

Heartland Division

Meeting held November 12, 2008 at 5:30 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Carleton College, Rachel Stephenson; Iowa State University, Danielle Faas; Knox College, Elizabeth Mcphail

The Commissioner asked everyone if they knew of any teams wishing to join. Illinois Wesleyan was mentioned as a possibility. He indicated that with only four teams in the division, the league would grant them a one-year waiver to receive an automatic bid to the championship. After one year they would lose the bid unless they gained at least five teams. At that point they could remain a division or merge into another division.

The league schedule was the next item on the agenda. Teams voted to play a double round robin schedule with the following dates and sites:

- March 7-8 Carleton
- April 18-19 Championship at Iowa State or Grinnell

In the event Iowa State is unable to host, Grinnell will serve as the location. Teams hosting were reminded to submit their Pool Reservation Form in order to complete the schedule. The form can be completed online by going to the Tournament Host page on the website. Hotels will be reserved as soon as we receive these forms.

The revised website was discussed and suggestions made to improve its usefulness. Teams were urged to send in pictures or story leads to enhance the interest of the site as well as take advantage of the Player of the Week program and nominate athletes each week, regardless of whether the games are within the CWPA league play.

The Commissioner reminded everyone to have their Club Supervisor submit a Participation Contract by December 15 to ensure eligibility. It can be found on the Coaching page under Administrative Forms.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. These forms are available on the Coaching page under Administrative Forms. If you are unsure of which referee you are evaluating, simply go to the officiating assignment page and click on their picture for easy identification.

Each team contact should ensure their athletes have read the Code of Conduct before the season starts. Likewise, Deck coaches should adhere to the Dress Code established.

For new team leaders, it was mentioned that the CWPA will be hosting webinars to help team contacts become more familiar with their CWPA responsibilities. Teams will be notified when these are scheduled later this fall. Lastly, teams were reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.