

MID ATLANTIC DIVISION

Meeting held November 3, 2011, 4:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Carnegie Mellon University, Alice Tripp; Penn State University, Christin DeMoss; University of Pittsburgh, Meghan Milloy; West Chester University, Sarah Gurgal; Duke University, Robin Schwartzman; University of Richmond, Caitlin Manak; Virginia Polytech. (VA Tech), Caitlin O'Brien; University of Virginia, Joanna Curran

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. Teams debated about changing the format and ultimately voted to not split the division (6-2) and to keep the same competitive schedule. Carnegie Mellon stated they could only be in the championship if it was at their facility. Teams voted 5-2-1 against placing the championship there.

Date conflicts were discussed and teams voted 3-2-1 in favor of placing the crossover on 2/4-5. The schedule was determined as follows:

- February 4-5 Crossover at Carnegie Mellon
- March 24-25 Southern regional at Virginia Tech
- March 31-April 1 Northern regional at Penn (not confirmed-proposed)
- April 14-15 Championship Virginia

Carnegie Mellon indicated they were not certain they could travel to Virginia for the championship. No final decision was made regarding whether they would be permitted to play in just the regular season. A mail ballot will need to be issued.

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.

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 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 that is optional.

Media Guide information needs to be submitted before teams leave for winter break and a form can be used online to submit the roster and team summary. Likewise, Team Leaders were reminded to have their Club Supervisor submit a Participation Contract by December 15 to ensure eligibility. It can be found on the Forms tab.

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 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.