

2015 ANNUAL MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

2015 Collegiate Water Polo Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Division III Women's Conference Call (June 2, 2015)

Attending: Commissioner Dan Sharadin; Connecticut College, Matt Anderson; Washington and Jefferson College, Jay O'Neill; Penn State Behrend College, Joe Tristan; Grove City College, Alyssa Birch; Macalester College, Jennie Charlesworth

Coaches voted to allow a five-minute ceremony to honor the seniors of the host school during the CWPA Championship during the first game they play at the event.

Coaches voted to alter the order of the championship games on Saturday night so that the last two games included the semifinal contests. Coaches also agreed to have two games on the first day of competition and one the second day, regardless of whether the tournament was Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday.

The Commissioner described the Division III National Championship opportunity, based on sponsorship dollars from KAP7. Division III coaches were unanimous in their support of participating at the championship. The date suggested would be coincidental with the NCAA Championship in May.

In the event the Division III National Championship is established, the Division III champion would not be eligible to attend the CWPA Varsity Championship.

Teams discussed the issue of officiating in Shallow/Deep pools and there was no consensus regarding altering the rules or the manner in which they were called. Teams were urged to voice their opinion to the Rules Committee before their July meeting if they felt strongly about the issue.

Women's Division I/II Varsity Coaches' Meeting (June 1, 2015)

Attending: Commissioner, Dan Sharadin; Felix Mercado; Harvard University, Ted Minnis; Princeton University, Derek Ellingson; University of Michigan, Marcello Leonardi; Indiana University, Barry King; Hartwick College, Alan Huckins; George Washington University, Adam Foley; Bucknell University, John McBride (via conference call)

Coaches discussed the two basic schedule models and unanimously reached a consensus that the option presented with a regional event, followed by a crossover is the preferred format. In this process, everyone will be in the rotation to host the championship and the crossover, although this may alter the current rotation schedule for the championship.

If a team does not host, the request was that the event be hosted in the same region to limit travel changes.

When Indiana or Michigan are not hosting a regional, they will be split into different regions.

No team may pull more than one game per season. This will ensure teams get enough competition during a weekend.

The 2016 schedule was approved by the coaches and the rotation for future years is attached. Coaches also determined to hold their league competition in the month of April.

Several coaches voiced their lack of confidence in Ed Reed as the Coordinator of Officials. It was mentioned that an independent review would be taking place to review the Officiating Bureau.

Coaches requested that the officials working the league be the ones at their invites now that the CWPA is assigning the invites as well. The Commissioner asked each of the coaches to submit a list of 15 referees they would be comfortable with during the season and we would draw from that list for assignments.

They stated they wanted better evaluators. When asked who they would recommend, only one coach offered Mike Schofield as an alternative.

Men's Varsity Coaches' Meeting (June 1, 2015)

Attending: Commissioner, Dan Sharadin; Connecticut College, Matt Anderson; Iona College, Brian Kelly; MIT, David Andriole; Brown University, Felix Mercado; Harvard University, Ted Minnis; Fordham University, Bill Harris; Princeton University, Luis Nicolao; U. S. Naval Academy, Mladen Stanicic; Washington and Jefferson College, Jay O'Neill; Penn State Behrend College, Joe Tristan; Salem International University, Rob Bullion

Coaches voted to allow a five-minute ceremony to honor the seniors of the host school during the CWPA Championship during the first game they play at the event.

Coaches voted to alter the order of the last three games on Saturday night of the Southern Division Championship schedule as follows:

6:00 3rd in C vs 3rd in B 13

7:20 2nd in D vs 2nd in A 14

8:40 2nd in C vs 2nd in B 15

The Commissioner described the Division III National Championship opportunity, based on sponsorship dollars from KAP7. Division III coaches were unanimous in their support of participating at the championship.

In the event the Division III National Championship is established, coaches agreed the Division III members would participate through the Northern and Southern Division Championships, but would not advance to the CWPA Championship if they qualified as one of the top three teams within their division. In that instance, the highest finishing Division I or II team would assume their place.

In the event the Division III National Championship is established, coaches voted unanimously to change the CWPA Championship to an eight-team format with the top three teams earning automatic bids. They also voted 4-3 to seed in alternating fashion with the number one seed given to the division that won the preceding year. The remaining two bids would be at-large, selected and seeded by the Governance Council.

Teams discussed the issue of officiating in Shallow/Deep pools and there was no consensus regarding altering the rules or the manner in which they were called. Teams were urged to voice their opinion to the Rules Committee before their July meeting if they felt strongly about the issue.

The Commissioner noted that some coaches were not happy with who was assigned to their invites. The Commissioner urged the coaches to send in their top 15 referees. The rankings would be collated and used to select the officials for league and invite events.

The Commissioner noted that the competitive formats that were approved in the past may not be in line with what the coaches would like to use now. Accordingly formats will be issued to the coaches this month for review and approval.

The Commissioner noted that an outside individual will be evaluating the Officiating Bureau and the findings will be released later this year.