

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 10, 2018

The Executive Board met via conference call on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Board Members: Ken Pape (President), Rich Gallina (VP Operations), Gary Heavner (VP Governance), Melanie Pastuck (VP Communications), Lex Maccubbin (ED Men), Jennifer Jones (ED Women), Rosalie MacGowan (ED Sevens),

Non-Voting Members: J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Absent: Jennifer Salomon (VP Finance), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m. A quorum was in place.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Pape said interesting things are going on with USA Rugby. There is a bylaw change on the table regarding the constitution of the Board and to ensure fair representation of women on the Board.. Ken said for the next Board call he would have Phaidra Knight join the next call to discuss.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jenn Salomon was not present. Ken Pape said the previous meeting saw great work in the Financial area. A review of the financials and follow-up discussion took place.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Melanie Pastuck said there have been 14 applications, with 10-12 being with EGU for over five years. She said this would be a great opportunity to support teams, clubs and rugby in the region. Her hope would be to present one male and one female to attend from the applicants.

A question was raised as to what the scholarship would include. Melanie said the original proposal would be for the entry to NDS and \$200 stipend to help with travel costs. Jen Jones asked if the discount that other regions have access to. It was confirmed that the entry would be \$185.

Ken Pape said he would like to see this be expanded by two additional scholarships. A discussion took place on EGU budget for Congress / High Performance. NDS will be held in Houston in 2019.

Melanie Pastuck made a motion for EGU to grant four entry-level scholarships (covering entry fee to NDS) with \$100 additional travel stipend for each. Seconded by Ken Pape. A discussion took place regarding a committee to review applications, timeline for

Yes: Rich Gallina, Gary Heavner, Melanie Pastuck, Lex Maccubbi, Jennifer Jones, Ken Pape. Motion passes, 6-0.

MEN'S REPORT

Lex Maccubbin said there was a Fall Wrap-Up Meeting held last night. There was good discussion and an overview of the playoff format. There was nothing urgent covered, but everyone is clear on how things will be conducted moving forward.

WOMEN'S REPORT

Jen Jones said there is nothing to report at this time. She will schedule the end of Fall meeting prior to the next Board call.

REFEREES REPORT

Brad Kleiner was not on the call.

NCR3 REPORT

Gary Heavener and Lex Maccubbin said there was nothing new to report.

SEVENS REPORT

Rosalie MacGowan said there will be a reduction of EGU tournaments overall and she had a conversation with Rich Gallina on entry fees, potential subsidies for EGU entries, and the potential for preseason tournaments.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rich Gallina said there was a call with teams utilizing Randalls Island. There will be a call in mid-January to check where they stand and there will be a subsequent call in March for a make-or-break point. The goal is to make sure clubs and athletes are serviced properly, but also playing on proper services. A further discussion took place on the practices and protocol regarding Randalls allocations (NYC Parks).

Rich has been in discussion with stakeholders on High Performance and how the future looks in this regard.

NEW BUSINESS

Premiership Rugby Scholarship
USA Rugby 7s Nationals

Due to technical difficulties, this item was postponed until the next call.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J.C. Whipple
EGU Administrator