

## North Atlantic Division

Meeting held February 27, 2008 4:30 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Amherst College, Spencer Haught; Bates College, Chris Berry; Bowdoin College, David Swanson; Colby College, Kerril O'Neill; Trinity College, Stephen Bloom; University of Vermont, Dan Harrington

The Commissioner asked teams if they knew of any teams wishing to join and no one was aware of any.

The league schedule was the first item on the agenda. Four teams were interested in hosting and three were selected as follows:

- September 20-21 at Bates
- October 4-5 at Colby
- October 25-26 Championship at Trinity (or Bowdoin if Trinity unable to host)

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.

Kerril O'Neil requested that staff members be permitted to participate at the championship. Teams agreed to allow this provided only one team was planning to attend Nationals.

Amherst requested the opportunity for a Smith College athlete to participate at the championship as well and the Commissioner indicated that it sets a difficult precedent for athletes to compete from other schools. He requested her contact info with the intent to help her start a program at her own college.