

**EMPIRE RFU GU**  
**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
January 20, 2013

The Executive Board met via conference call on Sunday, January 20, 2013, at 9:00 p.m.

Attendance: Renee Ovrut (President), Oscar Prue (VP), Kyle Antonian (VP), Mike Crafton (VP), Gary Heavner (USAR Delegate), Sean Horan (ED 7s), Steve Molnar (ED Men), John Bradley (Colleges), J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Absent: Ashley Belline (ED Women), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m.

**COLLEGES**

John Bradley opened reporting by stating that Brad made a good point previously about College Tournament insurances. There will be an inquiry with USA Rugby as to the exact needs and processes involved.

Sean discussed applications for 7s will be forthcoming.

There are questions surrounding West Point's desire for inclusion with the Conferece. Renee stated that West Point could not be provided competitive fixtures within the current structure, that West Point is beyond the level of the current D1 teams. Renee suggested that John reach out to West Point leadership to gauge reasons for their interest and what they are looking for.

NSCRO will be held in June and tied with CRC 7s. More information forthcoming to pass along to College teams.

John is looking to assemble a College AGM at some point. Will be virtual in nature – either web conference, call, etc.

**MEN'S CLUBS**

Steve reported that the D2/D3 Final Four was originally scheduled to be hosted at West Point, but that site is no longer available. It was agreed that hosting rights should be put out for bid to see who is interested.

Steve has drafted a questionnaire regarding B-side requirements. There has been a positive response to-date, with 15 of 36 clubs responding. Results so far have been as to be expected – larger clubs with significant numbers want to see B-side games required, while smaller clubs with lower numbers would like to see B-side games scheduled on own or entry into tournaments.

Steve has been in contact with “Mike D” regarding D1 competition and will be working with him to achieve reasonable results. There could be a potential expansion of the D1 field and some clubs have already expressed desire to compete at D1 level. This will impact scheduling, and will also have a trickle-down effect on clubs assigned to D2 and D3.

**RUGBY CONGRESS**

Renee indicated that materials associated with the Rugby Congress are posted on Google Groups. If anyone has any matters they would like to discuss, please bring them forward.

**ALL-CONFERENCE MEETING**

It has been discussed previously that an All-Conference Meeting is needed to help improve communication with the membership. The Board would select topics to cover (from submissions by membership) and then allow all member clubs to listen in. Potential topics could include introduction of Board; restructuring of Men's competition; B-sides; etc. This meeting would be important to show Union that the Board is serious about improving communications. A potential date for the meeting is late February.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Whipple  
Administrator