



NERFU Executive Board Notes April 10, 2013

Attendees: Caro Ruiz, Neil Foley, Mike Martin, Brian Earley, Kira Watkins, Brett Willis, Shannon Wallace, Lori Staples

Guest: Josh Smith, Sean Horan, Stephen Lewis

Meeting Called to Order at 6:45pm

Discussion	Action Items
<p>1. Approval of March Minutes: All in favor. Minutes approved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Caro to post minutes in the NERFU site o Brett will share edits to the NERFU Handbook
<p>2. Olympic Development Academies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empire Rugby Olympic Development Academy (ERODA) based out of NYC with Sean Horan as the Director. It will entire next week. • New England Rugby Olympic Development Academy (NERODA) based out of Boston area or Brown University in Providence with Josh Smith as the Director. • Since it will be combined, it will be under Northeast. Each area will train separately, 30 players each. It will be a smaller amount once the date for the tournament gets closer. • They would like to start the Academy in New England. The goal is to send the best athletes to compete at the National level from both areas/region. • By combining the two organizations, it will reduce the costs and increase the talent pool. Approved for the men only at the moment. The women's will be handled separately. • Specific training scheduled for the NERODA. Every CIPP registered individual in both territories will be given the opportunity to try out for the Academies. They will be run as open try-outs and will be held in May 2013, with one taking place in the Empire GU and one in the NERFU GU over separate weekends. Athletes can attend either location. • Additional locations for NERODA are under assessment such as Pine Banks. The schedule will not coincide with 15s season except potentially the America's Cup tournament on September 21st and 22nd in Saratoga. Based on the new Men's DI structure, additional tournaments may coincide with the 	



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<p>fall schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is already happening in 6 other locations in the country. We will be the 7th Academy. • The schedule is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 6th – Old Blue Midnight 7s – NYC • August 17th-18th – Serevi 7s, Glendale, CO • September 21st-22nd America’s Cup, Saratoga Springs, NY • November 10th – 11th – San Diego 7s • November 28th – New York 7s • February 5th-9th USA 7s, Las Vegas • They are looking for NERFU to help support the Academy going. Total cost is approximately \$40,000. Empire agreed to pay for \$15,000 to \$20,000. They are looking for NERFU to cover the other half. The money will be to cover the coaches, travel costs for both coaches and players. The amount of money will be split based on the number of players that attend each tournament. It will be pay as you go. USA Rugby will not provide any funding to this program. • Goal is to have at least two Northeast players in the Olympic team in 2016. • Board Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We all agreed on supporting this proposal. • They must provide full transparency. The NERODA can’t have all players from one team. • They need additional tryouts. • Approve cost along the way. Pay as we go basis. • All in favor to support \$3,000 and pay as we go based on supported documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike will notify Josh, Sean and Steve of our decision.
<p>3. President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Rugby launched the new registration system and team communications hub for all of our members. Encourage Directors to check the website. • At Large position by USA Rugby. Looking for nominations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caro will share the email from USA Rugby with the Union. ○ Shannon will reach out to Bev from Beantown to see if she might be interested.
<p>4. Secretary:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caro will update the AGM minutes



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM Minutes Feedback: Shannon provided three edits. • Coaching Clinic on June 1st hosted by North Shore: It costs \$90. We would like to know the number of coaches that register so that NERFU can cover 50%. The Board agreed with covering 50% • Sponsorship requests: With future requests, we need to make sure they are sustainable for future years. Motion to approve covering \$500 for teams that represent NERFU Nationals as long as they submit their paperwork. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saratoga for Nationals: We will cover \$500 as long as they submit their paperwork. • Worcester for Nationals: We will cover \$500 as long as they submit their paperwork. • Worcester Summer Tour to Wales and England in August 2013. Request denied. We can't confirm that this will be sustainable. If we do it for one team, we will have to do it for all. • NSCRO 7s Championship Qualifier hosted by NEC: We will cover balls and referees. • Remind Directors about the USA Rugby Championship paperwork that teams need to submit with NERFU's signature. 	<p>and share them with the Union along with the By Laws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caro will send an email to all coaches about covering 50% of the coaching course hosted by North Shore. ○ Caro will follow up with Saratoga, Worcester and NEC on their requests. ○ Send an email reminder to Directors about the USA Rugby Championship paperwork
<p>5. GU Marketing Specialist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three critical areas that have not been updated in our website. Lori has addressed this issue with the vendor • The time difference it is an issue but they have been responsive. • There is an option to offer an iphone/android app for \$250 a year. • Lori and Caro will touch base on the final details so that we can move forward with the launch of the site such as College Division, Executives information. • Each team will get a new login and password. • Changed the facebook profile and turned it into a page. Lori shared scores from last weekend based on NERRS site, uploaded pictures from the AGM. We've received 800+ views of our page. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caro and Lori will touch base on the launch of the new site date.
<p>6. Executive Director of Senior Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NERFU Tournament: • Request to expand the 4th field at Fort Adams to make it bigger for at least 22 	



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<p>meters. In order to do so, NERFU will have to fund the expansion. Approximately \$6,200. The state or Fort Adams have not seen this proposal yet. Newport RFC wanted to know first if we were interested first. The NERFU Cup will be open for bid this summer so there is no guarantees that NERFU Cup will be in Newport in future years. Board decided to assess the field expansion for the budget of next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus transportation will be provided from two main hotels starting at 6:15am to Fort Adams until 7pm. Transportation to downtown will be provided at night as well. Motion to approve up to \$2,000 to cover transportation. Notify the teams that the bus timeframe to avoid teams being late. • Board agrees that we should select a bar for the tournament but it should be one that has the capacity for all of the teams. • Captain's meeting will be on Friday at 7pm. Food will be provided. \$14 a person plus \$50 for a bartender. We will cover the cost. • Mike cannot get the golf carts and radios for free this year. The rental of two golf carts is \$850 for the weekend for the EMTs transportations. The radio rental \$400. Motion approved. • In order to have a bounce house, we need a special insurance required by Newport. • Kids eat for free. • Hotels information and discounted price were shared with the teams. • Tournament fee for this year will continue to be \$200. 	
<p>7. Executive Director of Men's Colleges: - No updates from Corey</p>	
<p>8. Executive Director of Women's Colleges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Champlain College has not paid the cost of Franklin Pierce travel cost. ○ UVM wants to move to DIII, Bridgewater, UNH, UMO wants to stay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brian will confirm which teams are staying in our Union
<p>9. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caro needs to type a letter stating that Ed Dunn is no longer the Treasurer and Shannon Wallace is the new Treasurer. 	

Meeting concluded at 9:39pm