

**EMPIRE RFU GU**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
May 9, 2016

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

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Absent: Rosalie MacGowan (VP Finance), Jorge Quintana (VP Operations), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

Clubs: Rich Gallina (Village Lions), David Lyme (Fairfield Yankees)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 p.m. A quorum was in place.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Standardized agenda moving forward for all meeting with each area reporting. Meetings will be second Monday each month. Directors will be expected to speak to their specific areas.

Quick updated on EGU Summit. Kurt Weaver will be overseeing high performance pathway for referees. Cannot share other keynote, but will

Sponsors have shown interest, waiting to confirm based on date. Responses have been split down middle but trend toward Winter.

EGU Man, Woman and Club of the Year is scheduled to be presented at Summit. Pat Moroney suggested we consider Referee of the Year as well.

***USA Rugby Nationals***

Invited Village Lions and Fairfield Yankees to join call for consideration of USA Nationals financial support (Pittsburgh). Ken asked David if they have looked into pricing for travel.

David said they have done a lot of work, obviously it is going to costly, but want to do things the right way. Facilities and airfare work to approximate \$750 pp for traveling party of (30).

Rich Gallina stated VL would be looking at renting a coach bus and filling open seats with supporters.

Discussion took place on previous practices of the Board and funding in this area.

Ken Pape made a motion to provide a \$1000 stipend for Old Blue, Village Lions and Fairfield Yankees for their participation in the USA Rugby National Championship Series. Lex Maccubbin seconded. Motion passes, 5-0. Ken will make the teams aware.

**FINANCIALS**

An updated and current financial report is posted on the website.

### **MEN'S REPORT**

Lex Maccubbin brought up a topic for HP. Buffalo Women's Rugby is a strong club geographically within the EGU, but plays in Midwest.

The men's playoffs ran true to form in early rounds, and changed dramatically in semifinals and finals. The competition looked very good this year. Both Village Lions and Fairfield will represent very well at Nationals.

The proposed structure was sent earlier this evening. This is based on the feedback from survey of teams - less than 50 percent response rate from clubs (includes new club Greenwich and waiting on Binghamton has also expressed interest). Structure and schedules will be done shortly and ready to present to Board.

Lex said he will create a proposed schedule for Old Boys and see what response is.

### **WOMEN'S REPORT**

Sarah Rutman provided a recap of the Women's CR3 weekend. For next year's structure, it remains to be determined. CR3 oversees (28) women's teams in a wide geographic area.

There was a discussion on the scheduling and potential restructure. Sarah said she would be in touch with Pat Moroney and Lex Maccubbin to discuss CR3 committee issues. Pat suggested that Sarah also connect with Jen Jones from the committee.

Ken asked Sarah to initiate an email discussion on this topic, including appropriate parties, so this can be worked through efficiently.

### **SEVENS REPORT**

Sean Horan reported all the tournaments have their registration links. There are conference calls for tournament directors in three weeks in advance. Upstate directors just had a call to familiarize them with the process.

### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Pat Moroney reported that Board members need to start using more diligently. Ken stated, unless a private email, all EGU communication must be via Slack.

### **REFEREE REPORT**

Brad Kleiner was not present.

### **HP REPORT**

Including within previous reports.

### **NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

No new agenda items.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
J.C. Whipple  
EGU Administrator