MID ATLANTIC DIVISION

Meeting held November 17, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; University of Pennsylvania, Ryan Buries and Elizabeth Lawrence; Penn State University, Amy Magerman; University of Pittsburgh, Leah Cozzens; West Chester University, Megan Mckenna; Duke University, Robin Schwartzman; James Madison University, Heidy Lindenfelser; University of Richmond, Erin Michau; University of Virginia, Meghan Abramczyk; Virginia Tech, Rachel Gicquelais

Teams were asked if they knew of anyone willing to join. The Commissioner mentioned that Carnegie Mellon was planning to join and North Carolina was going to take the year off. No one knew of anyone else definitely interested.

The league schedule was the next item on the agenda. Teams discussed splitting into two divisions and unanimously decided to remain as one for the present time.

Teams chose to use a three-tournament format with a crossover and a regional within the schedule. Sites and dates were selected to be:

February 6-7
Southern regional at James Madison

February 27-28 Crossover at Pennsylvania

March 27-28
Northern regional at Penn State

April 10-11 Championship at Virginia

If Virginia is unable to host, VA Tech indicted their ability to host.

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 page on the website. Hotels will be reserved as soon as we receive these forms.

The Commissioner mentioned the new Orientation Program for all Team Leaders is required. The program consists of three webinars and can be accessed via the Membership Page. There is also a fundraising webinar that provides some great tips to help teams raise money.

Teams were encouraged to send in pictures or story leads to 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.

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.

The Commissioner requested that each team contact ensure their athletes have read the Code of Conduct before the season starts. Likewise, Deck coaches should adhere to the Dress Code established. Teams were also reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.