

## **Mid-Atlantic Division**

Meeting held March 27, 2015 4:00 p.m.

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Katie Wieber, Dir. Membership Services; University of Pennsylvania, Michael Meigs; West Chester University, Alex Bowers; Drexel University, Josh Hoonart; Franklin & Marshall College, Jessica Cap; Lehigh University, Alex Donnelly; Saint Joseph's University, Matt Sibona; Widener University, Tyler Palma; Grove City College, Timothy Bergquist, Joe Horton, and Dan Peng; Bloomsburg University, Gabby Friday; Carnegie Mellon University, Evans Hauser; Penn State University, Jacob Sisko

The Commissioner opened the call with an overview of the National Championship ballot, explaining that some teams throughout the country begin school late September or early October, leaving them with a 15-day season. To address this issue the CWPA is asking teams to vote on an alternate date for the National Championship that would extend their seasons.

The next topic discussed whether to divide geographically or by ability. Teams voted unanimously to divide by ability. The Commissioner indicated he would send options describing what that would look like from a scheduling perspective and teams will confirm the schedule at a later call.

Teams affirmed the right of Grove City and Widener to combine for the championship since both teams may be lacking players due to swim team conflicts.

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 June 1st. 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.

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, whether the games are within the league or non-conference.

The Commissioner mentioned the streaming program will feature a play-by-play announcer this season to enhance the broadcast. Efforts will be made to stream every division at least once during the season.

A new fundraising program was outlined. The program permits teams to upload a design online to sell shirts. All work is performed by the online store and teams can make \$500 for selling 50 shirts.

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.

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

## **Mid Atlantic Division Follow-up Call**

Meeting held May 7, 2015 5:00 p.m.

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; University of Pennsylvania, Zach Ennis; West Chester University, Alex Bowers; University of Delaware, Eric Park; Drexel University, Josh Hoonart; Lehigh University, Adin Greenwald; Widener University, Eddie Seyfrid; Grove City College, Joe Horton; Bloomsburg University, Gabby Friday; Carnegie Mellon University, Quincy Liu; University of Pittsburgh, Brendan Barnes

The meeting discussed the various competitive formats presented by the Commissioner. Teams unanimously approved a regional and crossover format, with the eastern regional games taking place on the weeknights.

B Bracket teams include:

- Millersville University
- University of Delaware
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Lehigh University
- Saint Joseph's University
- Widener University
- Grove City College
- Bloomsburg University
- Bucknell University

The schedule was determined as follows:

- September 19-20 - Bloomsburg University
- October 2-3 - Grove City College
- October 17-18 - Franklin & Marshall College

A Bracket teams include:

- University of Pennsylvania
- West Chester University
- Villanova University
- Drexel University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Penn State University
- University of Pittsburgh

Teams determined to place the crossover in the East and have Penn State host the championship 10/24-25 in the West. Teams were deadlocked in their choice for the 10/3 date vs the 10/10 date for the crossover and agreed to wait on Penn State and Pitt to vote.

Teams agreed to let the top team from the B bracket have the option to play in the A championship.