

# Empire GU Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2012

**Present:** John, Nick, Ashley, Kyle, Oscar, Steve, Brad, Mike

**Admin Hiring:** Process moving along. Will interview people in the new year. Form a committee (Renee, Oscar, Kyle, Mike, etc.?) with at least 2 people on every interview.

**Referee:** Shortages in certain areas of the region. Need to figure out things to do to get clubs to encourage players/retired members to come out. Brad wants to enforce that teams that don't have active referees get lower priority for referees. Shortages in Upstate NY and Long Island.

**Division 1 Spring Playoffs:** Proposals for D1 playoff structures.

Call last fall with all the D1 clubs, where there were possible playoffs scenarios that were suggestions. These suggestions were presented to the board and apparently no action was taken. So there was the understanding that the top 2 teams in the division would move on and play in the round of 32. Don't think that this should be changed. Kyle – at the beginning of season, nothing was brought up with any substance to rule against the top 2 teams moving on.

Logistical issues: Crossovers – April 13<sup>th</sup>, so anything would have to happen before that. Village Lions' Four Leafs, March 23. Buffalo on tour March 29-April 7<sup>th</sup>. Three weekends ruled out because of these clubs' obligations.

Village Lions set forth official proposal for playoffs. White Plains hasn't officially said anything, but informally said they would support what was put forth.

Vote: 7 for keeping status quo, 1 abstain

**Old Blue/Buffalo Game:** Should this game be played? The only reason this was discussed was because of getting a third qualifier match in before

**Question: To play in playoffs games for USAR – what are the qualifiers counted as? Any qualifier game or a qualifier game for that division? What about D3 players going to D1 playoffs? Vice versa?**

*(Post meeting notes: Gary has already talked to Competitions and was told that the qualifier/crossover games count and that a D3 player can Play for D1: USAR Rules:*

*b) In addition to the two (2) match minimum cited in Section 3.2-b, a player must play in at least one additional League/Qualifying Match, for a minimum of three (3) League/Qualifying Matches, at the divisional (or lower) level entered in the USA Rugby Championship Event.)*

**Fall 2013 Men Competition:**

1. How are we going to break up the men's competition in D1/2/3/4?  
Proposed list circulated at AGM. Need to consider mandates in number of games, who is where (location/geography), win/loss records, etc. Still need to look into this/investigate, etc. especially in regard to the B-side teams.

2. What are we going to require for B sides and/or team's second teams playing in another division?

Feedback: smaller clubs don't want B-side requirements, while larger clubs want it required.

Do we want to have different requirements for different divisions? Uniform requirements? No requirements? Etc.?

Thought to pool the clubs to see what they have for a B-side v team in second division, etc.

Steve also to talk to NERFU to see where there D1 teams will be.

**D2/D3 Men's Playoffs:** Need a location. West Point a no-go. Steve to send an email asking for bids.

Next Meeting: Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 9pm.