

New Brunswick Rugby Union

Minutes of Meeting

Date; Nov. 06 , 2016 10:00 AM ADT

Location; Loyalists Rugby Club

Written by Bill Chase

Subject; Year End Wrap-Up

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Present:

Bill Chase (BC), John DeWolfe (JD), Blake Edwards (BE), Malcolm MacAfee, Troy Dixon, Pat O'Donnell, Jason Green, Katie Hunter, Becky Knox, George Bidlake, Grant Beckingham, David Brennan, Scott Yvonne and Chris Good

Clubs & Other Organizations Present:

. Loyalists, Trojans, Moncton, Woodstock, Irish, Belleisle, NBRU and Perth-Andover NBIAA

Agenda:

1. Review of Agenda

Opening Remarks

- John DeWolfe; introductions

Financial Update

- Current midterm financial position presented by Pat O'Donnell, see attached.

Rugby Canada Update

- New registration system being sourced by Rugby Canada 2017-2018
- University men's rugby working towards a Full CIS sport with support from Rugby Canada.
- 7 vs 15 player profiles are different.
- Question from the floor, is there any interest at Rugby Canada for a senior men's super league like we used to have?
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Season in Review

- Senior men's; 15 weeks training and played three games. U20 men did very well, next year may consider combining them with the U23's.
- Provincial women; U16/U18 did ok but need more development before going back to the Nationals, target 2018. 2017 Eastern's and an Irish tour.

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- Trojans; men fielded 2 1/2 teams, A was competitive, B was weak and the C side developed young players. Women; lots of growth and have a young team. Junior's good success. Mini's went well. The club had a summer employee this year. The Trojans want to grow their 7's program.
- Irish; Issue of keeping players throughout the season, would like to work with the Trojans for women's development. Charlotte county players are important to the club. Rookie Rugby went well this year. Initiative to work with the LBGTQ community to develop players. The club is volunteering with Red Nose program to build club awareness in the community. Their men's team fell off due to lack of coaching.
- Loyalists; Men fielded A, B & C sides, some of the C players moved up to B after their season ended. Youth program was successful this year. Middle school 7's jamboree worked well, 80-100 players involved. Parents helping with mini program are a plus. The B side only had 3 teams, would like to see 6. The women had a great year. The Loyalists would like to the Maritime elite league earlier in the season.
- Belleisle; women and men at the same time helped the club develop. Women need to develop more players in 2017. The men want to stay in the Maritime elite league next year as it helped develop their skill level. The C league was more competitive than they envisioned. Their women's coach resigned 1 week before the start of season will need to be addressed for 2017. They have good community support and the Sussex and Hampton school will need more coaching.
- Black Tide; Rookie rugby exploded this year with rookie, flag, U14 & U16 Wednesday nights. 60 kids in the flag program. Ran W 7's on Thursdays. The U18 men did not want to move up to the senior side and should be addressed. Some type of fall league for the girls would be of benefit, take the girls that come out and play them somewhere. Men's biggest obstacle is high school football. The men's C league went well for new players, having 2 senior men's teams helped the club. Mount A women provided 6 coaches from the school. Note; there were no Mount A men that came out and played for the Black Tide.
- Wildmen; had a successful season and will stay in C division to develop more players. Keeping players into the fall was a problem as a number leave for university. There are 2 senior high school teams in the area. The development of 7's in the A & AA schools should help develop players for the club. Olivia D. coached a women's High School team. There are some players starting to come from Carlton North and Perth schools. 3 Women went to U16 program as well as 3 men, 2 U16 and 1 U18. The club needs to develop coaches and referees. Long term plan is to develop senior women side, club house and field in 5 – 10 years. The flag program has not gone past Rookie Rugby.

Perth-Andover NBIAA Rugby Development

- Jason Green provided a presentation on the rugby 7's program for A and AA schools. Starting in 2017 it will be a high school sport. See presentation attached. Also, the gathering of the Scots in Perth would be a good place to show case rugby.

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Rookie Rugby (B. Edwards)

- Blake has been traveling the province demonstration rugby in the elementary and middle schools. Growth is all through the province. To date has held sessions in 40+ schools.

League Structure

- Men's A – 3 teams, B – 3 teams, C – 6 teams.
- Interlock with NS both M & W, women's need more development.
- 7's need to be developed into the overall schedule.

Referee's & Coach's Courses

- Coaching 2 Level 1 and 2 level 2 are planned.
- Referee courses are still being planned.

Strategic Planning and AGM

- Strategic planning session sometime before the end of December 2016 should be scheduled.
- Rugby Canada AGM, end of March 2017 in Toronto.
- NBRU AGM February 26th, 2017.

Other

- Is there any issue with women playing in the men's league and not being covered under the Rugby Canada insurance? Answer; from Rugby Canada, they are covered as long as they are registered.

Time 2:30 PM ADT

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