn by Luis Nicolao.

A new proposal was introduced by Luis Nicolao. The proposal stated that a second referee poll will be conducted at the close of the regular season among varsity coaches only. This poll will determine the referees that are selected for the Eastern Championship. If one or more of the divisional championships does not have an Eastern Championship referee assigned to it, then the assignments for the divisional championships will be altered to ensure all divisions have an opportunity to see a referee that will work the Eastern Championship. Keith Bullion seconded. Motion passed.

Varsity Proposal 2

Luis Nicolao made a proposal to change the format of the ECAC Championship to eight teams. John Zeigler supported this proposal. Luis amended the proposal to state that in the instance that the host team did not qualify for the championship, the field would be expanded to nine teams. John Zeigler seconded. Motion passed.

Men's Varsity Proposal 3

John Zeigler made a proposal to change the seeding of the Southern Division Championship from alternating seeding East-West, based on regular season record, to a seeding done by committee. Ted Bresnahan, Johns Hopkins, supported this proposal. Motion defeated.

New Business

Mike Schofield made a motion to distribute a mail ballot to determine the interest in moving the division championships and Eastern Championship one week later, to go into effect in 2006. The mail ballot should include a discussion by the Commissioner about the ramifications of the move with respect to conflict in dates with the National Club Championship. Scott Reed seconded. Motion Passed. The mail ballot will be due by January 15, 2005.

General Meeting

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In attendance: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Tom Tracey, Director of Officials; Mike McDowell, Director of Communication; Matt Olds, Intern; Carl Salyer, Maryland; Jason Gall, Brown; Alan Huckins, Hartwick; John Zeigler, Bucknell; Keith Bullion, Salem International; Derek Ellingson, Princeton University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Joe McCommons, Queens; Scott Reed, George Washington; Mike Schofield, Navy; Carl Quigley, St. Francis.

The membership considered the following proposals (a complete description of each proposal can be found by clicking on the link below). The result of voting on these proposals included the online ballots submitted earlier to the office.

[General Proposals](#)

General Proposal 1

The CWPA Office made a motion to add "Canada" to the bylaws section that states the locations of league members. Motion passed.

General Proposal 2

The CWPA Office made a motion to change the bylaws to state that the Board of Directors be responsible for the approval of any fee changes and budgetary issues. Motion passed.

New Business

Teams indicated an interest in making membership development a budget item for the league.

Members elected to the Board of Review for 2005: John Benedick, Loren Bertocci, Michael Goldenberg, Erik Farrar, Barry King.

Keith Bullion was added to the Hall of Fame committee.

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors: Matt Anderson, John Benedick, Mark Gensheimer, Scott Reed.

Annual Report

The Commissioner gave a presentation outlining the annual report for the organization. A copy of this report may be viewed [here](#). The report included an update on the league's three-year strategic plan.

Club Ballot Results

The results of the voting for proposals concerning Collegiate Club teams is listed below. The votes are given according to the following order: In favor-Against-Abstain.

General Club 1 Passed 5-0-0

Pacific Coast 1 Because fewer than 50% of teams in Men's Pacific Coast Division voted, no changes in league policy were passed.

Pacific Coast 2 Because fewer than 50% of teams in Women's Pacific Coast Division voted, no changes in league policy were passed.

General Proposals

Proposal #1

Author: CWPA Office

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: All

Proposal:

ARTICLE III--MEMBERS

1. Members shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors and shall have the following qualifications:

(a) Each member must represent a college or university within the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico.

Statement of intent:

To revise the By-Laws to reflect the current practice of permitting Canadian teams to participate in the CWPA.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams:

None

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change:

Current By-Law reads:

ARTICLE III--MEMBERS

1. Members shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors and shall have the following qualifications:

(a) Each member must represent a college or university within the United States or Puerto Rico.

Rationale:

Teams in the Northwest Division have granted an exception to this requirement in order to have enough women's teams to participate within their division. They currently allow Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, BC). By changing the By-Law, we align our policies with current practice.

Proposal #2

Author: CWPA Office

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: All

Proposal:

ARTICLE III--MEMBERS

2. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable by the members. Unless extenuating circumstances prevail, all fee increases will be announced during the preceding academic year to take affect during the following academic year, in order to afford ample time for budgeting and planning.

Statement of intent:

To revise the By-Laws to reflect a more reasonable and efficient approach to managing the league's financial situation.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams:

Institutions provide the Board of Directors with the authority to increase fees when deemed necessary.

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change:

Current By-Law reads:

ARTICLE III--MEMBERS

2. The membership may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable by the members. Any proposed fee increases must be submitted in

accordance with all other proposals for review, to be voted upon at the annual meeting. The men's collegiate club class and all women member institutions may utilize a mail ballot to determine the outcome, while all fee increases pertaining to the varsity class are determined at the annual meeting.

Rationale:

The current process is too cumbersome and involves trying to explain detailed finances through email to hundreds of student-athletes that have traditionally not professed an interest in gaining a detailed understanding. By providing the Board of Directors with this authority, we will afford a manageable group of individuals the opportunity to review the situation in greater detail, making a more educated and informed decision. Furthermore, any increase would be announced with sufficient lead time for adequate planning.

Varsity Proposals

Proposal #1

Author: Luis Nicolao, Princeton University

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: All varsity Men and Women

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal: Princeton University

School #2 Sponsoring Proposal: Salem International University

Proposal:

Eastern championship officials will be selected the Monday after divisional championships by the schools attending Easterns. This will allow the teams that attending the championship to have more of a say in what officials attend. Plus, it rewards the officials that are selected for the divisional championships. The officials would be ranked by the following voters: Head official, head official from each site, and the coaches attending the championship.

Statement of intent:

To have the varsity coaches and officials have the final say for the Eastern championship officials. I do not think club teams should have a say in what officials are at the Eastern Championships.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams:

Should have minimal impact. There might be some additional airline flight cost for a few, but most drive.

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change:

Officials are currently selected based on the mid-season poll.

Proposal #2

Author: Luis, Nicolao, Princeton University

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: All varsity Men & Women

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal: Princeton University

School #2 Sponsoring Proposal: Bucknell University

Proposal:

Would like to change the number of teams at ECAC championships to 8 teams.

Statement of intent:

Reduce the number of games played.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams:

Save money for all involved.

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change:

The current number of teams playing at the championship is ten.

Rationale for proposal:

This makes for an easier format of games and also avoids any Friday night games.

Proposal #3

Author: John Zeigler, Bucknell University

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: Men's Southern Division

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal: Bucknell University

School #2 Sponsoring Proposal: Johns Hopkins University

Proposal:

Seeding for Southern Championships to be done via committee as opposed to East/West alternate format.

Two Eastern team representatives, Two Western team representatives and one neutral non-conference representative will use the following factors in determining the seeding: Ranking within their respective division, win/loss, strength of schedule, any crossover competition, Top 10 CWPA rankings, Top 20 National Rankings Statement of intent (one sentence) To seed the Southern Championship tournament in a manner that recognizes an overall ranking of the teams within the conference.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams:

None

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change:

Alternate East/West seeding

Rationale for proposal:

The Southern Championship, while important insofar as a conference championship, serves a larger function of determining the top four teams to advance to the NCAA qualification tournament. The current Southern Championship seeding does not properly seed teams recognizing what they have done in the regular season outside of specific East/West regional play. For example, if the fourth best team in the South is x they may end up being seeded seventh simply because of the alternate seeding format. In a tournament with top-four implications to seed in this manner is improper not only for possible matchups but also with regards to the tournament schedule insofar as number of games per day, time of rest between games and what semi-final bracket teams will play. The most glaring example is if the top three teams end up being from the same region (East or West.) If that happens, then instead of having the 1st place team play the fourth and second play the third as it should be, the third place team plays the first with less than three hours rest from another game. While committee seeding is sometimes problematic it is certainly doable under these conditions and would serve this underlying function of the Southern Championships better.

Club Proposals

Proposal #1

Author: Janelle Spindler, UCLA

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: All Women's Club Teams

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal: UCLA

School #2 Sponsoring Proposal: USC

Proposal:

Have a Sixteen Team Championship Format for the Women's National Collegiate Club Championships. In changing from a twelve-team format to a sixteen team format, the extra teams would be considered at-large bids determined by the top division finishers from the previous season. For example, last season the top four finishers by division were the Pacific Division, New England Division, Southeast Division, and Southwest Division, respectively. Therefore, this season at-large openings would be awarded to qualifying teams from these divisions in order of their finish.

Statement of intent:

To change the Women's National Collegiate Club Championships format from a 12 team format to a 16 team Championship format.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams:

Little to no expected financial impact due to preset tournament entrance fees.

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change:

The current policy is a Twelve Team Championship Format.

Rationale for proposal (no more than 300 words)

The change from a twelve-team format to a sixteen team format would give more teams the opportunity to compete at Nationals. Allowing more teams to compete would provide for the eventual expansion of leagues. In addition, it promotes the growth of the sport.

Commissioner's Note: This season we will have 14 divisions, which means the proposal must pass or we will be forced to create playoff systems that will extend beyond the academic calendar under the current schedule. In 2005 we will have the following divisions:

Atlantic

Heartland

Mid Atlantic

Midwest

New England

New York

North Atlantic

Northwest

Pacific Coast

Southeast

Southwest

Texas

Plus Big Ten & Host Institution

Pacific Coast Division Only

Proposal #1

Author: Frank Schulz, USC & Sam Bakhshandehpour, UCLA

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: Men's Pacific Coast Division

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal: USC

School #2 Sponsoring Proposal: UCLA

Proposal:

In the Pacific Coast Men's Division, a player's eligibility will be determined in accordance with NCAA eligibility standards. In accordance with NCAA rules a student athlete may participate in four seasons of collegiate water polo. If a varsity red shirt year is used the player will have four years left of eligibility. For example, if a player has played for an NCAA team for a year, they may finish out their NCAA eligibility on the club level for 3 more years, regardless of class level.

Statement of intent:

To make Men's Collegiate Club eligibility standards consistent with NCAA standards. Allowing all student athletes the same opportunity to play four years of collegiate water polo.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams:

No expected financial impact.

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change:

In the Pacific Coast Men's Division, no player that has appeared on a varsity water polo roster for more than two years may play for that same school's club team, regardless of class level (Graduate or Undergraduate).

Rationale for proposal:

The current rule allows for too many loop holes. All competition is already governed by the NCAA rules and guidelines. We feel it is important to remain consistent. Eligibility should be the same on the club level as on the NCAA level.

Proposal #2

Author: Frank Schulz, USC & Janelle Spindler, UCLA

Division(s) Affected by Proposal: Women's Pacific Coast Division

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal: UCLA

School #2 Sponsoring Proposal: USC

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Statement of intent:

To make Women's Collegiate Club eligibility standards consistent with NCAA standards allowing all student athletes the same opportunity to play four years of collegiate water polo.

Statement of financial impact:

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