

Heartland Division

Meeting held February 26, 2008 4:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Carleton College, Jason Pipkin; Knox College, Tony Meyer; Monmouth College, Joe Moran; St. John's University, Bobby Chapman and Marty Walsh; St. Mary's University, Brian Joyce

The Commissioner began the call by explaining about various focus groups that will be formed to solicit input from teams around the country. Marty Walsh stated one topic should be the recruitment of new teams.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. Grinnell and Macalester were not on the call, but St Johns accepted their bid to host. Knox declined their opportunity to host. Teams chose the weekends listed below:

- September 27-28 at Macalester or Grinnell
- October 4-5 at Macalester or Grinnell
- October 25-26 at St. Johns for the championship
- Nov 8-9 National Championship in the North Atlantic Division

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 by March to ensure eligibility.

The Commissioner also requested that each team contact ensure their athletes have read the Code of Conduct 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.

The Commissioner mentioned the revised website that will be online by the end of the spring term, along with a few of the new functions.

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

Other programs mentioned as possible new members were Minnesota Duluth, Augustana, and Hamlin. The Commissioner requested contact info and indicated he would follow up with the programs.