

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 Dwhytie: 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

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

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

JUNIOR BOYS – Mike Curran:

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

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

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

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

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