

MIDWEST DIVISION

Meeting held November 3, 2015 5:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Grand Valley State University, Jessica Hinderer; Miami University of Ohio, Emily Potter; University of Notre Dame, Brian Coughlin, Colleen Fricke and Madeline Renezeder; Saint Louis University, Sarah Sasching; Lindenwood University, Dave Miller; University of Cincinnati, Mallory Condon

Teams voted 4-1 in favor of a two tournament season. Dates and locations for the season were determined as follows:

- February 7-8 - Rec Plex in St Peters, Missouri (tentative - see below)
- April 16-17 - Notre Dame (Championship)

Two teams had a conflict with the first weekend of competition but Lindenwood was the only team able to host and that was the only available weekend. Miami (OH) was willing to work it out if needed while St. Louis wasn't confident they could field a squad. St. Louis requested the opportunity to check on their availability to host the weekend of Feb 13-14 as no team had a conflict. The Assistant Commissioner gave them until Thursday, November 5th to find out their availability. It was questioned if there were any division by-laws that allowed for only all-deep competition. The Assistant Commissioner said he would confirm either way but noted the division has the ability to make an exception if they deemed necessary. (Please Note: it was determined after the call there is no by-law requiring all-deep competition sites for the Women's Midwest Division).

A vote would be sent out to the Midwest Teams by Friday, November 6th to determine which site and date is preferred based on St. Louis University's pool availability for February 13-14.

Additionally, Grand Valley State had expressed interest in hosting in a newly built all-deep facility at Hudsonville High School. The pool was only available for Friday and Saturday due to school district policy. Teams voted 3-2 against having to compete on Friday when it would mean they would need to miss class. GVSU would have the opportunity to host in 2017 if they school district would allow Sunday facility usage. The Assistant Commissioner offered the league to help GVSU in pursuing it with the school district.

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.