



**2018 Annual General Meeting
February 3, 2018
DCU Center, Worcester**

- **10:00 Roll Call**
 - 57/81, Quorum
- **10:15 Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes**
 - Motion- North Shore, 2nd Newport
 - Approved
- **10:25 Welcome Address** **Lori Staples**
 - Overview of NERFU scope and affiliates
 - USA Rugby, NSCRO, NERRS
 - National Competitions Committee- governs competition and structure
 - Review membership #'s
 - USA Rugby Congress report
- **10:35 Treasurer's Report** **Matt Mills**
 - Overview of financials
 - Dues structure (NERFU, USA Rugby, and NSCRO)
 - Dues increase this year (\$5/pp)
 - New initiatives- college selects, womens 7s, host assistance, travel stipends
 - Copies on each table, more available

- **10:45 Executive Director of Clubs** **Mike Martin**
 - Overview of role
 - NERFU Cup- May 5th/6th (earlier due to field conflict)
 - Lori Staples, President- review of DC process
- **10:55 Executive Director of Colleges** **Jeremiah Madison**
 - Review of year and new initiatives-
 - Select sides (men and women), affiliation with GoPlay, open try-out for the Northeast Select Side (Texas tournament)
 - College 7s series; NCSRO qualifier within Union (Babson, 4/21-22)
- **11:05 Executive Director of Sevens** **John McGeachy**
 - Review of division winners and regional standing
 - Plan for moving forward: aim to build competition
 - Tournament application process- due by the end of Feb
 - College 7s series- opportunity for clubs to recruit
 - Northeast Academy report; split funding between NERFU and EU
 - National Development Academy (no longer 'Olympic'); provide path to National exposure (10 represented US; 7's and 15's- 1 coach selected to be Men's College AA coach)
 - Goal to branch out beyond elite/high performance programming
 - Youth camps with coach and ref partnerships/trainings (3 training locations- Buffalo, Boston and NY/NJ)
- **Lori Staples, President- Review of CIPP process and importance of compliance:**
 - review requirements; L200 coach, all members compliant,
 - all or nothing- if a single non-CIPP player participates, negates coverage for the entire team; CIPP covers all sanctioned events (practices, B-side, etc)
 - Senior clubs must use CMS for verification

- **11:15 NERFU Marketing/Media Specialist** **Jeremy Hammond**
 - Website, social media; follow our outlets
 - Alert to make sure events are plugged/promoted
 - Updated brand and logo

- **11:25 NERRS Address** **NERRS Officer**
 - 137 registered- not that many active (~70)
 - 'Coaching Match Officials' course along with NERFU Cup
 - Mentorship program to prepare L1's for match work
 - Actively recruit officials from within your club
 - 'Advantage' for video analysis (share video with match officials)
 - Exploring how to best pay referees; survey to clubs (clubs pay directly, or continue through NERRS)
 - L1 courses in the area later this month (L200 Coaching as well)
 - Lori- Clubs are required to have B-side refs

- **11:40 Awards (Courtesy of Ruggers, Inc.)** **Division Directors**
- **12:00 Election of New Board Members**
- **12:30 Old Business**
 - None
- **12:45 New Business**
 - MIAA update (MA varsity high school competition)
 - Question: any potential major sponsors for entire Union
- **1:00 Adjournment of General Meeting, Start of Divisional Meetings**
 - **Motion- Charles River Men, Second- Bennington**
 - ❖ **Senior Clubs; main meeting room**
 - ❖ **College Clubs; Conference Rooms A (Women) and B (Men)**
 - **GoPlay Tours presentations**