

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
April 7, 2013

The Executive Board met via conference call on Sunday, April 7, 2013, at 9:00 p.m.

Attendance: Oscar Prue (VP), Kyle Antonian (VP), Ashley Belline (ED Women), Steve Molnar (ED Men), Sean Horan (ED 7s), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees), Gary Heavner (USAR Delegate), Nick Anzalone (At-Large), J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Absent: Renee Ovrut (President), Mike Crafton (VP), John Bradley (Colleges)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 p.m.

7s SERIES

Sean Horan reported that the Empire GU 7s Series structure is set. There will be five or six tournament for Senior Clubs held over the course of the summer. New this year will be a High School 7s Series. Currently, all of the tournaments are schedule for the southern portion of the GU. Sean continues to work to build interest in the Upstate area.

Clubs competing in the NRU 7s Series are not eligible for the Empire GU 7s. Empire is meant for Tier 2 or up-and-coming 7s clubs.

Sean also noted that this September, there will be an America's Cup 7s held in Saratoga. Sean is working with Steve to attempt to have a bye weekend for D1.

EMPIRE GU LOGO

J.C. Whipple noted that questions have been raised about the creation of an official Empire GU Logo. Sean and Gary Heavner noted that Pat Maroney of Monmouth had created sample logos previously. J.C. said he would reach out to Pat to review those versions and also reach out to graphic artists to inquire about cost / timeline. He will report back to the Board.

SENIOR WOMEN

Ashley Belline updated the Board on developments with structure and scheduling for Senior Women. The structure is split into three Divisions (1, 2, 3). All league games will be completed in the Fall, with Playoffs being held in the Spring. The schedule will be finalized within the next month.

SENIOR MEN

Steve Molnar said there have been minimal developments regarding the D1 schedule. Discussions will be held in the coming days to continue moving forward. D2 and D3 schedules will be a trickle-down from the D1 structure and will also be based on results of Playoffs.

There was a quick discussion regarding B-side matches. New England would like to require B matches, with the exception of Buffalo due to travel. A question was raised about Old Blue competing at the D3 level.

COACHING CLINIC

Oscar Prue reported that the Coaching Clinic will be hosted at the University of Rochester in late June. The date will be finalized once the provider submits available dates.

Oscar raised a question about sanctioning of events by USAR, and specifically the need for the Empire GU Clinic to be sanctioned. Oscar said that John Bradley has experienced issues with getting a Plattsburgh tournament sanctioned and the USAR website is not updated. J.C. said he has had previous contact with USAR on this matter and will reach out to discuss again. He will report back to Oscar and the Board on this matter.

REFEREES

Brad Kleiner informed the group that he is working to assigned coverage (Referees and ARs) for Playoff games. He made note that Playoff games will take precedence and that other games may go unassigned.

NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Whipple
Administrator