

**EMPIRE RFU GU**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
August 8, 2016

The Executive Board met via conference call on Monday, August 8, 2016, at 10:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Absent: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 p.m. A quorum was in place.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ken Pape discussed a medical event which took place at Saranac, which included poor medical planning and several missteps. A discussion took place on EGUs medical guidelines and next steps to establish and enforce medical guidelines for its member clubs. EGU has an established Medical Guidelines included in its Policy Manual (Section 7). Sharon Berger will develop a comprehensive plan and report back to the Board.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Rosalie MacGowan reported EGU will be moving to QuickBooks with in the next month. Rosalie will be working to have policies and procedures in place to help the organization be in better compliance with standard practices. Rosalie will also be presenting a FY16-17 budget for approval.

**MEN'S REPORT**

Lex Maccubbin reported everything is set with schedules. The playoff schedule is set - the Board can review, if anyone has any questions, they should contact Lex immediately. A short discussion took place on the Old Boys league. Lex stated there was not a lot of enthusiasm as many clubs do their own scheduling. There is potential for an EGU Old Boys Tournament. There will be a preseason call on Wednesday, Aug 17.

**WOMEN'S REPORT**

Angela Corpus reported that one schedule change took place for D3. A question arose on split schedules for playoffs in the spring. Ken stated that feedback was playing all in one weekend was too much. Angela will be scheduling a preseason call for the Women's division.

**SEVENS REPORT**

Sean Horan reported EGU named All-EGU Teams for Men, Women, HS Boys and HS Girls. Invited all the Men and Women to Northeast Academy training in Buffalo and NYC.

Sean has set up meetings with sevens tournament directors to discuss the tournaments. Sean stated EGU will be enforcing protocols for tournaments to host and stay sanctioned within EGU. There are too many tournaments which use tournaments as fundraiser, tournaments need to be professionally run. There will be an application process in early September, with approved tournaments named in October.

## **REFEREES REPORT**

Brad Kleiner noted the referee societies are loading scheduling in the assignment database. Working toward to the start of the season.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A discussion took place on the request from Old Blue for funding of both its Men's and Women's 7s teams to compete at USA Nationals and the approval of funds disbursement without a Board vote. Previous pray

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*NCR3:* A discussion took place regarding the NCR3 Chair and Board positions, including terms limits and potential call for vote.

*Disciplinary Committee Chair:* Sharon Berger said Gary Heavner has been presented as a candidate for DC Chair. Sharon and Ken detailed the duties of the DC Chair. A discussion took place on Gary's candidacy and experience as related to the position. Per the Bylaws the VP Operations makes the nomination to the position, with election by vote of a simple majority of the Board.

Sharon suggested an announcement for the position be made via the newsletter, calling for nominees within the next seven days. Based on all applicants, Sharon will then put forward the nomination.

*Funding for Northeast Academy:* Sean Horan presented on a request for funding for the Northeast Academy. NERFU recently approved a \$30K stipend for the 16-17 cycle. Sean covered the Academy programming and plans for the coming year for athletes, coaching, referees and mentoring. Four men's tournaments / five women's tournaments. Academy is seeking \$30K funding for this cycle. Total budget is \$90K (NERFU = \$30K, proposed \$30K from EGU, Athletes = \$30K fees). Budget has been sighted from \$120K to \$90K.

Ken Pape asked how many EGU Board members were involved with Northeast Academy. Sean Horan (Director), Lex Maccubbin (Director Upstate), Rosalie MacGowan (player), Angela Corpus (Coach/Mentor program). He asked if the board would present to members to be heard with regards to this spending due to the amount of northeast reps on the board. Rosalie MacGowan stated this is similar to HP with Board members holding leadership positions. She also noted the budget reflects funds available for the Northeast Academy. Ken asked if funds would be directed to EGU players only; Sean confirmed. All-EGU Team will be entered into NY7s, plus Northeast Academy entries.

Sean Horan made a motion for EGU to fund Northeast Academy with \$30,000 for 2016-17. Rosalie MacGowan seconded.

Vote - Yes: Sharon Berger, Rosalie MacGowan, Lex Maccubbin, Angela Corpus, Brad Kleiner, Pat Moroney, Sean Horan; No: Ken Pape. Motion passes, 7-1.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
J.C. Whipple  
EGU Administrator