

Florida Division

Meeting held March 30, 2015 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Katie Wieber, Dir. Membership Services; Univ. of Central Florida, Jack Gray and Sam Culver; Florida Atlantic University, Laura Vera; Florida Gulf Coast University, Jake Edelstein; Florida International University, Eddy Weller; Florida State University, Kyle Freire and Thomas Egan; University of Florida, Billy Whidden; University of Miami, Emma Gregory

The Commissioner opened the call with an overview of the National Championship ballot, explaining that some teams throughout the country begin school late September or early October, leaving them with a 15-day season. To address this issue the CWPA is asking teams to vote on an alternate date for the National Championship that would extend their seasons.

The schedule was the first item on the agenda. Eddy Weller made a motion that the division champion from the prior year gets the right to host the championship. Motion was seconded by Kyle Freire and passed 4-3.

During the scheduling discussion, a number of sites and dates were debated and voted upon, with the result being the following:

- September 12-13 - Florida Gulf Coast University
- October 3-4 - Florida Atlantic University
- October 24-25 - Championship at University of Central Florida

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.

The Commissioner mentioned that all necessary forms for Team Leaders are found on the website under the Forms Tab. This includes the Participation Agreement that needs to be submitted by the Club Supervisor before June 1st. Likewise, Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website by the fall. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

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.

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

The Commissioner mentioned the streaming program will feature a play-by-play announcer this season to enhance the broadcast. Efforts will be made to stream every division at least once during the season.

A new fundraising program was outlined. The program permits teams to upload a design online to sell shirts. All work is performed by the online store and teams can make \$500 for selling 50 shirts.

The Commissioner mentioned the requirement for Team Leaders to review the Team Orientation webinars. The program consists of three webinars and can be accessed via the Membership Page. There is also an optional fundraising webinar that provides some great tips.

Teams are reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.