

# Empire GU Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2012

**Present:** Gary Heavner, Renee Ovrut, Red Huber, Mike Crafton, Sarah Litt, Oscar Prue, Brad Kleiner, John Bradley, Sean Horan, Ryan Birge

## **Refs- Brad-**

Looking fr ref for drew game (Note: this game has since been postponed)

Red card tracking is now to be done via a doc

Nys has USA rugby template, NYC refs have reporting template based on assignment

Question is whether full Union needs to track

Renee says we do need to track even informally

Appeals process may become an issue

We must track cards as too many yellows for the same issue can become red

There are also different types of infractions to track

Gary asked if downstate refs could use upstate tracking system

Downstate system is self developed, upstate uses a standardized system

Brad will handle coordinating one system

?- what to do if no ref shows on the day? In NYC each club is supposed to have a certified ref, but if there is none what to do

Basically if both teams can agree on someone there take them

College teams not sure how they know who their ref is. Need correct contact info for the teams. But also need a place for college students to check on refs etc

Red pointed out that there is an issue of teams for the same school being in different conferences having games scheduled at the same times and not knowing that, causing field scheduling issues

## **Colleges – Women – John**

Teams are looking good for compliance but he does need to address the 22 number issue

It's only an issue if teams forfeit due to numbers

Is modifying form to track scores etc

Renee pointed out that its the responsibility of each team to check the others cipp list and lodge a protest w ref then and w union w/in 24 hrs

Question as to whether refs are to collect rosters-answer is no

There is a form on the website that division coordinators can ask ppl to use

Just technically need scores and tries

St. Lawrence - Question as to how new teams get added-concept of associate membership until they prove numbers and get a season under the belt. Safety is a consideration. They can do scrimmages but not full schedule - Renee will follow up w the team

D2 and d3 should be ready by tom re compliance

Renee not sure yet why men's d3 is it's own conference

Need teams clipped and coach clipped to be in compliance at the least

Numbers are sometimes as low due to bulk upload

Downstate college issues-only really an issue w one team, bard women

They will not be in compliance for this weekend. Seems to be a historical issue at least 2 years

3 teams have dropped on the men's side, now down to a 4 team division

Montclair doesn't have a home pitch-may need alternate arrangements is switch home and away

Renee needs an email sent if bard officially

Those teams that dropped will not be in good standing w union

Bond may not work but forcing a spring season may

**Treasurer – Mike - we're good**

**D2/D3 Playoff Matches**

D1 playoff matches in spring 3/16 and 3/23

All men's playoff matches will be in the spring. Details for D2 and D3, in regards to date and format will be worked out.

**Teams in two divisions – do we want to make rules stricter?**

Issue that if we (Empire) changes the rules, then the other leagues in the country don't have the same rules, so going into playoffs, we'd be at a disadvantage. Don't want to change rules in the middle of season because it makes us look like arses.

Agreed to follow USAR Rules and wait until Kyle is back to move forward.

**Barracks Rangers** – give them choice of moving over to a social club and telling them that they can scrimmage, as per the league schedule, but they won't be competing for playoffs. They need to make best efforts to play the games and give opposition 2+ weeks notice of forfeit.