

NERFU AGM 2021

Date: Sunday March 21, 2021

Location: Virtually hosted by Hopin due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Minutes recorded by: Chip Auscavitch, Secretary

Management Committee attendees include: Brad Dufresne (President), Chip Auscavitch (Secretary), Chelsea Belmonte (Treasurer), Kelsey Maguire (ED Clubs), Dale Russell (ED Colleges), Nikki Plumpton (D1W), Nick St. Germain (D2M), Zach Boswell (D3M), Ely Thayer (D4M), Ryan Grant (Champions), Brian Frampton (Development)

Management Committee absences include: Amy Beth Skenderian (ED 7s) and Matt Willey (Challenge)

Staff attendee: Jeremy Hammond

Agenda

10:00am Roll Call

10:15am President's address

10:30am Treasurer's report

10:40am NERRS statement

10:50am By-law discussion/approval

11:10am Elections

12:00pm Adjournment

Brad Dufresne called the meeting to order at 10:11am.

Roll Call: 53/77 clubs were in attendance and checked in via direct message to the Secretary

- Men's Club: 26/27,
 - Mad River (D4) didn't attend
 - Mystic River (D1 & D2) / Irish Wolfhounds (D2 & D3) only counted once each
 - Bennington (Non-Division) was in attendance
- Women's Club: 14/15
 - Rutland (D3) was the only team not in attendance
- College Champions: 3/10
 - Eastern CT, Holy Cross, and Maine attended
- College Challenge: 6/16
 - Babson, Curry, Keene, Mitchell, Siena, and UNE attended
- College Developmental: 4/9
 - Champlain, Colby-Sawyer, Conn College, and MCLA attended

President's Address: Brad Dufresne delivered a 45 minute PowerPoint presentation highlighting a number of factors impacting NERFU. See attached presentation.

Treasurer's Report: Chelsea Belmonte gave a 10 minute update on the NERFU budget and financial picture. See attached budget.

NERRS Statement: Amelia Luciano represented NERRS and gave a 20 minute presentation about referee recruitment. See attached presentation.

By-laws

Boston Maccabi made the motion (seconded by Worcester Men) to approve the Executive Committee's consolidation of the last 10 years of by-law edits that were previously approved by the members at prior AGMs, but not published. A virtual poll was conducted and was closed after 35 affirmative votes were received (none opposed). The motion passed.

Newport Men made the motion (seconded by Portland Women) to approve a number of new proposed edits by the Executive Committee. The edits included the list below. The only discussion item was around removing any reference to women's college from the by-laws.

- Added Exec Director of DE&I (ExCo)
- Added Director of T&D
- Added Director of Club 7s and Director of College 7s
- Allowance for ExCo to grant exception for good standing in extraordinary circumstances
- Added language to open up eligibility for ExCo and Mgmt Comm positions
- ExCo & Mgmt Co meetings reach quorum at 50% of positions seated
- Clean up of language, inconsistencies, and remove defunct Divisions and Director positions

A virtual poll was conducted and was closed after 39 affirmative votes were received (1 opposed). The motion passed.

Elections

North Shore Men made the motion (seconded by Newport Men) to approve the slate of officers and directors who were nominated for positions and running unopposed (see below). A virtual poll was conducted and closed after 43 affirmative votes were received (none opposed). The motion passed.

Running unopposed

Exec Director of Colleges - Ed McKenna

Exec Director of 7s - Brian Frampton

Exec Director of DE&I - Yeja Dunn

Director of T&D (1 year initially) - Joe Sanchez

Director of Club Women D2/3/Non - Nikki Plumpton

Director of Club Men D1/2 - Nick St. Germain

Director of Club Men D3 - Zach Boswell

Director of Club Men D4/Non - Ely Thayer

Director of Club 7s - Jon Feldman
Director of College 7s (1 year initially) - John Slefinger

The three positions below didn't receive any nominations in advance. The only position that received a nomination from the floor was the Director of College Developmental. Josh Cameron from Champlain was nominated.

No Nominations

Treasurer
Director of Challenge
Director of College Developmental

Colby-Sawyer made the motion (seconded by Champlain) to elect Josh Cameron. There were 4 clubs from this division in attendance during roll call who were eligible to vote. A virtual poll was conducted and closed after several minutes. 2 votes were in favor (Colby-Sawyer and Champlain), 1 abstained (MCLA), and 1 didn't vote. It was decided that 3 votes were needed (a majority of those in attendance) for the motion to pass, but it did not.

The Executive Committee will fill the final positions via a majority vote of that Committee during its first monthly meeting.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Newport (seconded by MIT) to adjourn the meeting at 12:11pm.