

BIG TEN DIVISION

Meeting held November 8, 2011 at 4:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Indiana, Katie French; Michigan, Diane Schroth; Michigan State, Allison LaSota; Ohio State University, Rachel Creevy; Purdue University, Julie Oswald

The Commissioner asked everyone if they knew of any teams wishing to join. No one had any reason to believe Northwestern was planning to join.

The league schedule was the next item on the agenda. Only two teams were interested in hosting that participated on the call. It was felt that Wisconsin or Iowa would be willing to host the third tournament. If not, Purdue and Indiana said they would host a second time.

Indiana asked about covering costs and the Commissioner explained that cost sharing was up to the teams involved. At this point teams agreed to absorb the costs if hosting. The schedule dates were determined as follows: (Indiana was willing to host on the date that Iowa or Wisconsin could not)

- February 11-12 Indiana, Wisconsin or Iowa
- March 31-April 1 Indiana, Wisconsin or Iowa
- April 14-15 Championship at Purdue

Hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form, found under the Forms section on the website. Hotels will be reserved once these forms are submitted.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. This form is found under the Forms tab of the website. If you are unsure of which referee you are evaluating, go to the officiating section and click on their picture for easy identification.

The Commissioner mentioned the new Orientation Program for all Team Leaders is required. The program consists of three webinars and can be accessed via the Membership Page. There is also a fundraising webinar that provides some great tips to help teams raise money that is optional.

Media Guide information needs to be submitted before teams leave for winter break and a form can be used online to submit the roster and team summary.

The Commissioner reminded everyone to have their Club Supervisor submit a Participation Contract by December 15 to ensure eligibility. It can be found on the Forms tab.

Teams were encouraged to send in pictures or story leads to enhance the interest of the website. Likewise, Team Leaders should take advantage of the Player of the Week program and nominate athletes each week, regardless of whether the games are within the CWPA league play or non-conference.

The Commissioner requested that each team contact ensure their athletes have read the Code of Conduct before the season starts. Likewise, Deck coaches should adhere to the Dress Code established. Teams were also reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.