



2013 Annual General Meeting

Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2013

Markham Irish Rugby Club

Registration: 9:15

10 am Start

## 2013 Toronto Rugby AGM

### **Agenda:**

1. Call the meeting to order. Time:
2. Adopt the agenda.
3. Minute of Silence.
4. Review and acceptance of the minutes.
5. Business arising from the minutes.
6. Website/Social Media.
7. Standing agenda items:
  - A. Board Reports:
    - i. President.
    - ii. Treasurer.
    - iii. Secretary/Communications.
    - iv. Director of Game.
    - v. Technical Director.
    - vi. Discipline Director.
    - vii. Referee's Report
  - B. Adoption of the reports.
  - C. Election of Directors:
    - i. President (prepared to stand) Mark Pinguet.
    - ii. Treasurer (prepared to stand) Chris Rideout.
    - iii. Secretary (vacant).
    - iv. Director of Game (prepared to stand).
    - v. Technical (vacant).
    - vi. Discipline (prepared to stand).
    - vii. T&DRRS Liaison (appointed)

Close Elections.

New Business.

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2012 Minutes:

January 13, 2013

Meeting called – Time: 10:00am

ii. Adopt the agenda – accepted – motioned by Khalil Ajram Aurora Barbarians and seconded by Buccaneers Sean Webb

iii. Review and Acceptation of Minutes - Issues outstanding from the 2011 AGM – motioned by John Carr Lindsay seconded by Chris Rideout Toronto Saracens

Standing Agenda Items:

### **PRESIDENT – Mark Pinguet**

Reports – A

- Online registration coming in the next year or two.
- Payment from clubs to Rugby Canada/Ontario clubs.
- Pros and cons investigated by Mark
- 10 clubs tested. Concept was good – was especially taken by the younger online generation
- Dramatic improvement in cash flow
- Vendor did not have the software perfected, support was lacking – increased cost – overall a strong recommendation
- Virtually no a/r, savings for Rugby Ontario and Rugby Canada
- Reduction of costs by 2.5%

2012 highlights

- Summer games – over 200 athletics, support from volunteers
- Provincial championship for U17
- High performance program annual basis
- All branches in and committee support financially from Rugby Ontario, Toronto Rugby and players
- Fall 7's over 300 7's games – few pains but mostly positive

### **SENIOR MEN – Name unsure**

- Successful for senior men
- Clubs looking for some changes – survey sent out to clubs.
- Keep the structure the same – tweak to a premier division followed by league structure.
- Out of the surveyed clubs 9 chose option 1 – one non responsive balance chose option 2
- 6 teams club on club (premier), league underneath 4 and 4

TRU reps – clubs invited intermediate club declined

Questions:

-Mike Dwhyte: no accommodations for Etobicoke – will there be a C division – YES – structure will be created – Can a TRU C to move up (promotion) – will be brought to the directors attention

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Seconds – clubs want to stay together; not to split – 10 game schedule – fall tournament, no default if short on numbers in the fall (Rep from Brock)

-Two teams moving down – Dragons and Mississauga

-Men's club standings online to be fixed – IT sportsnet – Jose to investigate

### **SENIOR WOMEN – Amy Murray**

- o Oakville going up
- o Irish going down
- o Brampton declined moving up
- o Schedule to be created to accommodate the development of the clubs
- o Try to force the OWL to delete two full team rule – work together to create a more competitive league

Questions:

1. Meghan Hey - Timeline to league structure? Amy Murray's response: TBD once registrations come in – clubs to be given lots of notice and offline meeting called – Timeframe March 1,2013 numbers to be given, accommodate reading week

### **JUNIOR GIRLS – Name please**

- o Brampton great program
- o Premier and Champion division, structure to be determined by numbers
- o 6 clubs ran two sides
- o Issue is travel, field space and division outline; Toronto division and 1/2 Toronto 1/2 outside Toronto
- o Issue to address; high school rugby – recruit to be set
- o Blair MacFarlane Brampton – Junior Boys early tournament – Girls to be discussed
- o U16 girls league in talks – seconds sides had a lot of younger players, U18 stands
- o Structure to be played in Wednesday nights? Talk about Thursday or Sunday not concrete
- o U20: league has changed – play is great – lot of rep players
- o Problem – clubs and numbers – again travel is an issue
- o Clubs are expressing successes – again clubs to manage a TBD play schedule

### **JUNIOR BOYS – Mike Curran:**

- o Challenge with U16 league
- o 30 sides for U18 league
- o Issues with scores coming in – coaches responsibility
- o Second play night to be considered – not an even home vs away. Sundays be thrown around or Friday as Rugby Ontario occupies Sundays
- o Playoffs – tournament style – quicker and more effective use of time
- o Junior boys to start in the second week of April – field inquiries – league to start with a tournament style, women to follow suite
- o Community and fletchers; availabilities to resource and apply for permits
- o 15's in the spring would be preferred vs 7's
- o U15 to still be ago this season

Questions/Comments:

-Sites – City vs Fletchers

-Mark: more time to be created to accommodate the games – Sunday, Thursday

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### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Jose Duarte**

- Website knocked off – hacked and updating, rebuilding the site
- Teams move to a generic e-mail – contact from TRU to clubs will be facilitated

#### Questions:

-Anthony Perri Vaughan Yeomen - Mandate to upgrade: director and league conveners to keep current – calendar needs to be maintained – Solution - Dividing up the workload – ie; Permits with admin responsibilities

-Outsource is a financial burden  
Volunteers to help reduce the cost

-Stephen Metcalfe (Scottish) suggests from experience with his club– 2 ppl responsible for upkeep

### **REFEREES – Steve**

- Record number of appointments – school to a/r
- Provide adequate for divisions – John had 1400 appointment 97% covered
- Referee coordinator to be hired – monies going to be grouped in Ontario – they will work together collectively

#### Questions:

-List of clinics??? Deciding – End of January 2013

-Clubs to provide places and tournaments

### **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR – Linda Burkholder**

- Took over high performance May 2012
- Summer games was a success
- High performance to continue – recruit is key for U17

DISCIPLINE not in attendance report to arrive – Motioned by Jeff Mallett Ajax seconded by Khalil Ajram Toronto Barbarians

### **TREASURER – Chris Rideout**

- Larger margin of loss; attributed to fall rugby programs

Dave Lamden Brampton: U18 women 2012 proposed 3750 – why such a difference – anticipation in growth - \$2500 for men – just a mix up in numbers

#### Chris continues:

- Items to be reduced this year by treasurer – easier to read budget
- Continuing to hold the cost per players as in 2012 – Anthony Perri Yeomen – cost down 50% in 4 years
- Going over the budget – costs for juniors per team for 7's going up \$25 – \$125 to \$150

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Anthony Perri Yeomen – Marketing nothing happened; there is 7500 in reserve fund – will ask for inputs – follow up needed; promote rugby in general not club directed. Anthony makes the point that clubs were not aware of the marketing tools for 2012.

Answered: Broad based marketing– committee needed

Anthony has been encouraged that a need to share the plan and follow up helps promote answers

- 2012 marketing budget per club for 2012 no longer in place for 2013

Brian Sullivan North Halton: Marketing important for the possibility of lack of rugby in high school

- Marketing goal for last year was directed at senior development this year more youth driven development

Idea that was bounced around – open advertising/clinic for ALL levels??? - Plan needed

High performance: TBD – identification camps in the late winter early spring to make sure that the clubs communicate to the clubs – database JUNIOR DRIVEN – recruitment needs to attend the location to physically communicate

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Motioned by Anthony Yeomen seconded by Matt Adams Coborg

### **DISCIPLINE – John??**

- 27 red cards vs 23 2011
- 37 yellow cards
- Suggest regulations – club gets a red card – director needs to be contacted – please [discipline@torontorugby.ca](mailto:discipline@torontorugby.ca)

### **There was a heated discussion on the topic of discipline**

-Games: Juniors must have numbers – for accuracy purposes – written policy

-Steward Dobbs Ajax – trying to cut cost for jerseys' with numbers – policy is in place

-David Nelson Crusaders – we were not putting club names, privacy policy? – John answers that he hide a bunch of columns

Richard Pummell Bay Street – Could the policies be on the website? Moving forward there will be Anthony Perri Yeomen – per Davids point – Club not listed only players name. 2. Why isn't the refs obligation – if there is a red card you must contact the discipline director – how do we change? Write up a recommendation to Rugby Ontario

Amy: Are there different systems for different leagues? Players cards refs checking prior to a game start

Steve: ref did not provide a report, ref to get consequences– club provides the email to the discipline director

Jose: Clubs to track players after sending an e-mail to the discipline director

Motioned by Brian Sullivan North Halton seconded by Stephen Metcalfe Scottish passed in regards to discipline

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Khalil Ajram Barbarians - Clubs to contact the discipline director – how do you verify? Sanction is 8 days – referee is the judge

Elections:

President: Standing

Treasurer: Standing:

Communications Secretary: Standing

Director of Game: Greg Haley Motioned by Chris McKee Oshawa seconded by Mike Curran

Discipline director: Standing

Technical director: Amy Murray stand – Anthony Perri Yeomen

Referees Liaison: TBD

ACTIONS: TO VERIFY THE PROCESS OF MOTION AND SECONDED – ASAP DUE DATE

All positions standing: Motioned and seconded by all in attendance

NEW BUSINESS:

The board has eliminated four positions. Changed to director of game (Greg Haley). Conveners for Junior Boys/Girls, Senior Men/Women

Applications closed: Application for Senior Men Khalil Ajram; Senior Women Amy Murray; Junior Men Mike Curran; and Junior Women Chris McKee

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Coaching clinic – Rugby Canada Coborg Feb 16/17 Coaching Introduction – e-mail to be sent
2. Nomads down Toronto in April

Steve: Referees looking for clubs to run early season games with tournaments

Oshawa Viking: Senior men April 27, senior women May 4

8 teams A division 4 B division – Chris McKee

Tournament U12 - maybe

Motion to close the meeting Jeff Mallett Ajax seconded by Khalil Ajram Barbarians

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### **President's Report:**

Toronto Rugby continues to grow in certain areas, however we are facing some challenges which include decreasing numbers in certain age groups, increasing critical mass locally so we can reduce the travel (one of the components of player attrition) and keeping cost down while trying to improve communications and services. Toronto Rugby is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest union in the country (including provincial unions) with over 5,000 members.

The success of the fall 7's competition continues to grow (492 games this fall) and we want to increase the participation of girl's teams in this league.

In 2013, the first Provincial championship for age grade sevens occurred in London with 3 of the 4 branches participating. This was the first time in many years that the branches have had an interbranch competition. While there were challenges in getting this program off the ground, we are committed to continue this program (2014 will be a summer games year) and expand this into a 15 a side competition for junior players.

#### Goals for 2014:

- Increasing the number of girl's teams in the fall 7's series.
- Increase and develop the women's game in general by adjusting leagues to reduce challenges, encouraging and working with clubs to start women's teams etc.
- Working with the branch committee to insure the provincial championship competition continues to grow and expand.
- Updating the website, creating a comprehensive database and communication policy.
- Expand and improve the branch representative 7's program for both genders.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who work with TR including the board of directors, conveners, and permit officers etc. who make this union a huge success. We could not get the job done without the dedication and hard work of this group of individuals.



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### **Game Director's Report**

#### **Summary**

The Game Director was a new role for the Toronto Rugby Board. The main role of the Game Director is to represent the League Conveners at board meetings and to work with the membership to better the game of rugby in the region. Toronto Rugby had 3 returning conveners and 1 new convener for the start of the 2013.

At the beginning of the men's and women's seasons, the largest concern from our membership was field availability due to poor field conditions. Clubs adapted well by working with each other to solve these issues with alternate sites and changing their home and away matches.

The Game Regulations were reviewed throughout the season. A few key sections were updated, including score reporting fines, field enclosures (ropes) and numbers on jerseys. These updates were made due to club communication with league Conveners and the Toronto Rugby Executive.

In 2013, Toronto Rugby received many complaints and concerns with regards to the standard of refereeing. Many of these issues were due to the overall lack of numbers in the Toronto & District Rugby Referee Society. Most of our membership dealt with these issues by notifying the league of their concerns and using the proper channels for feedback.

The Senior Men's convener conducted a survey with our membership to provide feedback on the league and referee concerns.

#### **Suggestions for 2014**

- Start-of-the-Year Comments and Concerns – conducted well in advance of the Fixtures Meeting
- End-of-the-Year survey for all 4 leagues
- Regional Divisions to decrease travel for Clubs
- Increase referee numbers and Club referee numbers
- Post-game feedback on referee performance

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### Senior Men's Convener Report

Lindsay RFC has won promotion into Rugby Ontario Marshall Provincial. If accepted the leagues will be as followed, Toronto Rugby B and C division are based off surveys sent in October.

Toronto Rugby A- Bay Street, T. Saracens, T. Nomads, Belleville Bulldogs, T. Dragons and Brock\* (depending ability to field two sides in 2014) if not Mississauga Blues.

Three options for Toronto Rugby B in 2014.

- 1) Same as 2013- Home and Away in division and 2 Home and 2 away games vs non-division = 10 games
  - a. Toronto Rugby B West- Vaughan Yeomen, North Simcoe Dingos, GB Titans, North Halton Highlanders
  - b. Toronto Rugby B East- Cobourg Saxons, Toronto Scottish III, Beach III, Mississauga Blues or Brock

If league structure is the same as 2013 the league:

- c. Toronto Rugby C- Bucs, Ajax III, Markham III, Barbs III, CRU III, Nomads III, Barrie III
- 2) Merge Toronto Rugby B and C division into three division and have games based on geography. \*sample divisions- clubs with 2 teams would be pair in the same division.
  - a. North- GB Titans, Dingos, Vaughan, Barrie III, Brock or North Halton
  - b. West- North Halton, Mississauga Blues, CRU III, Etobicoke, Nomads III,
  - c. East- Cobourg, Vikings III, Bucs, Ajax III, Beach III, Beach IV, Muddy York
  - d. Fletchers- A. Barbs, T. Saracens, Markham Irish, Scottish III, Nomads III

<b>Saracens</b>	10	6	4	0	0	187	230	-43	24	3	1	28
<b>Nomads</b>	10	4	5	1	0	232	231	1	18	4	2	24
<b>Belleville</b>	10	3	7	0	0	250	270	-20	12	6	2	20
<b>Mississauga Blues</b>	10	1	9	0	0	142	412	-270	4	1	1	6
<b>Bay Street Pigs</b>	10	6	4	0	0	263	194	69	24	7	2	33

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- 3) Geographical Based- Home and Away in division and 4 matches vs Toronto Rugby C teams based on geography. 6 games vs Division opponents listed in 1) and 4 additional games from nearby clubs.

<b>Rugby Standings 2. Senior Mens Premier A 2nd Division - 2013</b>													
<u>Team</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PF-PA</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>7B</u>	<u>DP</u>	<u>TP</u>
<b>Toronto Nomads 2</b>	10	8	2	0	0	338	127	211	32	8	1		41
<b>Bay Street Pigs 2</b>	10	6	3	1	0	277	257	20	26	7	1		34
<b>Belleville Bulldogs 2</b>	10	6	3	1	0	265	260	5	26	6			32
<b>Lindsay Gryphons 2</b>	10	5	5	0	0	262	220	42	20	6			26
<b>Toronto Saracens 2</b>	10	2	7	1	0	161	246	-85	10	4	1		15
<b>Mississauga Blues 2</b>	10	1	8	1	0	166	359	-193	6	4			10

<b>Rugby Standings 3. Senior Mens Regional B - 2013</b>													
<u>Team</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PF-PA</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>7B</u>	<u>DP</u>	<u>TP</u>
<b>North <a href="#">[schedule]</a></b>													
<b>Brock</b>	10	10	0	0	0	392	68	324	40	8			48
<b>Vaughan Yeomen</b>	10	7	3	0	0	261	154	107	28	5	1		34
<b>Dingos</b>	10	3	7	0	0	160	268	-108	12	2	1		15
<b>GB Titans</b>	10	3	7	0	0	166	289	-123	12	5	1		18
<b>South <a href="#">[schedule]</a></b>													
<b>Dragons</b>	10	7	2	1	0	348	162	186	30	8	1		39

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<b>North Halton</b>	10	5	5	0	0	191	296	-105	20	3			23
<b>Saxons</b>	10	4	5	1	0	239	262	-23	18	5	3		26
<b>Buccaneers</b>	10	0	10	0	0	132	390	-258	0	2	2		4

<b>Rugby Standings 4. Senior Mens Central - 2013</b>													
<b>Team</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>PF-PA</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>TB</b>	<b>7B</b>	<b>DP</b>	<b>TP</b>
<b>Competitive [schedule]</b>													
<b>Cru 3</b>	10	8	2	0	0	411	164	247	32	8	1		41
<b>Beach 3</b>	8	8	0	0	0	322	91	231	32	8			40
<b>Scottish 3</b>	8	7	1	0	0	218	63	155	28	5			33
<b>Ajax Wanderers 3</b>	9	4	4	1	0	232	218	14	18	5			23
<b>Barbs 3</b>	9	3	5	1	0	128	277	-149	14	3			17
<b>Markham Irish 3</b>	8	1	6	1	0	111	239	-128	6	2	1		9
<b>Balmy Beach 4</b>	8	0	7	1	0	106	293	-187	2	3	1		6
<b>Development [schedule]</b>													
<b>Yeomen 2</b>	7	6	1	0	0	253	73	180	24	4			28
<b>Nomads 3</b>	6	5	1	0	0	246	90	156	20	4	1		25
<b>Barrie 3</b>	4	4	0	0	0	91	39	52	16	2			18
<b>Saxons 2</b>	6	4	2	0	0	128	100	28	16	4			20
<b>Vikings 3</b>	5	3	2	0	0	179	68	111	12	2			14
<b>Dragons 2</b>	8	3	5	0	0	171	200	-29	12	2	2		16
<b>North Halton 2</b>	8	3	5	0	0	136	174	-38	12	2			14
<b>Ajax 4</b>	3	1	0	2	0	74	69	5	8	2			10
<b>Brampton 3</b>	2	1	1	0	0	69	41	28	4	1			5
<b>Dingos 2</b>	4	1	3	0	0	47	55	-8	4	2			6
<b>Bay St 3</b>	4	1	3	0	0	46	114	-68	4				4
<b>Etobicoke</b>	9	1	8	0	0	126	271	-145	4	1	1		6

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<b>Pagans 3</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	20	-20	0				0
<b>Blues 3</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	32	-32	0				0
<b>Muddy York</b>	6	0	6	0	1	12	415	-403	0				0

<b>Rugby Standings 7. Summer Men's Summer Playoffs - 2013</b>													
<u>Team</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PF-</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>DP</u>	<u>T</u>
								<u>PA</u>			<u>B</u>		<u>P</u>
<b>Toronto Rugby A Division Inter [schedule]</b>													
<b>Brock</b>	3	2	1	0	0	85	38	47	8	2	1		11
<b>Belleville Bulldogs</b>	2	2	0	0	0	43	37	6	8	1			9
<b>Toronto Dragons</b>	3	1	2	0	0	73	65	8	4	1	1		6
<b>Mississauga Blues</b>	2	0	2	0	0	26	87	-61	0				0
<b>Toronto Rugby A Division Summe [schedule]</b>													
<b>Lindsay RFC</b>	2	2	0	0	0	72	38	34	8	2			10
<b>Bay St Pigs</b>	2	1	1	0	0	80	47	33	4	1			5
<b>Toronto Nomads</b>	2	1	1	0	0	82	58	24	4	1			5
<b>Toronto Saracens</b>	2	0	2	0	0	33	124	-91	0				0
<b>Toronto Rugby A2 Division Inte [schedule]</b>													
<b>Toronto Dragons 2</b>	2	2	0	0	0	93	34	59	8	1			9
<b>Belleville Bulldogs 2</b>	1	0	1	0	0	34	45	-11	0	1			1
<b>Mississauga Blues 2</b>	1	0	1	0	0	48	-48		0				0

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**Toronto Rugby A2 Division Summ [schedule]**

<b>Lindsay 2</b>	2	2	0	0	0	39	25	14	8	1			9
<b>Toronto Nomads 2</b>	2	1	1	0	0	56	25	31	4	1			5
<b>Bay St Pigs 2</b>	2	1	1	0	0	47	29	18	4	1	1		6
<b>Toronto Saracens 2</b>	2	0	2	0	0	15	78	-63	0				0

**Toronto Rugby B Division Inter [schedule]**

<b>North Simcoe Dingos</b>	2	2	0	0	0	78	17	61	8	1			9
<b>Balmy Beach 3</b>	3	2	1	0	0	60	80	-20	8	1			9
<b>Toronto Scottish 3</b>	3	1	2	0	0	77	51	26	4	1	2		7
<b>Toronto Buccaneers</b>	2	0	2	0	0	31	98	-67	0				0

**Toronto Rugby B Division Summe [schedule]**

<b>Vaughan Yeomen</b>	2	2	0	0	0	68	20	48	8	1			9
<b>Cobourg Saxons</b>	2	1	1	0	0	62	72	-10	4	1			5
<b>GB Titans</b>	2	1	1	0	0	44	71	-27	4	1			5
<b>North Highlanders</b>	2	0	2	0	0	29	40	-11	0				0
<b>Halton</b>													

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### Senior Women's Report:

#### 1. 2013 League Final Standings:

- a. Premier Division
  - i. Brampton Beavers 1
  - ii. Oshawa Vikings
  - iii. Peterborough Pagans
  - iv. Markham-Irish RFC
  - v. Balmy Beach
  - vi. Toronto Nomads
- b. Women's B Division
  - i. Barrie RFC
  - ii. Lindsay Gryphons
  - iii. Mississauga Blues
  - iv. Brampton Beavers 2
  - v. Cobourg Saxons
  - vi. Belleville Bulldogs

2. Brampton Beavers decided to play for promotion to the OWL, but were unsuccessful. They will stay in the TRU. The Premier Championship winner was Markham-Irish and the B Championship winner was Barrie.
3. Concerns for next season include league structure:
  - a. If the league stays with Premier and B divisions, Barrie will be promoted and the Toronto Nomads will be relegated.
  - b. If the OWL goes to only a first team league structure, there may be reason to divide the TRU Women's division into East/West.
    - i. Possible rationale for East/West divisions:
      1. Focus needs to be on developing women's rugby as a whole (current model doesn't allow for this)
      2. Travel is an issue for all players – how many players are teams NOT recruiting due to travel issues?
      3. Teams would cross-over for playoffs, with top teams in each division having to play for entrance to the Intermediate Cup – makes for more competition
4. There were issues regarding score reporting and the penalty for not reporting scores on time. We need to be consistent across the TRU so that all teams are aware of the penalty for not reporting scores and that the scores are reported consistently.

Great season overall☺

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### **Junior Boy's Convener Report:**

Thanks-you to all the coaches and athletes on very successful Toronto Rugby season in both 15-aside and 7-aside. In total we had 58 sides competing in 15-aside leagues and 36 sides in the 7-aside series.

Congratulations to all the league champions from 2013 and to the Aurora Barbarians on capturing the Rugby Ontario Championship in the boys U-18 division.

Below is a summary and suggested discussion points going forward to the 2014 season.

### **15-aside highlights:**

- Creation of an "Inner-City" division to ease travel issues for Toronto based teams.
- Creation of a U15 division to provide appropriate competition for athletes.
- Maintained a 2-tier competition at U16 and U18.
- Expanded playoffs to include more teams.

### **15-aside areas for discussion:**

- Requirement of minimum registered players to compete in multiple divisions within the same insurance category.
- Elimination of tiering in the U16 league to ease travel requirements.
- Review shutdown of leagues for National Championships.

### **7-aside highlights:**

- Significant growth in all divisions from 2012.
- Fewer withdrawals by teams in 2013 than in 2012.

### **7-aside areas for discussion:**

- Move to independent tournaments with points accumulated based on results and participation. Final tournament would award entry to top 8 teams in each age group.
- Encourage regional competitions to ease travel.
- Greater penalty for forfeits.

Thanks again for all the support given to junior rugby in the TRU. Each year we are faced with new challenges created by growth and demand for the game. I look forward to discussing these items with everyone at the 2014 pre-season meeting.



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### **Junior Girl's Conveners Report:**

#### **GIRLS U18 15's:**

This summer we had 18 U18 girls teams. We broke them into the following geographic divisions.

<b>EAST</b>	<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>TORONTO</b>
Lindsay	Markham	Barrie	Beach
Peterborough	Barbs	Vaughan	Saracens
Cobourg	Brampton 1	Brampton 2	Scottish
Belleville	Mississauga	Oakville	Yeo-Lions
Oshawa			
Ajax			

The match ups were pretty good for travel and most teams were very competitive. We had a few issues with low numbers and a few defaults. With the inclusion of the U16 league we were able to have the 8 U16 teams do double headers with their U18 teams in the Central and East divisions.

Although most of the teams were quite competitive, both Brampton and Peterborough were able to dominate and separate them selves from the other teams. After our semi finals (top team in each pool) the Pagans and Beavers faced each other in a very good final in which Peterborough were victorious as Toronto Rugby Champs.

All other teams that were still able to field a team at the end of August were invited to take part in Plate, Shield and Bowl finals. Most finals were held at Fletchers Fields on our Junior Cup Day.

Peterborough went on to represent Toronto at the Ontario Championships and came out victorious.

#### **GIRLS U16 15's:**

This was the first year of our U16 league and by all accounts it went well. We had 8 teams in the following divisions.

<b>EAST</b>	<b>CENTRAL</b>
Belleville	Markham
Peterborough	Barbs
Cobourg	Mississauga
Oshawa	Brampton

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We were able to run double headers which worked well for coaches and players. Both divisions were very competitive with final playoff positions being decided on the last day of league games. We had the top two teams in each pool do a Cup semi final with the bottom two in each play a Plate semi-final.

All games were well contested with Brampton moving onto the Cup Final vs Oshawa with Barbs facing Peterborough in the Plate Final.

Oshawa defeated Brampton for the Toronto Rugby U16 Championship with Peterborough taking the Plate Championship.

### **THOUGHTS: (U18 and U16)**

I felt that the leagues ran fairly smoothly. Geographic divisions definitely help. However, Barrie for the second year in a row ran a strong team in a division where defaults were prevalent among some of the other clubs. This is unfair to their program. We need clubs to put more effort into registering players earlier in the spring and guaranteeing numbers for our leagues. We can look at earlier confirmation dates, but I realize as a coach how hard it is to get those kids out and registered. We definitely need some solutions.

Overall though, there was some very good rugby being played in our leagues.

### **GIRLS FALL 7's SERIES:**

This year we improved our numbers from 4 U18 teams last year to 3 U16 and 7 U18 teams.

#### **U16**

Oshawa  
Belleville  
Barbs

#### **U18**

Oshawa  
Belleville  
Barbs  
Brampton  
Ajax  
Mississauga

We ran 4 weeks of round robin tournaments at Fletchers Fields on Sundays. The 5<sup>th</sup> week served as the Finals Day. Belleville U18 had to pull out a few weeks in due to travel and School league commitments. From week to week we did some creative scheduling with a few of the U18 teams putting out 7 U16's vs the U16 teams to make up games. There was some very good 7's rugby being played.

The Oshawa Vikings came out on top winning both the U16 and U18 Championships.

### **THOUGHTS:**

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This Fall Series is a great thing. The girls love it and the rugby is great fun. The days can be a bit long but they really enjoy getting to watch the boys teams from their clubs play also. I think we will increase in numbers every year. Fletchers Fields is the ideal venue to host these events.

All in all (a few default and numbers problems) I think that junior girls rugby is going very strong with many clubs doing great work to build the game in Toronto Rugby.

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### **Technical Director's Report**

#### **Interbranch 7's, August 2013**

We had 4 teams (2 male and 2 female) travel to London. There were 48 athletes in total, with 2 managers and 4 coaches. We had gold and bronze finishes for all teams.

#### **New York 7's, 2013**

12 athletes, one manager and one coach travelled to New York 7's at the end of November. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams.

#### **TRU 7's, Fall 2013**

The 7's coaches and managers used these games to identify athletes for the 2014 season. They also held open tryouts for all players. This certainly cut down on the cost of dome rentals by identifying athletes in the fall.

#### **2014 Season**

Sandy Townsend (coach), Bryan Armstrong (coach) and Khalil Ajram (manager) will be staying on for the 2014 season. Bryan and Khalil will be taking a team to the Las Vegas 7's at the end of January.

Brittany Douglas (coach) and Bethany Chekay (manager) will be looking after the girls program.

There are discussions surrounding running an interbranch program every year, including non-summer games years. Competitions may also be arranged with Ottawa, Quebec and maybe even BC.

Overall, the program has been a success. We believe identifying athletes in the fall during the TRU 7's is key. This allows for indoor training in the winter, with competitions throughout the summer. We need to continue developing 7's as move towards towards the Olympics.



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***7's ID Camp Attendance 2013***

<b>Location</b>	<b>New Boys</b>	<b>Return Boys</b>	<b>New Girls</b>	<b>Return Girls</b>	<b>Total Boys</b>	<b>Total Girls</b>	<b>Total Players</b>	<b>Camp Revenue</b>
<b>Etobicoke</b> (Sun. Mar. 24)	20	20	8	8	20	8	28	\$560.00
<b>Peterborough</b> (Sun. Apr. 7)	10	5	18	1	15	19	34	\$560.00
<b>Whitby</b> (Sat. Apr. 20)	10	6	16	9	16	25	41	\$520.00
<b>Aurora</b> (Sun. Apr. 21)	8	10	4	6	18	10	28	\$240.00
<b>Toronto</b> (Sun. Apr. 28)	12	7	6	10	19	16	35	\$360.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a		

***112 players in total = \$2240***

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### **Discipline Director's Report:**

#### **Summary:**

Overall, the 'processes' associated with being the TRU's Director of Discipline for this past year (2013 season: re: Red Card Reports/Disciplinary Actions/Appeals/etc.) went far smoother for me this past season than the previous season; this being my second season in the role, and & another season for the refs who mostly appear to be more familiar with utilizing the whostheref system/process in reporting incidents. Although there was more volume overall this season, the process had fewer noted instances of issues (Red Card Reports not being reported/received, misdirected, late, etc).

#### **The summary of the reports is as follows:**

Red Cards - 35 Total (*\*Of these 24 were reported and received to me properly via whostheref*)

Yellow Cards - 86 Total

Total incidents reported - 120 (*109 via whostheref*)

#### **Issues:**

\*Of the 11 noted above; 3 were received by me via email, but had not been properly/ or were unable to be saved/submitted on the system, & 4 were properly saved/submitted on the system by the ref, but we're not properly routed to me. The remainder were sorted out via hunting down the report. In these cases, the process of having a team member also contacting me, as per the proper process in the regulations, alerted me to the missing reports which were hence located, and investigated.

The above issue noted with the routing error occurred in late July/August, and was corrected. The issue involved an access issue/notification rule set on the system related to the team division.

#### **Appeals, Hearings, etc.:**

I had several teams that had requested information regarding the process to appeal/request for clarification regarding the noted infraction and subsequent imposed sanction for Disciplinary Actions imposed by me (TRU jurisdiction), but only 1 that was formally requested/ followed through with the appeal process. That request was lead by Jose.

However, I did proceed with 4 Discipline by Hearing processes relating to actions for my consideration.

Lastly, I was a part of 3 Appeal Hearings involving other regions, not including others I was a panel member for regarding incidents of referee abuse.

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### **T&DRRS Liaison's Report:**

This past year has been a long transition for refereeing in Ontario. We still have many things to do, but we have put together some structure moving from the TDRRS to Rugby Ontario (Specifically the RORC--- Rugby Ontario Referee Committee). The biggest change was moving a lot of the administration to Rugby Ontario.

The RORC was created at the end of 2012 to lead refereeing in Ontario in many aspects of development, appointments and policy while creating a position in Rugby Ontario to handle the administrative part of Refereeing. The ORRS is not gone, but worked alongside the RORC with essentially the same members. The RORC consists of the 3 Branch presidents plus 2 members of Rugby Ontario (One ORU board member and RO Executive Director). The RORC meets to choose an outside Chairman to run this committee and sit on the ORU Board, the RORC then gets together to find people to be in charge of an appointments and development sub---committee. The TDRRS works within these committees. Over the past year the framework of these positions and structure were put in place. As the next year progresses the RORC will develop more policies to outline refereeing in Ontario.

The TDRRS is the largest area for refereeing in Ontario. We still have a lot of responsibility in helping to develop referees in Ontario. Over the past year development and appointments dominated our time. We have over 100 members from the TDRRS area including graded referees, directors, club referees, and coaches. WTR is still the main avenue for appointments, registration, coaching reports and general communication. The TDRRS Appointments Officer had well over 1000 appointments to do last year. The RORC Appointments committee will better coordinate games across this province to help alleviate some of the headaches by implementing best referee for best game.

From a development perspective the TDRRS had 7 clinics, over eight workshops/fitness sessions to run. Some of the workshops were TDRRS specific, however a few were coordinated with the RORC and included members of the NRRS. As well, our referee coaches produced 37 coaching reports for our members this year. With a referee coach clinic on the books for this spring, we are hoping to get that number up for next year, however we anticipate difficulty in filling the large shoes left by our late friend and mentor, Brian Chaitland. Some of the Admin work was handled by RO to help alleviate the workload. As time goes on, most of the Admin work will be done by RO.

Financially, most of the money is now being handled by RO, however the money currently in the TDRRS accounts remains as a „Legacy Fund„ for our internal use (kit subsidies, social events, etc).