

Missouri Valley Division

Meeting held February 26, 2008 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; University of Illinois, Chicago, Michael Walsh; Northern Illinois University, Kevin Reeve; Lindenwood University, Ted Greenhouse; Miami University, Curt Miner

The Commissioner began the call by asking teams if they knew of new programs interested in joining. Cincinnati and Loyola were both mentioned as possibilities along with Missouri.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. After discussion, teams chose to create a regional split. Teams will play opponents within their area during the first weekend and then against the opposite region during the second. The crossover and championship locations will be held in different regions whenever possible with a 30-meter course preferred for the championship. In this fashion teams will host more and travel less, while still playing all of the other programs. Coaches also affirmed their desire to stay with this format if new teams join. The schedule was listed as follows:

- September 13-14 Southern regional at Lindenwood
- September 20-21 Northern regional at Northern Illinois
- October 4-5 or 11-12 Crossover at the University of IL, Chicago
- November 1-2 or 10/25-26 Championship at Miami

Teams hosting were reminded to submit their Pool Reservation Form as soon as possible in order to complete the schedule for the fall and to book hotels. Hotels will be reserved and the information available as soon as we receive these forms.

The Commissioner reminded everyone to have their Club Supervisor submit a Participation Contract by March to ensure eligibility.

The Commissioner also requested that each team contact ensure their athletes have read the Code of Conduct before the season begins and follow the sportsmanship guidelines. Likewise, Deck coaches should abide by the Dress Code established.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. These forms are available on the web. If you are unsure of which referee you would like to evaluate, simply go to the officiating assignment page and click on their name, at which point their picture will appear for easy identification.

The Commissioner mentioned the revised website that will be online by the end of the spring term, along with a few of the new functions.

Lastly, teams were reminded to submit their Program Information for the media guide before they leave for the semester.