

Big Ten Division

Meeting held February 19, 2009 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Illinois University of (Champaign), Andrew Kazmierczak; Indiana University, Elliot Hullverson; Michigan State University, Andrew Greenwell; Michigan, University of, Robert Gomez; Northwestern University, David Melnick; Ohio State University, Joe Guenther; Purdue University, Dan O'Connell; Wisconsin, U. of (Madison), John Wickes

The Commissioner opened with a recap of the prior conference call. Additional discussion addressed remaining questions from those participating.

A role call was taken to determine who wanted to join the CWPA and all teams with the exception of Northwestern and Ohio State indicated their intention to get involved.

Teams indicated they were not ready to establish the schedule during this call. The Commissioner requested that teams should send in their dates they are unavailable to play next season along with the dates they can host by Monday. He will then send a summary for planning purposes.

Follow-up Meeting held February 25, 2009 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Illinois University of (Champaign), Andrew Kazmierczak; Michigan, University of, Robert Gomez and Bob ? (coach); Purdue University, Dan O'Connell

The call opened with an explanation of the various options available for the schedule and some Q&A regarding how the season could be structured. Representatives on the call decided they would like to have three tournaments on the following dates:

- Sep 19-20 Illinois
- Oct 3-4 Michigan
- Oct 31-Nov 1 Purdue (Championship)

Coaches also decided that all teams in the Big Ten will be required to attend all three events if they want to participate in the league structure and teams will be guaranteed four games per weekend in the regular season. This will mean everyone will play each team in the Big Ten once, with an additional two games against opponents in the Big Ten for a second time. The opponents to be played twice will be random draws. The championship format discussion was tabled for the moment and will be dealt with by mail ballot. Since the locations still need to be confirmed with the various aquatic departments, the schedule at this date is still tentative. When it becomes final we will alert everyone.

We will have an additional conference call/webinars later this semester to go over additional details involved with the upcoming season and to answer any additional questions.