

## **Pacific Coast Division**

Meeting held March 5, 2008 9:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; California State University, Chico, Ian Farrell; University of California, Davis, Adam Donavon; San Jose State University, John Wagner; St. Mary's College (CA), Stephen Hagerman; Cal Poly State University, Brandon Ross and Josh Mix; University of California, Los Angeles, Doug Merkel; University of California, Santa Barbara, Chase Motley and Brian Featherstun

The Commissioner asked teams if they knew of any teams wishing to join. San Diego State and UC Berkeley were mentioned as probably new members.

The meeting opened with a discussion about expansion and how to handle the increase in the number of teams. Coaches voted unanimously not to cap the membership. Two options were then discussed. One included a regional split with teams meeting at the championship. The other maintained a crossover format as in last year's schedule. The Commissioner mentioned the possibility of more tiebreakers being required with the crossover format. Teams voted unanimously for the crossover format to reduce the chance for an inequitable seeding for the championship. They also voted unanimously to place the event at UC Davis rather than two separate locations.

The date for the championship was discussed next and coaches voted 2-1 with three abstentions in favor of November 1-2 as the date for the championship at Cal Poly. If they are unable to obtain that date it will revert to the weekend of October 25-26. All teams will attend the championship with the top eight in one bracket and the bottom six in another. The weekend dates and locations for the year were listed as follows:

- October 4-5 Northern regional at San Jose
- October 4-5 Southern regional at UCSB
- October 17-19 Crossover at UC Davis
- Oct 31-Nov 2 Championship at Cal Poly

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.