

Empire GU Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2012

Present: Gary Heavner, Renee Ovrut, Kyle Antoian, Sarah Litt, Mike Crafton, John Bradley

Paid Admin – Renee Ovrut hired as paid admin. Needs to go out to CO – contact Ed Todd.

- Conflict Resolution: being a board member and a paid admin. How should Mike/Gary/Oscar supervise position in relation to VP duties and paid admin duties? This needs to be discussed.
- Dues: Understand process and procedure and understand what bank account this goes into. (Will go either into MetNY or NYS) Makes most sense to go into MetNY website. Renee needs to ensure this is set up properly going into the fall season.
 - o **Mike** to finalize dues per person by next call.
 - o Understand if we can have colleges pay lump sum and how is this charged/handled with USAR. Want colleges based per team. Shouldn't be a problem with USAR, but have to ensure this and set up the CIPP structure properly online.
- E-List: Renee Coordinate with USAR for when CIPP goes live that when anyone from Empire GU registers, we get the email address.
- Website: going with Seamus and Renee is overseeing development of website.

Sevens – Championships this weekend

- Women's: check should have gone out. TBD if it was received.
Otherwise, moving along.
Final budget number for NRUs should be solidified shortly.

Final Schedules –

- College Men's: D2 and D3 set and should be sent to referee society
- College Women's: still trying to hash out D1 and D2 and finalize teams in each division. D3 is set, but it's a large division, so trying to move teams between divisions to try to get even number of teams in each division. **Red** needs to finalize women's schedules.

Men's Crossovers/Pathway to Nationals

- o Email sent to clubs seeing if clubs prefer intra-club playoffs in the spring or fall. Most clubs voted fall. USAR is specific about players qualifying for playoffs – i.e. each player needs to play in 2 qualifying matches to play in playoffs (i.e. if someone comes in spring w/o playing in fall, they aren't eligible). Kyle feels that this should be done in the spring, even though most teams voted in the fall – i.e. due to weather since many games will be played in November, etc.

- D1: only division where each team plays each other once, so there's really no need for playoffs, the top 2 teams can go.
- D2: 12 teams broken into pods – each team plays about 2/3 of the other teams. Top 6 teams are selected and play in a playoff structure to determine top seeds to send to Nationals.
- D3: more complicate because the North has subdivisions, so there's internal cross-overs that will determine the top seeds. Otherwise, there's going to be a 6-team playoff structure – 3 teams from the north and 3 form the south (similar to D2). Looking at 2 weeks of playoffs.

Trying to find playoff locations – trying get West Point. If this happens, someone owes Mike Crafton a bottle of Champagne. (Renee note: is Maritime an option?)

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 25