



**NATIONAL
COMPETITION
COMMITTEE**

Conference Call Minutes – Wednesday,
July 10th, 2017

Proposed Agenda

- 1.0 Opening of the meeting and roll-call. 6:30pm (CDT)
- 2.0 Approval of the Agenda
- 3.0 Approval of last meeting notes (June 6)
- 4.0 Proposals for Div.1 playoff structure
 1. West CR's (Ben Parker and Geno Mazza)
- 5.0 Proposals for Div.1 playoff structure
 2. East CR's (??)
- 6.0 Request by Little Rock RFC to waive Appeal filing fee
- 7.0 Any other Business
- 8.0 Close of meeting (nlt 7:55pm CDT)

1. Meeting and Attendance called. Chair Alan Sharpley and Recorded and Minutes Taken by M. Thomas
All present except for Bill Marnell and Adrian Gannon.
2. Agenda above approved
3. The last notes were not available to approve. We decided to record the call. No objections were noted to having the call recorded.
4. Proposals from West CR Division 1 only (Geno Mazza and Ben Parker)
 - a. Nor Cal teams are:
SFGG , LIFE WEST , OLYMPIC
So Cal teams:
Belmont Shore , OMBAC , Santa Monica
 - b. 10 games total home/away – 1 final - 11 games
 - c. Start February 3rd
Play 4 games , then a break for Vegas (March 3rd weekend)
Play another 4 games , break (rain make up April 7th)
2 more games
Finals played on April 28th
A little more then 2 weeks time to purchase tickets , if we repeat what we did in the past the winner gets \$10K for travel from the league
 - d. The winner among this group would play against the red river #1 seed. (May 19)
 - e. The winner of this match would advance to the national championship on Jun 2
 - f. Pacific Northwest has dropped all clubs down one level, and effectively like the South, has no D1 seed.
 - g. Ben discussed the set up of the Pacific NW and the struggles and contention in settling the consideration.
 - i. Other proposals were discussed. There are two unions involved with equal membership within the committee.
 - ii. NCC is usually called in due to the inability of to come to resolution.
 - iii. Erik suggested an ad hoc committee study and work with the group to proactively intervene to break the gridlock of continual formal or informal appeals.
 - h. CR 1 v CR2 – quarter final would meet winner of the CR 3 v CR 4 quarterfinal at a semifinal location TBD on May 19. Western CR playoffs.
 - i. Those quarterfinal locations will be decided upon by those CRs involved in the quarterfinal.



- j. The CRs are entrusted to managed the process up to the semifinal.
- k. Frontier, Red River, and Pacific CRs – all agreed.
 - i. Roll call **Approved**
- 5. Proposal for EAST CR Division 1 only playoff strategy.
 - a.
 - i. **North Atlantic qualifying situation is in question. They need to bring towards 12 games.**
 - ii. At the time of the Mid-Atlantic semi-finals (existing date is April 28), M-A #1 plays M-A #2 for the Mid-Atlantic championship. M-A #3 then has the right to play ARP/AN #1 (also on April 28).
 - iii. The Mid-Atlantic champion then plays the ARP/NE-MA #3 winner on May 5 (existing date of the MAC championship) in the national quarter-final.
 - iv. The winner of the May 5 match plays the Midwest champion on May 19 in the national semi-final.
 - v. The winner of the May 19 match plays the Red River/California (Western) champion on June 2 in the national championship.
 - b. This would make minimal changes to the existing structures in place, only removing Mid-Atlantic #4 from the playoff picture (and really, 4th place out of a 7-team league not making the playoffs shouldn't be a big deal).
 - i. To that end, I would also propose the following: On April 28, Mid-Atlantic #1 hosts Mid-Atlantic #2. Additionally, Atlantic North/ARP #1 hosts Mid-Atlantic #3, unless the pairing is Mystic vs. Norfolk or Mystic vs. Pittsburgh. If it is one of those pairings, the match should be instead played in NY.
 - ii. The QF should be played in Philadelphia-DC area, as a nod to the Mid-Atlantic's willingness to cooperate.
 - iii. The SF will be played wherever the national playoffs are set by USAR (QFs/SFs for the women and Men's D2-D3; likely Chicago or the Northeast).
 - iv. The national championship will be played wherever it is set by USAR (likely Glendale).
 - c. **Deferred to next meeting. Eastern CR to have discussion on Aug. 4th.**
- 6. Request by Little Rock RFC to waive Appeal filing fee
 - a. Discussion held
 - b. Roll call: **Not approved**
 - c. Further discussion on lowering fees at next call.
- 7. Motion to close – Margy 2nd by Angela.
 - a. Approved