NORTHWEST DIVISION

Meeting held November 4, 2015 9:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Oregon State University, Jasmin Kennard; University of Oregon, Nicole Milligan; Washington State University, Amy Burrola; University of Washington, Elizabeth Lipps and Rudy Ramirez; Portland State University, Carly Orozco; Western Washington University, Briana Johnson

The Assistant Commissioner asked if anyone was interested in hosting the National Championship the weekend of May 6-8. Oregon State and Washington both expressed interest and working out the details with potential host venues. The Assistant Commissioner let both schools know the League Office will reach out to them later in the week.

The next item on the agenda was the schedule. Dates and locations were determined as follows:

- February 27-28 Portland State
- March 5-6 OSU (Osborn Aquatic Center)
- April 16-17 Washington State (also checking on Apr 9-10)

Portland will check on possible dates in April to see if we can avoid back-to-back weekends. If available, teams will have the opportunity to vote on switching the date from Feb 27-28. Portland State will contact the League Office once they have more information. Curtis High School and Rogers High School were also mentioned as possible host venues.

There are six schools currently participating in the Northwest Division. Oregon plans to enter two teams. Also interested in entering two squads is Washington but they are determining financial impact. The Assistant Commissioner informed teams that the league membership voted that "B" Squads would be required to pay the same amount as any league member.

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.

The called ended while Portland State was asking about pursuing possible April hosting dates and before the Assistant Commissioner could respond. The Assistant Commissioner immediately contacted Portland State following the call and suggested checking to see if there was any availability before having to take it to a vote.