



NERFU Annual General Meeting (AGM) March 24th, 2013

Attendees: See attached document for attendees list

Discussion
<p>1. Welcome Address and Treasurer Report by Neil Foley, NERFU President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil acted as the temporary treasurer since Ed Dunn could no longer hold this position due to work relocation. • Introduced Shannon Wallace as the new Treasurer. • Due to the GU Dues restructure via the USA Rugby CIPP membership and less expenses incurred by the NERFU Board, the current amount in the bank account is \$102,000. Our players due were less compared to other GUs. Dues will be decreased, new amount is TBD. The NERFU Board will be supporting coaching clinics, teams that host the playoffs or championships and players that get selected to select side teams. • Introduced Lori Staples as the new GU Marketing Specialist. She will be in charge of launching the new website and marketing NERFU. •
<p>2. Executive Directors Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Colleges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The switch to Conferences reduced the numbers of Women's Colleges. Encourage teams to join NERFU • Rugby 365 website will provide additional information about Rugby in the Olympics and fitness guidelines • Men's Colleges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending New England Rugby College to the Small College Tournament in Colorado • Worked with Steve Cohen to obtain a second spot to NERFU to the Small College Tournament • No need to be part of a Conference in order to participate in Nationals. Encourage teams to stay or join NERFU. • Notify us if teams are struggling to add a 7s programs to their existing 15s program. • Clubs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to the teams that will be attending the teams representing NERFU in National Championships. • Shinnon Fahkri has been appointed as the new Women's DI Director • Kira Watkins has been appointed as the new Women's DIII/DIV Director • NERFU Tournament information will be posted in the site shortly. Reminder about booking the hotels, ten of them will be providing a discount. Schedule will be shared during the captain's meeting on Friday at 7pm.
<p>3. Executive Director of Referees by Mark Colebrook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NERSS will work on providing additional referee courses. • Encourage teams to provide feedback on the referees after the games via the NERSS website, from fitness to anything that you may see.
<p>4. 2012 Awards:</p>



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Senior Clubs:

- **Men's DI**
 - **Championship** Boston Men's
 - **Runner Up** Middlesex
- **Men's DII**
 - **Championship** Worcester
 - **Runner Up** Burlington
- **Men's DIII**
 - **Championship** Saratoga
 - **Runner Up** MIT
- **Men's DIV**
 - **Championship** Maccabies
 - **Runner Up** Berkshires
- **Women's DI**
 - **Championship** Boston Women's RFC
 - **Runner Up** Providence Women's
- **Women's DII**



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- **Championship** Beantown
- **Runner Up** Burlington

- **Women's DIII**

- **Championship** Worcester Shamrock
- **Runner Up** North Shore Women

Colleges

- **Men's DIII**

- **Championship** New England College
- **Runner Up** Colby College

- **Women's DII**

- **Championship** AIC
- **Runner Up** University of New Hampshire

- **Women's DIII**

- **Championship** Castleton State
- **Runner Up** Westfield

5. Dr. Robert L. Laurence Award

We did not receive any nominations for this year. The Board made a decision to open the recipient's qualifications to Senior Clubs as well.



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6. Old Business:

- Thanked everyone that travel to our meeting.
- Empire became its own GU. Empire tried to move Saratoga and Albany to their Union but we were able to keep the teams in our Union
- Dues: We understand that the switched to the dues via the USA Rugby CIPP Registration was not easy. The dues amount will be revised by the Board for the upcoming CIPP Registration in the fall.
- USA Rugby will be charging the Tournament Sanction regulations. If you would like to have insurance through USA Rugby, you must provide team roster four weeks prior to the tournament. NERFU in the process of finding an insurance policy via the Union. Tournament applications will require to have insurance whether via USA Rugby or on its own.
- USA Rugby will be launching in the fall the roster requirements prior to every game. It will be required for all Senior Clubs.
- The Board had a few turnovers. Encourage people to volunteer with the Board.
- The NERFU Tournament will be on Mother's Day due to the Championships being hosted the following weekend. The Board is trying to make it family oriented.
- Q&A
 - Who is in charge of checking the roster? The referee society or NERFU does not have the capability to check the roster. It will be audited by USA Rugby.
 - Did not receive the insurance email from Neil. Secretary will research this topic.
 - Request to receive the NERFU Tournament earlier than Friday night. Request was denied due to complaints received in previous years with multiple requests to change the schedule prior to the start of the tournament.
 - The insurance policy is a great idea not only for facility liability but also for medical.
 - USA Rugby Sanction Tournament Rules: Clarified that the tournament host will be the one required to submit the roster to USA Rugby only if they want to be insured through them. If the tournament host obtains insurance on their own, then they will not be required to submit the roster.

7. New Business:

- Board reviewed the By-Laws and submitted a few changes:
 - Removing the Executive Director of Referees listed as a Union Officer.
 - Suggested to combine the Executive Director of Men's Colleges and Executive Director of Women's Colleges into one position. Topic of discussion for the Colleges Divisional Meeting.
 - Updates to the Dues section due to the Union's dues restructure via the USA Rugby CIPP membership
 - Clarified that implications of not being in good standing are not being able to vote or participate in the NERFU Tournament



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- a. Clean up the dues section 8.06: Dues shall be comprised as two parts
 - i. Part A –USA Rugby Team registration fees are paid
 - ii. Part B: The requisite of number of players meet the requirements stated in the NERFU Handbook prior to the AGM
 - Motion to approve the ByLaws: second by Fred Roedel. All in favor. Motion Approved.
- Provided a high level overview of the Senior Clubs restructure. We are not paying any fees to the Competitive Regions. Topic of discussion for the Divisional meeting.
- 8.** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob Winchester. Second by Boston Maccabies. All in favor.
- 9.** Start of Divisional meeting.