

Empire GU Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2012

Present: Gary Heavner, Renee Ovrut, Oscar Prue, John Bradley (Plattsburgh State Women), Sean Morgan (Plattsburgh State Men's), Brad Kleiner, Mark Buckley (Paul Smith), Kyle Antoian

Absent: Mike Crafton, Sarah Litt, Kristen Huber, Ryan Birge (Fairfield College Women), AnneMarie Ferrell (Ithaca)

Colleges:

Women: Red got confirmation that Andy (?) is going ahead with their Excelsior Conference: Colgate, Hamilton, Cortland, etc. John and Red have been chasing women's teams to understand who's in and out of the Union and will work on getting schedules. DII looking thin, but DI is looking better, so there's still debate over whether the two divisions will merge or be their own divisions. DIII – should be enough to do an east and west conference. Most of the teams in the east were contacted and much of the west – should be a 6 team bracket on one side and a 5 team on the other.

Men: Annemarie trying to get confirmation on other teams (Oneonta is not playing) so divisions and schedules can be set.

Men's Club:

Scrap original plan for DII conference system because teams were upset. A new schedule has been put in place, based on travel time for each team, trying to make everything as equal as possible. Feedback has been positive. There will be a point system and the top 6 teams and those teams will have a 2-week playoff (first week, top 2 teams have bye).

Need a neutral site to host DII and DIII playoffs (Randall's?) – how is this done?

Women's Club:

The new team in NJ (Union) is taking a vote to make sure they'll have the numbers. There's a bye spot in the schedule so the team can easily slot in. They owe a deposit by July 7 if they are in the GU.

There are no upstate teams. Ithaca reached out but isn't ready yet. Rochester doesn't want to join if there's no other teams upstate. Buffalo is sticking in the midwest.

There will be optional crossovers with NERFU for D2 this fall, in advance of NRU playoffs.

Referees: All is good and nothing is new to report. Brad shared schedules with upstate refs.

Paid Admin: Oscar, Mike and Gary on committee to interview/discuss decisions on paid admin. 3 finalists have been reached out to be interviewed, once they confirm, Gary will pass the list of names of those who are not considered so Renee can send notes updating them.