

Empire GU Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2012

Present: Gary Heavner, Mike Crafton, Renee Ovrut, Oscar Prue, Sarah Litt, Kyle Antoian

Absent: Sean Horan, Brad Kleiner

1. Eke Aiono resigned because of personal commitments. Need to find a replacement ASAP (Renee to send this out).
2. Stir created with threat to dissolve Empire GU because of issues relating to boundary issues (i.e. GUs shouldn't be picking their own GUs, playoff issues, select pathways).
3. Money concerns (summer selects, admin payment and Mike Hodgkins/Gary Heavner going to Congress Meeting).

Select Sides (Women):

Women's 15 selects have finalized last round of selections and team is 70% former NERFU players.

NERFU committing \$4950 and Sarah wants Empire to commit \$4000, but team is mostly NERFU.

Motion to give Select team \$4000 this one time only and going forward, all monies awarded will be on a per-player basis, as decided by the board. Motion passed.

Women's 7s coaches should be covered in full for expenses. Maximum amount of \$3000 (?) allocated for 7s select team.

Congress Meeting:

June – EmpireGU has 2 votes and NERFU has 1 vote (due to NERFU having 3 votes total, previously).

There will be lots of information regarding GUs, so we need to think of questions/comments for Gary to bring to the board.

Paid Admin:

Ad ready to go and should be released ASAP. (Renee to send this out)

Ad out by the end of the week, closes May 31. Review applications by 6/6 call. On that call, make the decision of people to be interviewed, etc.

Payments can be via an IOU between MetNY and the GU.

Gary to tell USAR that we're sending someone to CO to be trained by the end of June.

Cash Flow:

Mike to contact Fred to understand NYS cashflow and what will be given to us.

MetNY to lend GU money for a certain time period – Mike to determine what that is.

There is money available between now and September for MetNY to lend to Empire GU.

Dues:

Should we stick with the former per-team model or switch to per-player?

Consensus is to move to per player because in the long-term, it will garner more income. Invoicing clubs/chasing invoices is too much work.

New Women's Team:

Union County, NJ: Bond of one year's dues and 22 CIPP'd players within one week of when CIPP opens in August and must elect a board (show structure) by mid-June.

Sports Plan Website, etc.:

Motion to use the proposed programs, but will wait until Brad is on the phone before making/passing motion to hire them.

Men's Competition:

Buffalo and Rochester Men's teams are in the EmpireGU and are excited about competing. The schedule can be published, without Saratoga and Albany. If we appeal and win, we might not win in time for fall schedule, but if we do, we can change the schedule.

Kyle still looking at structure of D2 teams and grouping. Will set up schedule and circulate to the group for feedback and opinions.

B-side Requirements: Teams required to play B-side, but if they can't (because they are fielding 2 sides in separate divisions), they have to give opponent sufficient notice that there is no B-side. Union sets date that teams have to give notice by and sets a fee if team doesn't reply then doesn't field a B-side.