

## Heartland Division

Meeting held February 10, 2010 6:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Carleton College, Brendan Cassidy; Grinnell College, Sam Sherwood; Knox College, Kelly O'Connor; Macalester College, Vanessa Seljeskog and Jenny Charlesworth; St. John's University (MN), John Michael Sarabia; St. Mary's University (MN), Tom Walsh; Monmouth College, Steve Collins

The Commissioner asked if anyone knew of teams wishing to join. St. Thomas was mentioned as a strong possibility and Macalester is trying to assist them in the process since they are close geographically. Discussion was also held regarding whether MN-Duluth should be admitted as a Division II institution. The consensus was to play them on an invitational basis and re-evaluate the situation in a year. The primary reason was due to the impact their play would have in the qualification process for Nationals.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. Teams voted to have St. John's receive the opportunity to host a tournament since they did not have one last season. In addition it was affirmed that the championship will rotate between the two regions on an annual basis at the all-deep facilities of Grinnell and Macalester. Lastly, teams voted that St Mary's be moved into the southern group of teams for site rotation purposes.

The 2010 weekend dates and locations were determined as follows:

- September 25-26 at St. John's
- October 2-3 at St Mary's
- October 23-24 at Grinnell

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 form is found on the Coaching Page under the Administrative Forms link.

Individuals taking over for their teams in a leadership role were asked to complete the CWPA webinars found on the Membership Page of the website. The webinars will help new leaders become familiar with their responsibilities within the conference.

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. Teams were also reminded to submit their Program Information for the media guide before they leave for the semester.

The last portion of the meeting concerned the National Championship bid. A straw poll was taken and most teams were in favor of expanding the championship to 12 teams, although the Commissioner indicated more information would be distributed before a nationwide vote would be undertaken. He also explained the process

for the bid to be awarded within the Heartland Division, with the division members having the opportunity to see a one-page info sheet from both institutions bidding (Macalester and Grinnell). Following the distribution of the information, a conference call will be arranged in which the institutions will be able to make a brief presentation. The conference call will be followed by a mail ballot to division members.