

NORTH ATLANTIC DIVISION

Meeting held October 28, 2015 5:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Bates College, Caroline Holme; Bowdoin College, Olivia Pfeifer and Westerly Gorayeb; U. S. Coast Guard Academy, Chris Stevens; Yale University, Taylor Church; MIT, Cecilia Viggiano, Rin Yunis and Masha Karelina; Wellesley College, Catherine Johnson

The schedule was the first item on the agenda. Teams were reminded that the preference was to keep all competition in all-deep water as long as those pools are available to host. Dates and times were determined as follows:

- February 27-28 - Yale (Regional)
- March 5-6 - Bowdoin (Regional - Bates is backup)
- April 2-3 - Bowdoin (Crossover)
- April 9-10 - MIT (Championship)

Based on different conflicts on selected dates, teams decided to compete in a regional competition, a crossover weekend and a championship. The regions were divided into Yale, Coast Guard and Wellesley as one and Bates, Bowdoin and MIT as the other. In the event Bowdoin cannot host March 5-6, Bates will be the back-up solution. Additionally, Yale would have first option in 2017 to host the crossover if teams decide to stay with the same format.

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 Assistant 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 Assistant 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.

Call was cut short due to time constraints.