

North Atlantic and Colonial Divisions

Minutes, April 19, 2022, 4:00 PM EDT

Attending: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Amherst College, Will Henshon; University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Adam Goulet; Williams College, Ana Sofia Roldan and Arielle Nathan; Middlebury College, Brian Goodwin; Bowdoin College, Holden Hatfield; Colby College, Ben Rappaport and Isaac Marlott; University of Vermont, Ivy Beseler and Charlie Hiller

The Commissioner opened the call explaining the new hotel reservation policy. Schools that do not have a specific process for reserving hotels are encouraged to use the CWPA Hotels.com code when traveling. This will save the league thousands of dollars by providing free hotel rooms for officials, thereby helping to keep league fees low. More information will be distributed in the fall.

The next item of business pertained to establishing a leadership group for each team, including a coach, a team administrator, and a recruiter (one individual should be an underclassman). With a healthy leadership team, more individuals are involved, and no one gets burned out trying to do everything alone. To help the club leaders in their tasks, the CWPA created three short webinars, found by clicking on the Membership tab and then on [Team Leader Orientation](#). Clubs should also list the names and contact info of their leaders by updating their team page under the Membership link.

Regarding the website, it continues to be the main vehicle by which the CWPA shares information. The Commissioner encouraged teams to provide the office with any interest stories about your club and nominating players of the week so we can help promote your program. Likewise, the website is also a source of information, including the Forms tab which contains all the forms you need during the year. The most important form for all club is the Participation Agreement, which must be submitted by your club supervisor before June 1st.

Teams then discussed whether they should combine for the championship, with the best teams in each bracket going to and “A” championship and the lower half attending a “B” Championship. Teams voted 3-1 in favor of combining, with three teams abstaining. Teams decided that whatever division had five teams, the third best team would have their choice to attend the “A” or “B” Championship.

The last item on the agenda dealt with the schedule for the fall season. Teams confirmed the following sites:

Colonial Division

9/24-25	Williams
10/1-2	Middlebury
10/22-23	Williams (B Championship)

North Atlantic

9/24-25 Vermont
10/1-2 Colby
10/22-23 Bowdoin (A Championship)

Clubs hosting must complete a [Pool Reservation Form](#) found under the Forms tab of the website.

In new business, Colby College was the only North Atlantic Division team to requesting to host the Division III National Championship, so they will automatically receive the bid.