

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
November 10, 2013

The Executive Board met via conference call on Sunday, November 10, 2013, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Sean Horan (ED 7s), Steve Molnar (ED Men), Gary Heavner (USAR Delegate), Nike Anzalone (Ad Hoc)

Administrator: J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Membership: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONGRESS

Renee Ovrut provided an overview of the Congress meeting held in Philadelphia as part of the USA Rugby v Maori All Blacks game.

The agenda was a short one, but included a Bylaw change regarding the makeup of Congress. Senior Clubs will now have two (2) seats per Competitive Region (CRs). Seats must be voted on. Mike Crafton added that the EGU membership must elect the Congress Rep and an Alternate. There will be no more allowance of Ad-Hoc representative – reps must be voted in. Colleges, Youth and International will have a portion of the remaining seats for Congress.

Gary Heavner was elected as a Congress Rep to the USAR Board of Directors.

The next Congress meeting will be held in June.

AGM

It was decided previously that the AGM will be held on January 11. John Bradley will reach out to Binghamton University to inquire about securing a site. The meeting will be held from 12-2p, with a meet-up site to be determined.

As part of a virtual presence for the membership, Kyle Antoian suggested using a moderator-assisted conference bridge from AccuConference. The Board will review and make a final decision.

Mike Crafton reminded the Board that there are specific dates which information needs to be disseminated to the membership. J.C. Whipple will send to the Board an AGM timeline for announcements and agenda distribution.

SENIOR WOMEN

Ashley Belline reported that the Fall season is almost complete and preparations are underway for transition from Fall to Spring. There is an ongoing discussion regarding Promotion / Relegation of certain clubs. That will be decided in the near future.

SENIOR MEN

No report.

COLLEGES

John Bradley reported the season is almost complete. The Union Men won the Upstate NSCRO and defeated Bowdoin in the crossover. University of Rochester Women lost to Roger Williams in the NSCRO crossover. Colgate and Niagara faceoff for the Upstate D2 Men title; the winner faces Salisbury in the opening round of the National playoffs. Geneseo and Ithaca won in the ACRA Women's playoffs and advance.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Following a quick discussion, the Board agreed to return to the original meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 17, followed by meetings on Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Whipple
Administrator