

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 14, 2016

The Executive Board met via conference call on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Board Members: Ken Pape (President), Pat Moroney (VP Communications), Angela Corpus (ED Women), Sean Horan (ED Sevens), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

Non-Voting Members: J.C. Whipple (Administrator), Gary Heavner (DC Chair)

Absent: Sharon Berger (VP Operations), Rosalie MacGowan (VP Finance), Lex Maccubbin (VP Men)

Clubs: Morris (Bill Dobbs), Morris Women (Sarah Rutman), Bayonne (George)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 p.m. A quorum was in place.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Pape provided a quick review of the Members Meeting, held last evening. Sean Horan provided a comprehensive review of the Northeast Academy. Ken encourages anyone interested to review the meeting audio and presentation (housed on EGU website).

The EGU Summit is in place and has been pushed back a few times. Ken is asking Board members to vote on the Summit and funding. This will be a great benefit to the membership - athletes, coaches, referees and administrators.

During the last meeting, Ken asked Brad Kleiner to establish a recruiting plan. Also discuss the requirements of the referees. The first referee abuse case was presented to the DC this week.

It is an exciting time for EGU - competition has never been better. NYRC Women finished third at the WPL

FINANCIAL REPORT

Rosalie MacGowan will provide a written report as a supplement.

MEN'S REPORT

Lex Maccubbin provided a written report on the current standings of the Men's competition and the playoff scenarios.

WOMEN'S REPORT

Angela Corpus reported the season is almost complete. There was a discussion on the D3 Upstate / Downstate Championship. It was decided there would be a final match between the top seeds from each division. New Haven defeated Ithaca in the match.

REFEREES REPORT

Brad Kleiner reported a referee courses will be held: Level II on Jan 21 and Level I course on Feb 4 (second date for Level I). Options are available at Rutgers and Fordham. These will be promoted to membership. To fit with overall recruiting plan, the EGU has a policy in place for each club to provide one referee - with these offerings, clubs will be expected to adhere to the policy.

A discussion took place on the Greenwich-Danbury match and the suitability of the field. Brad clarified the assigned referee has the authority to declare a field unplayable, with safety being the primary concern.

SEVENS REPORT

Sean Horan reported the window is open for the 2017 Empire 7s host applications. The deadline is Friday, November 18. There has been a good response and there are a couple new tournaments in the mix in addition to many of the traditionals.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Gary Heavner said there have been 13 red cards this season and the DC is working through the process with a couple outstanding issues.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Pape stated he will be planning an end-of-season call for the membership. The Empire GU Summit information will be distributed via website, newsletter and social media.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J.C. Whipple
EGU Administrator