

NERFU Board Minutes July 16, 2014

Attendees: Neil Foley, Shannon Wallace, Mike Martin, Brian Earley, Mary Beth Bolduc, Bob Winchester, Tracy Watson, Brad Dufresne (minutes), Brett Willis, John (Ironsides)

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Discussion	Action Items
<p>1. President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Required to elect a Congress member, not appoint. Secretary Jeff Sperling has volunteered for interim. Motion to vote Jeff to interim Congressional rep. VOTE: Unanimous. Each of the conferences in New England is entitled to a member of Congress (College conferences have as much presence as NERFU- but still nobody has a vote). b. Committee appointments (competitions, dues, etc.). Committees report directly to USA Rugby. Currently, our representatives are no longer on the NERFU Board. c. No longer pursuing union-wide sponsorship. Bids will be for each event d. Handbook revision/updates and publication is needed asap 	
<p>2. Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2/7/15 NERFU AGM confirmed. b. Jeff is requesting Handbook Review Committee volunteers. Will discuss at next Board meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pass the date on to all clubs b. Amend point system to reflect USA Rugby changes
<p>3. Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request for NERFU treasury report to be published monthly- treasurer agreed. b. New England ODA: \$10k requested (Foley said that efforts had to be matched by focus on building a Women's Select Side). Actively pursuing sponsorship for New England Academy. Foley MOTION: game summary from ODA to release to NERFU. Passed: Unanimous. c. Mystic River interested in hosting a USA Rugby Coaching Course (Level 200). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Treasurer report to be published monthly going forward b. ODA/Select Side must focus efforts on developing the women's program. c. Shannon and Brett will

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<p>Questions about reimbursement/support from NERFU.</p>	<p>continue discussions</p>
<p>4. Exec. Director- Clubs</p> <p>a. Men’s Club “Restructuring”; Lost Boston and Wolfhounds to NCR2 Division 1. Leaves Mystic & White Plains. Hartford, Portland and Amoskeag promoted. New Haven declined citing player attrition. NERFU can apply for a waiver to have less than 12 games in D1.</p> <p>b. Mystic is requesting D2 side; Hounds/Boston- requesting D3 sides: Boston/Hounds affirm no possibility of National contention.</p> <p>c. D2 has 10 teams, set for 9 games, 2 playoffs, 1 Empire crossover</p> <p>d. Handbook consideration-Penalty put in place for teams not providing B side when requested.</p> <p>e. D3: Charles River, North Shore, New London, Maccabi, MIT, Sea Coast, Springfield, Boston 2nds, Hounds 2nds.</p> <p>f. D4: Rutland, Black River, Mad River, Bennington, Berkshire, Monadnock, Ironsides, Framingham, Cape Cod, Valkyries. MOTION: Valkyries in but may not play home matches at Moakley Park.</p> <p>g. Mary Beth Bolduc Agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requesting NERFU website training. - Middlesex Women dropped out; only 3 NERFU and 2 Empire teams. ACTION ITEM: investigate if lowering D3 Women’s and D4 Men’s dues - Divisions progressing to a National Championship: Albany/Saratoga-area playoff hosting; long term agreement for playoff hosting being discussed between NERFU/Empire. Plan to set up an agreement- then have a set of guidelines for hosting. Costs of hosting tournament would be split between both Unions. <p>h. Tracy Watson Agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empire and NERFU have resolved issues, and schedule will be released by the end of this week. 	<p>a. New Haven status will be monitored throughout the season</p> <p>b. No action</p> <p>c. No action</p> <p>d. To be discussed and voted at next board meeting</p> <p>e. No action</p> <p>f. Valkyries affirmed their home field status, and offered to play all away matches if necessary</p> <p>g. - Discussion surrounding dues reduction/waiver for D3 Women’s clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of schedule/number of matches for D3 Women - Still working on hosting location details with EU

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- 7 Game D1 schedule (top 2 advance to playoffs). Home/Away for D2 schedule (7 games); Likely top 4 will advance to playoffs.	
5. Exec. Director- 7's: No Agenda Items	
6. Exec. Director- Colleges No Agenda Items	

Meeting concluded (time not noted)