

## Northwest Division

Meeting held May 20, 2015 7:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Oregon State University, Jacob Mole; University of Oregon, Randy Kenyon; Washington State University, Joseph Bocchi; University of Washington, Joey Dascomd; Western Washington University, Keenan Anderson and Michael Staight; Boise State University, Zoe Zax

The call opened with a discussion of the schedule. Dates and times were confirmed as follows:

- October 3-4 - Amazon Aquatic Center
- October 17-18 - Osborn Aquatic Center
- October 31-1 - Washington State University

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.

Teams agreed to play exhibition games against Boise State during the championship. Two games times will be set aside and the member teams will provide combined rosters.

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 June 1st. 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.

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.

Meeting held September 24, 2015 10:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Asst. Commissioner; University of Oregon, Mitchell O'Donnell; Joseph Bocchi, Washington State University; Joseph Dascomb, University of Washington; James Hammer, Western Washington University;

The call began with a discussion of league dues and specifically the difference between playing in a three tournament season (\$2704) versus a two tournament season (\$2040). Univ. of Oregon asked if this difference can be used for hosting a third site as this would be collectively over \$3000. Tom Tracey explained that the money is designated to officials, travel, awards, administrative staff and additional programs. As there were further questions Tom said he would provide a breakdown so teams can see it.

Teams expressed they would prefer having a three tournament season as opposed to a two tournament team if there is an option for a hosting venue.

Discussion was opened on potential hosting sites where Univ. of Washington expressed the high cost of renting the facility in their area (\$2500/day), Univ. of Oregon also expressed their concern for renting the Amazon Aquatic Center for a second date as they do not have the money in their budget (\$3000/weekend).

They would be willing to host if other teams or the league helped towards the rental fees.

The group was asked if there were any other facilities to possibly rent. Washington State Univ. suggested renting either Central Washington Univ. or Curtis High School in the Tacoma Area. Univ. of Washington agreed that either location would be a good option and said he would talk with his aquatics director on Friday to see if he could help contact CWU or had any additional suggestions for a facility in that area. All teams from the state of Washington offered to help host the event at either location. Washington State Univ. and Univ. of Washington also offered to reach out to the water polo coach at Curtis HS.

Teams voted on whether they preferred three tournaments where all three sites were in Oregon or a reduced season of two tournaments. The vote was 3-1 in favor. Washington State, Western Washington and Univ. of Washington all expressed their preference to keep the third location in Washington as the first option.

Teams voted on moving the championship date to 10/24-25 at the Osborn Aquatics Center and have Curtis HS or Central Washington host on either 10/17-18 (first choice) or 10/10-11(second choice). The vote was 4-0 in favor. The Univ. of Washington expressed they were willing to play on 10/31-1 to give additional date options in order to have a third site versus a two tournament season. This was seconded by Univ. of Oregon. Washington State Univ. would prefer avoiding 10/31-1 but is willing to play on that date for a third tournament. Western Washington Univ. was fine with playing 10/31-1 and a three tournament season as long as the third site was in the state of Washington.

Next action step, Tom Tracey said he would contact both facilities, as well as any others brought to his attention, to find out the rental procedure, cost and available dates. Tom said he would send an update by the end of the day on Friday and advised all the teams to check their email during the weekend. Several teams requested this be resolved sooner than later as many parents are trying to confirm travel plans.

Updates as of 9.25.15

Immediately following the call, Tom Tracey left messages for the Curtis High School Aquatics Manager as well as their Athletic Office. Additionally, messages were left for the Univ. of Central Washington Recreations Department regarding the rental policies, costs and available dates.

On Friday, September 25th, additional messages were left for the Curtis High School Aquatics Manager. Messages were also left for the Univ. of Central Washington's team contacts listed in the CWPA database as well as Corey Sinclair, Coordinator of Collegiate Sport Clubs. CWPA Official, Gene Gill, suggested contacting Roger High School in Puyallup, WA and copied their Aquatics Manager Brent McDaniel. Additionally, Tom Tracey sent Bent McDaniel an email as well as left a message. Tom will continue to reach out to these facilities throughout the weekend.

On Friday afternoon, the Univ. of Oregon confirmed with the City of Eugene that the Amazon Aquatics Center is currently available on Oct. 17-18. Although it is a third site in Oregon it does give at least one confirmed option.