

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

Meeting held November 4, 2015 8:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; San Diego State University, Katie Enstad; Arizona State University, Addie Naumann and Kaitlyn Morris; University of California-San Diego, Macey Rafter and Christy Armstrong *Note: California State Univ.-San Bernardino, Ariel Lyne called in to the Pacific Coast Division later in the evening.*

Teams were asked if they knew of any programs planning to join in the upcoming season. It was brought up if University of Arizona planned to stay in the Rocky Mountain Division or switch to the Southwest Division. The Assistant Commissioner made note to follow up with Arizona.

The first item on the agenda was the schedule. While UC Irvine and Cal State - San Bernardino were not on the call, the Spring Break and Exam dates were looked up by other teams to confirm any conflict dates. Based on this information, the dates and host sites were determined as follows:

- February 20-21 - San Diego State (if not available also looking at Feb. 13-14 or 27-28)
- March 5-6 - Arizona State
- April 9-10 - UC San Diego

There was a concern with hosting ability based on school's varsity programs not having a finalized schedule. The Assistant Commissioner stated that we could work with the weekend schedule to accommodate the needs of the varsity programs whether a varsity match or practice.

A concern was brought up regarding student-athletes participating on the club level who had previous Division I varsity experience and if there was a need for policy to be introduced. It was determined the teams were competitive in the previous inaugural season of the Southwest Division and teams would see how it will affect the division in the 2016 spring. If needed this can be addressed for future seasons.

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.

Update from CWPA: ASU has informed the office they will not be able to host March 5-6 and a new site will be pursued.

Additionally, the University of Arizona has expressed interest in switching to the Southwest Division from the Rocky Mountain Division. They will be making this decision shortly.

Follow-up Meeting (February 10, 2016)

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Arizona State University, Kaitlyn Morris; University of Arizona, Ella Anguiano; University of California - San Diego, Christy Armstrong; San Diego State University, Katie Enstad

Submitted Electronic Vote: University of California - Irvine, Leslie Fernando

The Assistant Commissioner started off the call explaining that Cal State University - San Bernardino has decided to take this season to regroup with the hope of rejoining the league during the 2017 Spring Season. The need to address the second vote requested is now unnecessary. He noted that the addition of San Diego State University "B Squad allows the division to remain at six teams.

The final topic was regarding the championship date and host location. The Assistant Commissioner explained the conflict of events at UC San Diego was not due to any negligence on the part of the Women's Team and that it was a scheduling error in the aquatics department. UC San Diego was able to reserve the pool for the weekend of April 23-24. The Assistant Commissioner continued to explain that the League Office reached out to San Diego State to see if they would be able to host on the original date of April 9-10 which they were able to confirm.

Before the vote, UC-San Diego expressed their desire to still host the championship but also understood if teams decided to keep it on the original date. Arizona State noted they would love to keep it at UC San Diego but were concerned with not only the potential higher cost of flights for the nationals but also reserving hotels in Santa Cruz.

The vote was taken with 4 to 1 in favor of keeping to original date of April 9-10 with the host site being San Diego State University.

After the vote, San Diego State offered UC San Diego the opportunity to host the weekend of February 20-21 if their pool was available. The Assistant Commissioner offered to reach out to the aquatics coordinator in addition to the UC San Diego team leadership. If the pool is available, the league office sees no issue with the sites switching but would want to make this decision no later than Friday, February 12, 2016.

The Assistant Commissioner suggested that despite the outcome of the above, UC San Diego would have first option to host the championship in the spring of 2017. Additionally, Arizona State University would have the opportunity to host since their pool was being remodeled this year. Teams agreed unanimously that these two schools would have first opportunity to host next season.