

Great Lakes/Missouri Valley Divisions

Minutes, April 8, 2024, 4:24 PM EDT

Attending: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner;

Great Lakes: Washington University, Matthew Deutschmann; Miami University (Ohio), William Helmbrecht; Notre Dame, University of, Eric Tinsley & Von Williams; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Julia Donahue; Loyola University, Brody Krozel

Missouri Valley: Arkansas, University of, Nick Tabbah; Indianapolis, University of, Alex Waldherr

The Missouri Valley Division officially drops to four members with McKendree no longer fielding a team. However, Iowa State has expressed interest in joining this season.

The meeting opened with a discussion about the competitive format. Teams voted unanimously in favor of merging for an "A" and a "B" Championship as in the past. That means the top teams in each division will attend the "A" Championship and the bottom half of the teams will compete in the "B" Championship.

Neither division was able to confirm any sites or dates at this time and will send the office this information once that information becomes available.

In other business the Commissioner reminded everyone that their Participation Agreements must be submitted by their club supervisors before June 1st. In addition, those hosting will need to submit Pool reservation forms. Both items can be found by going to the website and clicking on the Forms tab.

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 interesting stories about their clubs. Likewise, to remember to nominate players of the week so we can help promote your program.

Financially the league is in better shape now and the Commissioner mentioned the CWPA expects to be streaming once again this fall. Teams can help the funding by booking their hotels using our Hotel partner, HotelEngine.com, which helps provide free rooms for the referees. More info will be sent at a later date.

For those taking over the leadership roles for their teams, the CWPA created three short webinars, found by clicking on the Membership tab and then on [Team Leader Orientation](#). Clubs should identify people to handle three roles including Player/Coach (or volunteer coach), Team Administrator, and Recruiter. Once identified, teams should list the names and contact info by updating their team page under the Membership link.