

## **Great Plains Division**

Meeting held March 5, 2009 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; University of Minnesota, Dennis Bebie; Kansas State University, Nick Attwater; University of Kansas, Timothy Sherman and Matt Nahrstedt; Northern Iowa, Michael Solinger

The Commissioner asked if anyone knew of teams wishing to join. Northern Iowa indicated they were 90% certain of their involvement this fall. MN Duluth was also mentioned as a possibility. Kansas indicated they were leaning towards participating as well.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. The weekend dates and locations were determined as follows:

- September 19-20 at Iowa State
- October 10-11 at Iowa State
- October 24-25 at Minnesota

Teams hosting were reminded to submit their Pool Reservation Form as soon as possible in order to complete the schedule for the fall and to book hotels. Hotels will be reserved and the information available as soon as we receive these forms.

The Commissioner reminded everyone to have their Club Supervisor submit a Participation Contract ASAP to ensure eligibility.

The Commissioner also requested that each team forward a copy of the Code of Conduct to their teammates before the season begins and follow the sportsmanship guidelines. Likewise, Deck coaches should abide by the Dress Code established.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. These forms are available on the web. If you are unsure of which referee you would like to evaluate, simply go to the officiating assignment page and click on their name, at which point their picture will appear for easy identification.

Those taking over leadership positions with their teams were requested to update their school contact information, located on the Membership Page of the website. In addition, the Commissioner stated that the CWPA is implementing a program using webinars to help new leaders become familiar with their responsibilities within the conference. Information about these sessions will be released soon.

Lastly, teams were reminded to submit their Program Information for the media guide before they leave for the semester.