

North Atlantic Division

Minutes, December 7, 2022

Attending: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Bowdoin College, Janet Briggs; U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Dan Warren; MIT, Ria Sonecha and Sophie Reynolds; Tufts University, Katie Castor; Middlebury College, Brian Goodwin; Wellesley College, Anastasija Vasilijevic and Caroline Francois; Yale University, Erin Bailey; Bates College, Zoe Wynn

Teams decided to split into two regions of four teams for one tournament to meet the spring break schedule. The last game on Sunday at the regional weekend will be exhibition. Schedule:

February 25-26	Bowdoin-regional
March 4-5	Middlebury-regional
April 15-16	Bowdoin-crossover
April 22-23	MIT-championship

The Commissioner mentioned that each club must have their club sports supervisor submit their participation agreement by December 15. In addition, those hosting should return a pool reservation form to the office within the next week. Both forms can be found on the Forms tab of the website.

As the CWPA strives to help clubs be more successful, the Commissioner mentioned the need to identify club leadership according to specific roles that will help your team remain healthy. These include identifying someone to handle the coaching duties, someone to handle the administration and paperwork, and someone to be responsible for recruiting new club members and overseeing social activities. By associating your leadership team with specific roles rather than just naming a president, vice-president, and secretary, you can use your Team Leaders' unique skills in the areas they can have the greatest positive impact.

Once these individuals are identified, clubs need to list their contact info on their team's contact page, found under the Membership tab. In addition, these individuals should also review the Team Leader Orientation webinars before the season begins. These webinars can also be found on the Membership tab.

Lastly, the Commissioner explained the new hotel policy. Previously the league booked one hotel and asked everyone to stay at the same property, in order to get enough rooms to receive a free room for the officials. This program had several shortcomings. It provided a minimal number of free rooms and did little to meet every club's individual taste in hotels. To resolve this problem, the CWPA now has an account with Hotels.com. By using the CWPA login, you can choose your own hotel and the CWPA receives a free room for every ten booked, which can then be used for the referees. This program is saving the league tens of thousands of dollars since its inception, which helps keep the league fees from increasing.