

**EMPIRE RFU GU**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**March 11, 2019**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Voting Board Members: Rich Gallina (VP Operations), Melanie Pastuck (VP Communications)  
Gary Heavner (VP Governance), Lex Maccubbin (ED Men), Jennifer Jones (ED Women)

Absent: Ken Pape (President), Jennifer Salomon (VP Finance), Rosalie MacGowan (ED Sevens)

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

Clubs: David Martin (RRSNY)

**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 was not said able to join. Rich Gallina will be running the meeting in his place.

**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 has been connecting with folks on High Performance. Rich has also been working with clubs on the Randalls Island issues. They will be a meeting with RIPA on March 18 to discuss rugby-related issued.

Rich noted there is a discussion on whether the Disciplinary Chair should be replaced due to performance issues. Gary Heaver

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Melanie Pastuck said she doesn't have anything new to update. She followed up with everyone who received a scholarship to NDS. Attendees shared a write-up and pictures which were distributed over the newsletter and social media.

**MEN'S REPORT**

Lex Maccubbin said he has been working to clarify some issues with the Challenge Cup from last year. Both referee societies have been provided procedures for overtime and for the finals. He said there was some confusion on the Crossover matches - all must be held at one site, which will be at Union in Cranford, NJ. This will be communicated to the clubs.

**WOMEN'S REPORT**

Jen Jones said the Women's playoffs start the first week of April. Everything else is status quo.

**SEVENS REPORT**

Rosalie MacGowan was not on the call.

## **REFEREES REPORT**

Brad Kleiner said RRSNY has run referee certification course - with one this weekend and one at the end of March.

David Martin (RRSNY) said there has been a discussion on leveling the playing field and eliminate clubs poaching refs by offering to pay a little bit more. RRSNY is raising the match fees from \$90 to \$100, and the feeling is this will do this.

Lex Maccubbin made a comment on the lack of quality in referee reports, including reporting cards. He asked that the referee societies to reinforce the need for this with their referees.

The new USA Rugby Club agreement states that every club must have one Level 1-certified referee. Each club must make their certified referee available to cover six (6) dates throughout the year. This is about expanding the pool of referees.

David also noted the Meg Votta college scholarship this year is being offered through US Rugby Foundation.

## **NCR3 REPORT**

No Report as no meetings have been held.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *MetNY Holdings*

Michael Crafton said a recent review shows the total combined holdings (savings account) is about \$107K. This was a consolidation of all accounts prior to the formation of EGU. There has been little or no movement, up or down, since EGU was created - basically \$20 a year in interest.

There has been a discussion previously on how to handle the funds. Whether a formation of a Board or group of Trustees to manage the money. It could be a representation of the former MetNY clubs. Michael said this is similar to a group in California that had about the same amount of money.

Rich Gallina asked what the process would be by EGU to approach MetNY and call the members together. Michael said a special meeting of the members would need to be called, a quorum in place, and a vote held. The funds cannot be distributed without these procedures.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
J.C. Whipple  
EGU Administrator