

**EMPIRE RFU GU**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
December 12, 2016

The Executive Board met via conference call on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 9:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Voting Board Members: Ken Pape (President), Pat Moroney (VP Communications), Rosalie MacGowan (VP Finance), Lex Maccubbin (VP Men), Angela Corpus (ED Women), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

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

Absent: Sharon Berger (VP Operations), Sean Horan (ED Sevens), Gary Heavner (DC Chair)

Clubs: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 p.m. A quorum was in place.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ken Pape deferred his report until New Business.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Rosalie MacGowan said the first six months of the year will be presented in the next week or so. As a quick overview, there is approximately \$102K in the bank right now. A discussion took place on Upstate referee courses and potential stipends or reimbursement through EGU. Ken Pape said he will reach out to USA Rugby and discuss potential opportunities. Brad Kleiner and Lex Maccubbin will develop a plan for

**MEN'S REPORT**

Lex Maccubbin stated the playoff scenarios are starting to firm up, some teams are set and a few spring games will determine the balance. Lex connected with the young man who is developing the rugby initiative in Bolivia. Per Sean, the Northeast Men placed first in Barbados and the Women placed fourth.

**WOMEN'S REPORT**

Angela Corpus reported there was a conference call last week. D3 season is complete. A few clubs are looking to move up to D2. The women's waiver was approved by NCC. Teams must declare their intention for D1-D2 pathway. Ken Pape stated he does not agree with EGU having to use a hybrid model, where other GUs across the country do not. Angela said there are ongoing talks in reorganizing the NCR3 Board, positions could potentially be eliminated or combined.

**REFEREES REPORT**

Brad Kleiner said there are two referee courses coming up in the NYC area. There is a women's-only course this weekend hosted by Rugby NJ. February 4th will be at Rutgers University and open to everyone. There is the potential for another course to be added in Westchester or Connecticut.

**SEVENS REPORT**

Rosalie MacGowan said the Women's placed fourth and the Men placed first in Barbados. A men's player received the MVP for the tournament. 10 applications were received for the 2017 7s Summer Series. Rosalie said the new application process has worked well, though there was the hope some new tournaments would have been proposed. Coordination will take place with the respective referees societies for scheduling, assignments, etc. Each applicant has guaranteed that all fields and enclosures will meet all requirements.

**DISCIPLINE REPORT**

Gary Heavner was not present for a Discipline Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ken Pape said when Angela Corpus became the NCR3 Chair, she is also the Women's D1 rep. When this happened, it eliminated an EGU rep on the Board (since she can't vote twice). Angela said there has been discussion on filling that role from someone within in EGU. Ken reiterated that in current form, it still leaves the EGU lacking one rep. Angela said the there are ongoing talks in reorganizing the NCR3 Board, positions could potentially be eliminated or combined.

Ken said he will provide a new distribution on the EGU Summit - his thought is this is an important opportunity for EGU and providing education and growth opportunities for the membership. The timeline is shrinking and the event needs to be voted on and finalized.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
J.C. Whipple  
EGU Administrator