

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
August 11, 2013

The Executive Board met via conference call on Sunday, August 11, 2013, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Board Members: Renee Ovrut (President), Mike Crafton (VP), Oscar Prue (VP Operations), Steve Molnar (ED Men), Ashley Belline (ED Women), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees), John Bradley (Colleges), Oscar Prue serving as proxy for Kyle Antoian

Administrator: J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Absent: Kyle Antoian (VP), Sean Horan (ED 7s), Gary Heavner (USAR Delegate), Nike Anzalone (Ad Hoc)

GU Membership (Identified): U Rochester Men, Union RFC, Long Island RFC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m.

This Executive Meeting, per Empire GU bylaws, was made available to GU membership. Those who called in were able to listen to the meeting, and then invited to raise questions or comments during an Open Forum at the end of the call.

TEAM CHECKLISTS – FALL 2013

Housekeeping items were identified for Clubs preparing for Fall 2013 season: (23) CIPPd players on roster (GU requirement), Team CIPP paid to USAR, certified coach on roster. No exceptions to these, especially as Level 200 Coaching Course being held on Sept. 1 at RPI in Troy, NY.

Unless clubs are in good standing (including paid dues), they will not be allowed to compete. If they compete while not in good standing, matches will be considered a forfeit and Forfeit Policy will be enacted.

Mike Crafton stated that it is important to collect College dues ASAP. John Bradley followed and said that clarification was needed on a few clubs.

CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Mike Crafton reviewed the policy for making changes to the Empire GU Bylaws (in current form). If an amendment is proposed by the Board, or Board member, a sixty (60)-day waiting period is required before vote. Should a member (club) present an amendment, a 2/3 vote is required at a meeting of the membership where a quorum is present.

It was discussed that a proposal by Morris Rugby for a Women's 7s position be added to the Board. Ashley Belline supported the proposal. A sixty (60)-day waiting period is required prior to a vote. An announcement of the proposed amendment will be made no less than twenty-one (21) days in advance of the vote.

SENIOR WOMEN

Ashley Belline reported that the schedules are complete. Work is underway with NERFU for playoffs and host sites.

SENIOR MEN

Steve Molnar reported that the schedules are out to the membership. Minor Changes have been implemented for Upstate D3 at request of clubs. Upstate D4 may have last-minute changes due to a club's status. A discussion followed on D1 matters surrounding oversight and adjudication of red cards.

COLLEGES

John Bradley reported that schedules were complete in some cases and being worked through in others. USAR D2 Championship set for Spring. ACRA will host Championships in Fall. Attempts were made to link men's and women's home dates, as often as possible.

In regards to forfeit policy, Colleges will mirror GU and adjust level of monetary fines accordingly.

A College Board is close to being finalized.

OPEN FORUM

Union RFC stated concerns with B-side game requirements (clubs should be required to play B games); an Upstate team entering a second side in a separate division (what this will do to B-side games); matter of Buffalo being entered into D2 after winning D1 (desire to be on record with dissatisfaction).

Renee Ovrut stated these concerns were noted and Board would always be open to listening to concerns, and invited opportunity to work with Board on new measures.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Whipple
Administrator