

New England Rugby Football Union
2015 Annual General Meeting
2/8/15

Meeting Minutes:

Roll Call-

2014 Minutes; Motion to approve- Lasell, 2nd- Colby-Sawyer. All in favor- all

Introduction of new board members: Jeff Sperling- Secretary, Matt Carmody- Men's College Division Director and John Cochenour- Men's Division Four Club Director

Neil Foley (President's Address):

Breakout: NSCRO for colleges, B-side protocol for clubs

Stepping down after this year, looking for others to take the lead

Shannon (Treasurer): Budget and expenditures to date

- Major expenses: NERFU Tourney and ODA
- Looking for a women's program; same amount of \$ allocated
- Looking to expand coaching clinics; Union will support and encourage those courses (NERFU will reimburse for attending)
- No discussion on the budget
- Voting on dues structure this summer (share opinions prior to July Board meeting)

Martin (ED Clubs):

- Commend Neil
- Chairman of DC, run NERFU Tournament; schedule will come out a week in advance; pay and register in advance before the schedule comes

Brian Earley (ED Colleges):

- Advocate for the development of college rugby; Olympic push, and continue to lobby for proper support from colleges (fields, medical care, etc.)
- Introduce Matt Carmody: Men's College- Lot of noncommittal

- teams; impacts all of college rugby
- Introduce Patty Williams: Women's College- lots of success; thank hosts and noting the strong performances by NERFU clubs

John McGeachy (ED 7's):

- Update on ODA and NERFU Championship Series
- NERFU Championship Series: Winner was Middlesex, South Shore runner-up; will do the same this season
- NRU (Empire and NERFU) Boston and NE Prime represented (neither made it to Nationals)
- Upcoming: Tournament Application- due by March 1 for summer; try to keep dates the same for returning host applications
- Need for more women's teams
- Northeast Academy; formally known as ODA; only Union-funded academy

Lori Staples:

- Work for the Union to promote the clubs, events, etc.
- Contacts: please updates contacts right through the site, and Lori will make sure it happens
- Website and Facebook page are best way to keep up with happenings; help Lori get it done
- If there are issues with text score reporting, touch base with Lori directly
- Neil stressed the importance of knowing who is involved with each club; make sure it's accurate
- Website- working on refining the site, and challenges with 3rd party vendor

Mark Colebrook: (NERRS)

- Clubs played without a ref; very few
- Certified referees needed; not enough, and those that are are not actively refereeing
- Reading the Handbook statement re: 2 active refs per club, and 8 games total (spring and fall); should have 66 total refs just from this requirements
- Covering up to 50 games each Saturday during the season; need more recruitment of new refs

Awards

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Motion to close: Boston RFC, 2nd Worcester; all in favor- all

Divisional Meetings