

New England Division

Meeting held November 4, 2008 at 4:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Dartmouth College, Katie Pease; Middlebury College, Brian Goodwin; Wesleyan University, Allison Heaney; Williams College, Emily Deans; Yale University, Alina Yang

The Commissioner asked everyone if they knew of any teams wishing to join. Coast Guard was mentioned as a possibility and the Commissioner indicated that he would follow up with them directly.

Wesleyan indicated that they would like to leave the New England Division and move to the North Atlantic Division in order to locate teams in their ability range. Pending another team's willingness to join, they may do so for the upcoming season. In addition, Yale indicated they were not planning on fielding a women's team this season.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. The dates and sites tentatively agreed upon were as follows:

- February 14-15 -- Williams
- February 28-March 1 -- Middlebury
- April 18-19 -- Championship at Yale

If Williams or Yale are unable to secure their dates, Dartmouth will attempt to get their pool and Middlebury would be bumped out of the rotation, with the locations switching to other institutions. February 21-22 was also a possible date that might be used.

Teams hosting were reminded to submit their Pool Reservation Form as soon as possible 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 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.

For new team leaders, it was mentioned that the CWPA will be hosting webinars to help team contacts become more familiar with their CWPA responsibilities. Teams will be notified when these are scheduled later this fall.

It was mentioned the revised website that is now online and everyone was urged to send in pictures or story leads to enhance the interest of the site.

Lastly, teams were reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.