

## HEARTLAND DIVISION

Meeting held November 3, 2015 6:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Grinnell College, Maddy Pesch, Maddie Gray and Ben Coopridger; Carleton College, Aaron Sala and Adam Tigar; Knox College, Clarice Bennett and Nicolette Laird; Saint Mary's University of MN, Amber Bartholomew and Grace VanBeest; Washington University in St. Louis, Helen You and Dave Jimenez

Teams were asked if any new programs interested in joining. None were mentioned.

The schedule was the first item on the agenda. After reviewing the weekends teams were available it was clear that there were not enough open dates in common for all teams to be at the same site on three occasions. Accordingly, the division will be divided into two regions:

Region 1: Carleton, Knox, Washington in St. Louis

Region 2: Augustana, Grinnell, St. Mary's

Each region will play one tournament within their area with teams playing each of the other two teams twice. During the second weekend teams will cross over and play the opposing region. Dates and locations were determined as follows:

- February 27-28 - Carleton (Regional)
- March 13-14 - Saint Mary's (Regional)
- April 9-10 - Washington in St. Louis (Crossover)
- April 16-17 - Grinnell (Championship)

It is noted that Carleton had made themselves available to host the championship or crossover weekend. Carleton withdrew the championship bid as they felt Grinnell was the best facility and rescinded the crossover bid since Washington could only host the weekend of April 9-10. Teams agreed to allow Carleton first option to host the crossover in 2017.

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 Assistant 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. Likewise, Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website by the fall. Emails for players should be included so athletes 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.

Teams were 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. Those selected receive awards.

The Assistant 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.

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