



New England Rugby Football Union 2016 Annual General Meeting 2/6/16 Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call

2. 2015 Minutes Approval- Springfield motions, Worcester 2nds, all in favor- all

3. President Welcome:

- Review of the season
- Thanked all members for attending

4. Treasurer's Address:

- NERFU dues lowered
- Budget available at each table, will be posted online in *Financial* section
- Help contribute to playoffs and tournaments
- Heading into a deficit due to the dues being lowered
- Budget year is 9/1- 8/31 to reflect the rugby 'year'

5. ED Clubs:

- Overview of roles
- NERFU Tournament- 5/14-5/15, Ft. Adams State Park- Newport RFC

6. ED Colleges:

- Overview of roles and Division Directors
- Review of season/outcomes
- Patty Williams- Women's College
- Matt Carmody- Men's College
 - Eastern Connecticut representing NERFU in NSCRO Championship
 - Salem State representing NERFU for NSCRO Challenge Cup

7. ED Sevens program has flourished under Director's leadership (Director of Northeast Academy)

- Review of year- Women's Championship Series
- Tournament application process and deadline
- Schedule will be issued in March
- Northeast Academy- working with National team coaches (now 7's and 15's); added a Women's program
- Partnered with American Rugby Training Center in AR
- Shannon clarifying where these items fall in the budget; line item for Men's and Women's will match
- Review of Academy success



- Encouraging clubs to develop a successful 7's program to further develop the Union's standing; clubs can reach out and get assistance from the Northeast Academy
 - Question: Will qualifiers be clearly noted this year? Yes
 - How do players get involved in the academy?
 - Reach out to John, coach recommendations, open try-outs, and NEA staff can recommend
8. Mark Colebrook- Referee
- NERRS oversees club, college, and high school- congratulations to MA for making HS rugby full varsity status
 - Importance of providing feedback on the NERRS report (inappropriate levels, unqualified, etc.)
9. Lori Staples:
- Update club contacts with new members, and check hyperlinks for email
 - Club admins are on the email list (Newsletters, etc.), and all others can get on it by signing up• Request for information to post/pump out (admin@nerfu.org)
 - Site seems to have Safari and iPad access
10. Bylaw Revisions: complete report posted on the [website](#) (Links and Documents, AGM Documents)
11. Awards:
- Men's D1 Champion: Mystic River
 - Men's D2: no awards, split season
 - Men's D3: no awards, split season
 - Men's D4 Champion: Monadnock
 - Women's D1: none, split season
 - Women's D2: Champion- Burlington, Runner up- Providence
 - Women's D3: Champion- Amoskeag, Runner up- Springfield
 - Women's College: Champion- University of New England, Runner up- Keene State
 - Men's College: Champion Cup-Eastern Connecticut, Challenge Cup- Salem State, Development- Framingham
 - Doc Laurence Award: Matt Carmody
 - Distinguished Service Award: Neil Foley
12. Elections:
- President- Lori Staples
 - Secretary- Jeff Sperling
 - Treasurer- Shannon (Wallace) Garrison
 - ED Clubs- Mike Martin
 - ED College- Jerm Madison
 - ED Sevens- John McGeachy
 - Men D1- Brendan Ridge
 - Men D2- Brad Dufresne



- Men D3- Jared Langely
 - Men D4- Josh Bull
 - Women D1- Marty Checci
 - Women D2/D3- Tara Roberts
 - Men's College Champions Cup- Matt Carmody
 - Men's College Challenge Cup- Stephen Earley
 - Men's College Developmental Cup- Tucker Garrity
 - Women's College - Marilyn Tagliavia
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- General session adjourned Division meetings commence