

**EMPIRE RFU GU**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
September 9, 2015

The Executive Board met via conference call on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 9:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Voting Board Members: Ken Pape (President), Pat Moroney (VP Communications), Rosalie MacGowan (VP Finance), Lex Maccubbin (ED Men), Sarah Rutman (ED Women), Sean Horan (ED Sevens), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

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

Absent: Jorge Quintana (VP Operations)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 p.m. A quorum was in place – Sarah Rutman and Rosalie MacGowan joined the call later.

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

Ken Pape said that Michael Crafton had declined the DC Chair position. Ken said with Board approval he would remain in the position and select the committee members – including an Upstate rep, a NYC rep and a Jersey rep.

Ken stated he would resign the position once a suitable replacement could be found and trained – projected around December / January.

Lex Maccubbin made a motion for Ken Pape to remain in the position of DC Chair for the 15-16 season, train a replacement and resign. Motion was seconded by Sean Horan.

Motion passed, 5-0.

**COMPLIANCE / CMS**

Lex Maccubbin said a call was held earlier in the evening for the Men's clubs to cover USA Rugby compliance and CMS. He said EGU should strive for 100% compliance this season. A discussion took place on penalties for non-compliance. Lex will start a working document to drive discussion by the Board.

A weekly review of clubs will commence at the start of the season, specifically for CMS compliance. Jorge Quintana was nominated to lead this effort, with reports to Lex Maccubbin (ED Men) and Sarah Rutman (ED Women).

**WHITE PLAINS**

Pat Moroney provided a recap of the CR Committee meeting to discuss White Plains. He said it was apparent the New England reps wanted White Plains to compete at D1. Pat said he was able to provide insight as Monmouth had played WP the week prior – WP had just 16 players and Monmouth had to loan a player in the match. They simply do not have the numbers.

It was a unanimous vote by the CR Committee that White Plains compete at D2 (no D1 / D3 sides) and it would not be eligible for National Playoffs for one year.

## **BOARD PROJECTS / UPDATES**

Pat Moroney (ED Communications) provided an overview of GoToMeeting and its benefits. Can share documents, videos, files, etc through web portal – view in real time. Will help drive communication and conversation. \$35 per month, will need to upgrade for AGM (\$100/mth) and then can switch back.

Lex Maccubbin (ED Men) provided recap on Men's League Meeting (previously).

Sean Horan (ED 7s) discussed 7s and scheduling for next summer. Discussion on USAR moving up National Champs based on Olympics. This will force NRU/EGU series to move up dates to accommodate. Clubs are promoted to submit interest in hosting summer tournaments (Rosalie will create a form for distribution). The Women's Academy at ODA has gotten off to nice start – competed in AR and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at Elite City 7s.

Brad Kleiner (ED Referees) discussed the Technical Zone and its merits, said referees would enforce. After a discussion, it was decided the Technical Zone would be introduced for Fall 15 and move to a full policy in Spring 16. Brad will distribute a proposal for Technical Zone to the Board for review, and then it will be distributed to the membership. Ken Pape stated he would be inviting Pat Laczkowski (NYS Referees – Upstate) to future meetings.

Sarah Rutman (ED Women) said Seacoast has dropped out of D3 and this will impact schedule immediately. The D3 crossover is scheduled for Nov 7 (one day, truncated games). A proposal would move to a two-day event and full games. Sarah will get cost projections so Board can better evaluate support.

Rosalie MacGowan (ED Finance) said the bank account has been transferred over. She has completed a review of the financials and all looks in order. A switch to a low-level Quickbooks will take place to better track and report on financials.

Ken Pape (Preident) said he has been approached by two outside groups regarding HP15s. Proposals and presentations are pending. Sean Horan stated he would not support outside groups handling this, would prefer to keep in-house. Also, one group is a for-profit venture, while current format is NFP.

## **SUMMER TRANSFERS**

Sean Horan said the summer transfer process needs to be reviewed and amended. Collegiate players having to pay to register with summer senior clubs, EGU then reimburses the \$45 fee. Ken said he would review and discuss with USAR.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Whipple  
EGU Administrator