

New York Division

Meeting held March 8, 2016 4:00 p.m. EST

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Brad Schumacher, KAP7; Columbia University, Tomer Mate-Solomon; New York University, Angela Kohlhoff; U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, David Pulis; U. S. Military Academy, Colin Stone; Colgate University, Olig Kozel; Cornell University, Mason Miller; Syracuse University, Michael Ennis; Binghamton University, Kyle Hebert and Ryan Cervone; Hamilton College, Tyler Rehor, Clay Holmes and John McBratney; SUNY Buffalo, Ben Harper

The call opened with Brad Schumacher, co-founder of KAP7, explaining their affiliate program and reminding teams of their 10% discount to all league members on purchases of equipment and apparel. KAP7 is committed to the sport of water polo and always available to teams beyond just their needs for equipment.

Potential new schools: University of Rochester

The next topic of discussion was the competitive format. Two formats were provided to the teams prior to the call from both Cornell and the League Office. A third format was offered on the call by Hamilton. Teams voted 6-4 to have an email vote so they could further review each format. The Assistant Commissioner asked Cornell and Hamilton to send in their proposals by Thursday, March 10 so that formats can be disseminated to all teams in the division by Friday, March 11. These formats included:

- Option 1: Status Quo - Current Format from 2015-16 Season
- Option 2: Cornell Proposal
- Option 3: Hamilton Proposal
- Option 4: League Office Proposal

All teams were asked to vote by 5:00PM EST on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. *(Note: All ballot information was emailed to leadership and club supervisors on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 4:54PM EST)*

Although a competitive format was not determined, teams were asked to provide conflict dates:

- October 1-2 - Buffalo
- October 8-9 - Colgate, Cornell, NYU
- October 15-16 - Columbia, Hamilton
- October 22-23 - Merchant Marine (although they feel they can make this work if needed)
- October 29-30 Hamilton, NYU (DIII NCCC)

The following teams expressed interest in hosting:

- Army - October 1-2
- Buffalo - Multiple Dates Available
- Colgate - Date TBD
- Cornell - September 17-18
- Hamilton - Willing to Host (If they are not hosting DIII NCCC)
- Syracuse - Date TBD

Specific sites and dates will be voted on by membership once the competitive format is determined.

The call concluded with the Assistant Commissioner running through a series of updates from our communications, membership services and media departments. Additionally, leadership was reminded that all necessary team forms are found on the website under the Forms Tab. This includes the Participation Agreement that needs to be submitted by the Club Supervisor before June 1st. After the form is submitted,

teams have until September 1st to remove themselves from the league without penalty. Likewise, Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website by August 31st. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the streaming program now features a play-by-play announcer and will include graphics by this fall season in an effort to enhance the broadcast even further. Hosting Institutions can now select if they are interested in streaming games at their location on the Pool Reservation Form. Teams were reminded there is minimal work required of the host as the league office will contact the appropriate departments to set up the stream and arrange the camera operators as well as any announcers.

All teams were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials and the tournament following each of the competitions. These forms are 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 as well as use the Referee Assignment page to confirm the names of officials assigned to the event.

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 are featured on the website and several other media outlets utilized by the league.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the requirement for Team Leaders to review the Team Orientation webinars as well as involving younger members of their team to be involved in leadership roles. 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.

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