

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 11, 2019

The Executive Board met via conference call on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Melanie Pastuck (VP Communications)

Non-Voting Members: J.C. Whipple (Administrator), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

Clubs: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. A quorum was in place. The meeting is being recorded.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Pape said it has been the goal to move meetings along and make them more efficient. He asked Board Members if there is nothing new to report to state "Nothing New" and share any ancillary updates electronically.

Ken said there is a Working Documents file that he has been working on. This shows all the projects Board members are currently undertaking and future efforts.

Ken outlined the changes at USA Rugby, specifically the Org Chart and the new interactions with the National Office. This can be found at <https://www.usarugby.org/about-usa-rugby/national-office/>.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jenn Salomon said all payments have been issued for NDS stipends. Nothing else new to report. A review of the current financials and follow-up discussion took place.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Rich Gallina said there was a call held to discuss the future use of Randall's Island. He said it was a productive call. Rich has had sidebar discussions amongst clubs to put aside differences and look to work together to pool funds and purchase land for fields. A follow-up call will be held on March 25. It will be discussed at this meeting to put a cost-sharing policy in place and EGU will be the administrator of the scheduling, all with a net-zero impact on the EGU budget. A discussion took place on Randall's scheduling. JC Whipple will keep everyone updated as to progress.

Rich has also spoken with Rosalie MacGowan on 7s, Brad Kleiner on referee and HP programming and Gary Heavner on HP as well.

MEN'S REPORT

Lex Maccubbin had nothing new to report.

WOMEN'S REPORT

Jen Jones had nothing new to report.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Melanie Pastuck was absent. Ken Pape will follow up with her.

SEVENS REPORT

Rosalie MacGowan said the schedule will be released in the coming days. There will be a truncated schedule and a new pricing structure.

REFEREES REPORT

Brad Kleiner said RSNY had great success with the recent Referee course at Xavier and will be hosting another course at Iona at the end of the month.

RRSNY will be increasing its match fees from \$90 to \$100. Ken Pape said there needs to be a presentation as to what is driving the need for the increase to support the request.

NCR3 REPORT

No Report as no meetings have been held.

NEW BUSINESS

USA Rugby 7s Nationals

Gary Heavner shared a recap of the USA Rugby 7s National. The budget was \$20K, but far less was spent on the event. Due to the success of the event and being under budget, USA Rugby is giving back more to EGU.

Gary asked said there will be a question on what happens to the overage back from USA Rugby. Ken Pape said EGU agreed to pay in \$4K and provided an additional buffer. The buffer was “just-in-case” funds and should be returned prior to refunding Old Blue or NYAC funds. Gary noted that by hosting in NYC, this event saved EGU member clubs upward of \$55K on travel, etc. to Nationals.

Gary said there are talks on possibly bringing the Nationals back to the NYC area.

Premiership Rugby Scholarship

Ken Pape said this will be tabled until next meeting.

EGU Newsletter

Ken Pape said this is a new endeavor and asked JC Whipple to detail how

An EGU member club is hosting an event, as a benefit, they should have access to our newsletter (direct club fundraisers). Ken asked for feedback on charging clubs / organizations outside of EGU a fee to advertise in our newsletter and on website. A fee structure will be implemented and available for review.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J.C. Whipple
EGU Administrator