

NORTH ATLANTIC DIVISION

Meeting held October 22, 2014 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Bowdoin College, Patty Boyer, Theresa Faller, and Gabi Serrato Marks; Bates College, Sarah Bouchard and Hannah Siegel; Boston University, Kelia Cowan, Liz Lacy, and Scott Flickinger; Yale University, Irene Jiang and Mary Kate Dilworth; MIT, Teri Oehmke and Cecilia Viggiano; Wellesley College, Kelsey Moran and Catherine Johnson

Boston University and Bowdoin College confirmed their willingness to send a representative to the National Championship this year if they qualify.

The schedule was the first item on the agenda and after some debate, teams voted 4-2 in favor of keeping all competition in all-deep water as long as those pools are available to host. Dates and times were determined as follows:

February 21-22 - Boston University

Feb 28-March 1 - Yale University

April 11-12 - Bowdoin College

In the event an all-deep facility cannot host, Bates will be the back-up solution. Bates also indicated they will not be available the first weekend of competition. To obtain their complete schedule, they will play Bowdoin on a weeknight, Wellesley and MIT on a weekend date in early March, and five games during the weekend at Yale. Wellesley will look to host the games and will contact the office with pool time.

Hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form, found under the Forms section on the website. Hotels will be reserved once these forms are submitted.

The Commissioner mentioned that all necessary forms for Team Leaders are found on the website under the Forms Tab. This includes the Participation Agreement that needs to be submitted by the Club Supervisor before December 15. Likewise, Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website by the fall. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. This form is 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.

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 receive awards.

The Commissioner mentioned the requirement for Team Leaders to review the Team Orientation webinars. 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.

Teams are reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.