

## **Sierra Pacific Division**

Meeting held March 10, 2016 10:00 p.m. EST

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Wolf Wigo, KAP7; California State Univ.-Maritime Academy, Bernie Rogers; Univ. of California-Berkeley, Wesley Cooperman; University of California-Santa Cruz, Matthew Gonzales; San Jose State University, Michael Amireh; Stanford University, Alexander Cheung; Univ. of California- Merced, Corey Langer and Kevin Sazo

The call opened with Wolf Wigo, co-founder of KAP7, explaining their affiliate program and reminding teams of their 10% discount to all league members on purchases of equipment and apparel. KAP7 is committed to the sport of water polo and always available to teams beyond just their needs for equipment.

The schedule was the first item on the agenda as well as teams' conflict dates. Santa Cruz was asked to decide by June 1st if they planned to attend the DIII NCCC on October 29-30th. The membership voted unanimously to follow one of the following schedules dependent upon Santa Cruz's interest in attending DIII NCCC:

### **Santa Cruz Attending DIII NCCC**

- October 1-2 - UC-Santa Cruz
- October 8-9 - Cal Maritime, UC-Davis or San Jose State
- October 22-23 - Cal Maritime, UC-Davis or San Jose State (Championship)

### **Santa Cruz Not Attending DIII NCCC**

- October 1-2 - UC-Santa Cruz
- October 15-16 - Cal Maritime, UC-Davis or San Jose State
- October 29-30 - Cal Maritime, UC-Davis or San Jose State (Championship)

Stanford expressed concern for the October 22-23 date but felt they should be OK as it is the championship. Dates are subject to change based on pool availability.

Cal Maritime noted they would be able to host two weekends if no one else was able but preferred only one weekend. Davis was not on the call but expressed their interest via email prior to the call their interest in hosting. San Jose State would not be able to host at their pool due to a renovation but were looking in utilizing another local facility. The Assistant Commissioner reminded the division that a team deciding to rent another pool would also be responsible to pay any fees.

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 call concluded with the Assistant Commissioner running through a series of updates from our communications, membership services and media departments. Additionally, leadership was reminded that all necessary team forms 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. After the form is submitted, teams have until September 1st to remove themselves from the league without penalty. Likewise, Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website by August 31st. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the streaming program now features a play-by-play announcer and will include graphics by this fall season in an effort to enhance the broadcast even further. Hosting Institutions can now select if they are interested in streaming games at their location on the Pool Reservation Form. Teams

were reminded there is minimal work required of the host as the league office will contact the appropriate departments to set up the stream and arrange the camera operators as well as any announcers.

All teams were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials and the tournament following each of the competitions. These form are 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 as well as use the Referee Assignment page to confirm the names of officials assigned to the event.

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 are featured on the website and several other media outlets utilized by the league.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the requirement for Team Leaders to review the Team Orientation webinars as well as involving younger members of their team to be involved in leadership roles. 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.

Finally, teams were reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.