

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
March 5, 2014

The Executive Board met via conference call on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Board Members: Mike Crafton (President), Steve Lewis (VP Operations), Matt Winard (VP Finance), Robert Mayers (VP Communications), Ken Pape (ED Men), Sarah Rutman (ED Women), Sean Horan (ED Sevens), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

Ad-Hoc Members: Gary Heavner (Congress Rep on USAR Board of Directors)

Administrator: J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Membership: Buffalo, Hudson Valley, Lansdowne, Lockport, Long Island, South Buffalo, Syracuse, Monmouth

CALL TO ORDER

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

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Mike Crafton said that potential members of the Disciplinary Committee have been identified and contacted by Board members to gauge and confirm interest.

The proposed DC would be: Ken Pape (Chair), Gary Heavner, Mike Crafton, Ken Dougherty (Union), Scott Marinich (Danbury), Paul Silverman (PAC) and Jim Tobin (Rochester).

Mike stated if a hearing is necessary, not all members may be called to take part. The Bylaws call for a minimum of five (5) DC members, with a quorum being three (3). The number of committee members provides the Chair a good list to pull from. In addition, if someone makes it known they would like to be a member of the DC at a later date, they can be voted upon by the Board.

Mike Crafton made a motion to approve the slate of candidates for the Disciplinary Committee. Steve Lewis seconded. Being no objections, Steve Lewis cast a vote for the slate.

MONMOUTH-UNION PLAYOFF GAME

Mike Crafton provided a quick overview of the issue surrounding the date of the Monmouth-Union D2 Men's playoff game, originally scheduled for April 12.

Rob Morillo (Monmouth) stated that Monmouth originally made a request to the Board on February 11 to reschedule the game for Sunday, April 13, due to a wedding for a club member on April 11. Union declined that request, citing club members who had work commitments. Rob said he and his club felt that nine weeks notice was ample time for Union to take care of any potential work schedules and felt the clubs had a good report to work this out.

A discussion took place on dates available and potential No. 4 seeds which would play No. 1 Monmouth. In addition to Union, NYRC and Buffalo are also eligible for No. 4 seed. With the crossover game against New England on May 3, it leaves the weekend in question or April 19 (Easter weekend). April 26 is the second round of EGU playoffs.

Steve Lewis made a motion to set a definitive date of April 13 for the first round playoff game between No. 1 Monmouth and the No. 4 seed (Union, Buffalo, NYRC). Sean Horan seconded.

Vote

Yes: Robert Mayers, Steve Lewis, Matt Winard, Sarah Rutman, Mike Crafton

No: Brad Kleiner

Abstain: Sean Horan and Ken Pape

The D2 Men's playoff game between No. 1 Monmouth and No. 4 seed (Union, NYRC or Buffalo) will be held on Sunday, April 13.

OTHER BUSINESS

A meeting regarding the D3 Men's Playoff schedule was being held immediately following the Board call.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Whipple
Administrator