

**New England Division
Meeting held October 26, 2016 4:00 PM EDT**

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; University of Massachusetts, Natalie Hansel; Boston University, Allison Durkan; Williams College, Laura Elmendorf and Susan Wu; Boston College, Eliza Gross, Hannah Grotzinger and Amanda Matthiessen; Dartmouth College, Hallie Huffaker; Middlebury College, Brian Goodwin; Wesleyan University, Naomi Scharlin and Lauren Conte

The call opened with the Assistant Commissioner reminding everyone that the purpose of the call was to determine potential competition sites and dates as well as run through a series of reminders from the office. There was a tremendous amount of feedback. The Assistant Commissioner and school representatives called in twice to attempt a better line with limited improvement. We attempted to run the call but Assistant Commissioner decided to postpone the call until Thursday, October 27th at 3:00 PM EDT after confirming everyone's ability to have someone attend the rescheduled date.

Note: Assistant Commissioner confirmed with Conference Call Company that they did not have any issues with the lines and provided a list of possible issues causing the feedback. Assistant Commissioner was prepared to ask school's to disconnect individually on rescheduled call to determine the issue as this was the second year with the same division having a feedback issue.

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There was no feedback at the start of the call and we were able to move forward from where the call left off earlier in the week.

The schedule was the first item on the agenda as well as teams' conflict dates. The Assistant Commissioner reminded the division of the previous season's scheduled sites and dates. Teams were asked who was interested in hosting as well as when their facility was available. Boston Univ., Wesleyan, Williams expressed interest (Middlebury was willing to host if needed). Discussion began regarding the championship site and teams voted 4 to 2 in favor of Williams since Boston University hosted the previous year.

The next part of the discussion focused on splitting the league into two regions because of the number of conflict dates. Boston University and Boston College expressed their concern of not being able to see all the teams compete early in the season and having to play a local team twice on the same weekend depending on the split. A vote was taken with the teams on the call to determine if we had a consensus regarding a regional split. Representatives on the call voted 3 to 3 and no final decision was made.

The Assistant Commissioner suggested three options that would be released to the division to review and vote on in the next few weeks. The options would be a split schedule, a schedule where all teams attended all three weekends and an adaption of the two previous options where one or two teams would attend all four weekends. Teams agreed and tentative dates were determined as follows and will be finalized by a vote:

Option #1: Split Based on Availability

March 4-5 @ Wesleyan with Dartmouth, UMass, Williams
March 18-19 @ Middlebury with Boston Univ., Boston College, Northeastern
April 8-9 @ Boston University for Crossover (All Teams)
April 22-23 @ Williams (Championship)

Option #2: All Teams Attend Each Weekend

February 25-26 @ Wesleyan (Middlebury a potential backup)
April 8-9 @ Boston University
April 22-23 @ Williams (Championship)

Option #3: Adaption of Option #1 and #2

Assistant Commissioner will work on this option and send out all three options to teams for a final vote to determine the best schedule for the division.

The Assistant Commissioner will release this as soon as possible and will update teams with any new information.

As the call was running out of time because of the good discussion related to schedule options, teams were quickly reminded of several key points going into the season. Teams are asked to review the

following points to ensure they have all pertinent information and to contact the office with any additional questions:

Hosts should complete the Pool Reservation Form once we finalize dates and locations. This can be found under the Forms section on the website. Schedules can be completed and hotels reserved once these forms are submitted.

Leadership should remember 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 December 15th. After the form is submitted, teams have until January 15th 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 January 15th. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

The streaming program now features a remote announcer and includes graphics 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. 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.

All teams are 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 are 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.

Any new Team Leaders are required to review the Team Orientation webinars as well as involve 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.

Kap7 is still one of our major sponsors and offers the Kap7 Affiliate Program. CWPA Teams receive a 10% discount 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.

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

