

HEARTLAND DIVISION

Meeting held November 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Saint Mary's University, Tom Walsh; Grinnell College, Andrea Leiser & Alex Peitz; Iowa State University, Maggie Goldsmith & Chloe Dedic; Lindenwood University, Rich Davison; Washington University, Tara Benesch; Knox College, Sarah Dreiser; Illinois State University, Ashley Rampick

The Commissioner asked everyone if they knew of any teams wishing to join. Saint Louis University was mentioned as a possibility.

The league schedule was the next item on the agenda. Teams discussed the competitive format and unanimously voted on a three-tournament season with a regional and a crossover tournament, followed by a championship. Saint Mary's and Lindenwood were selected as regional sites, while Iowa State and Grinnell were chosen for the crossover and championship locations. Teams could not find suitable dates for all of the tournaments, so an agreement was made to table the issue for one week in order to discuss the details with their respective programs. There are a few options at this point for discussion:

1. One or more teams must be willing to compete during one of their spring break weekends
2. Host the championship one week prior to the National Championship. This means the team that qualifies for the National Championship will have less than a week's opportunity to plan for the event.
3. Have a two-tournament season.

Team Leaders were asked to discuss the issue with their teammates and return next week at the same time to make a decision.

2nd Meeting-Follow-up to initial call

Meeting held November 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Grinnell College, Andrea Leiser & Alex Peitz; Iowa State University, Maggie Goldsmith & Chloe Dedic; Lindenwood University, Rich Davison; Washington University, Tara Benesch, David Jimenez; Knox College, Sarah Dreiser; Illinois State University, Pat Mckernin; Carleton College, Brendan Cassidy & Arielle Rebek

The Commissioner summarized the last conference call that pertained to the scheduling conflicts and the various options available. Teams affirmed their interest in playing three tournaments, one of which would be within each region, one that would involve a crossover event and the third a championship. The crossover and championship would be placed in opposite regions whenever possible.

Conflicts with everyone's schedule were discussed and Grinnell agreed to switch divisions with Knox in order to balance the regions and make the spring break schedules coincide with the available dates and tournaments for each region. The alignment will be as follows:

South

Lindenwood University
Washington University
Grinnell College
Illinois State University

North

Carleton College

Saint Mary's University
University of Minnesota-Duluth
Knox College
Iowa State University

The league schedule was then determined as follows:

- February 27-28 Crossover at Grinnell
- March 6-7 Northern regional at Saint Mary's
- March Southern regional at Lindenwood or Grinnell
- April 10-11 Championship at Iowa State

If Lindenwood is unable to locate a pool, Grinnell will host the Southern regional.

If other teams joined in the south and were able to host, Grinnell would then move to the northern region.