

## **New England Division**

Meeting held March 3, 2008 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Boston College, Greg Johnson; Boston University, Zach Shufan & Joan Kisphardt; University of Massachusetts, Brian McNeil;

Wesleyan University, Andrew Jaycox & Stephen Ranney; Williams College, David Lebovitz; Yale University, Chip Spear & Doug Hausladen

The Commissioner asked teams if they knew of any teams wishing to join. No one was aware of any at this time.

The first item dealt with facilities for competition. Chip Spear from Yale made a motion that two of the three tournaments (including the championship) must be held in 30-meter all-deep pools. Andrew from Wesleyan seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The league schedule was then determined as follows:

- September 20-21 Boston University
- October 4-5 Wesleyan University
- October 24-26 Championship at Williams College

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.

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

The meeting concluded with discussion about changing the process for the all-conference team selection. The Commissioner explained that the process will be automated with the new site which should help make it timelier. Ultimately it is up to the teams involved. Some coaches proposed that the team be selected at the championship and the Commissioner explained that there had been problems in the past regarding the integrity of the process

being administered by a host team. The consensus was to wait one more year to see if the new website process would make a difference. If not it can be revisited next year.