

HEARTLAND DIVISION

Meeting held October 15, 2012 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; University of Minnesota, Jessica Graff; Carleton College, Nora Cassidy; Saint Mary's University of MN, Anna Smaron; Iowa State University, Kyle Passini; Grinnell College, Riley Mangan; Illinois State University, Grace Williamson; Augustana College, Yvonne Skrzypczak; Knox College, Anna Claypool; Monmouth College, Chris Falkenrath; Washington University, Kristin Faddis; Saint Louis University, Claire Fleming; Lindenwood University, Marko Cubranovic

No one knew of any new teams wishing to participate.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. Minnesota made a motion to split the division into two and IL State seconded. However, after discussion there was no consensus regarding how the teams would be divided and the motion was withdrawn. The schedule was then discussed and based on the various team conflicts, there was no way to determine locations and dates during the call. The Commissioner indicated he would complete a draft and return it to the teams next week.

Once sites are determined, hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form, found under the Forms section on the website. Hotels will be reserved once these forms are submitted.

The Commissioner mentioned that all necessary forms for Team Leaders are found on the website under the Forms Tab. This includes the Participation Agreement that needs to be submitted by the Club Supervisor before December 15.

Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website. Emails for players should be included so players can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. This form is found under the Forms tab of the website. If you are unsure of which referee you are evaluating, go to the officiating section and click on their picture for easy identification.

The Commissioner mentioned the requirement for Team Leaders to review the Team Orientation webinars. The program consists of three webinars and can be accessed via the Membership Page. There is also an optional fundraising webinar that provides some great tips.

The commissioner announced a new program where teams can make a short video about their club and feature it on the website. Teams were also encouraged to send in pictures or story leads to promote their programs and enhance the interest of the website. Likewise, Team Leaders should 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 or non-conference.

Commissioner announced a new program that will offer hosts the opportunity to stream games at their site. The office will send a streaming kit that includes a high definition camera, tripod, and other equipment to make the stream possible. Hosts must view an instructional webinar to qualify.

Teams are also reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.