

Heartland Division

Meeting held February 11, 2009 6:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Carleton College, Brendan Cassidy; Grinnell College, Patrick Thomas & Max Stephenson; Knox College, Jonathan Powers; Macalester College, Vanessa Seljeskog; St. John's University (MN), Clarence Manuel; St. Mary's University (MN), Tom Walsh

The Commissioner asked if anyone knew of teams wishing to join. Augustana was mentioned as a possibility.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. Teams discussed the rotation and voted unanimously to maintain the championship in all-deep pools. Grinnell was mentioned that they will be an option beginning in 2010 and the championship could revolve between Macalester and Grinnell. Coaches affirmed the desire to keep the other tournaments rotated between the remaining sites with the expectation that it would be discussed in the future as well. The schedule was determined as follows:

- September 26-27 at Monmouth (Knox sponsoring)
- October 10-11 at Carleton
- October 24-25 at Macalester

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, on-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.

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

Vanessa requested that schools be provided the option to decline a printed version of the media guide and Jon Powers suggested a check box for the Participation Agreement.