

# Empire GU Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2012

**Present:** Gary Heavner, Renee Ovrut, Kyle Antoian, Mike Crafton, Brad Kleiner, John Bradley

**Admin:** Renee went to USAR to be trained. Summarized meeting, specifically CIPP changes and dues structure, how the SBROs are working to develop as a business (as guidance for the GU), changes in coaching certification. Renee will type up complete notes from trip to USAR and further questions will come from that.

**Website:** Looks good, though there are errors that need to be changed. Renee (and Kyle?) being trained by developers 8/16 and can hopefully fix those. Need a decision on who is going to update scores (i.e. referees or home teams).

**Logo:** Need to get in touch with Pat Maroney (Monmouth) to work on the logo. Renee to work with Pat on narrowing down 3ish logos to present to the board.

**Referees:** Last season, refs covered 98% of all matches (so administratively, that's all the matches). Refs are working on their schedule and availability.

Might want to consider creating a budget to bringing higher quality referees to events to ensure there's high level referees at higher matches. Need to ensure that the appropriate level refs are at the right level matches. i.e. put more money into the refs budget to help travel to matches.

New laws will take effect immediately on all scrimmages/games. Sidelines and fan barriers are strictly enforced for all games.

**Finance:** Need a bank account. Is using the old NRU account the best route? If so, need Gary, Mike, Oscar and Renee added. Mike/Gary to talk to Fred Bresette to figure out the details of the NRU account. For financial questions, budget can be shared, along with Mike's explanation as to how it was devised and how money is being utilized.

**Men's Club:** Some clubs have teams in two divisions and those clubs aren't required to field a B-side. Teams have to give at least 3 weeks' notice to opposition to decide if they aren't playing a B-side match. Kyle has contacted all clubs to note that Buffalo and Old Blue won't be playing B-side matches because they have second teams in other divisions.

RSL and its impact on D1 still unknown and being discussed at the USAR level.