

Missouri Rugby Football Union Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2009

Present:

Jan Stokes, Amy Gallop, Jim Crouch, Andy Wenger, Bryce Krug, Joe Rothermich, Chris Wroughton, Bob Foley, Stacy Pfeiffer, Dan Ward, John Wolfe, Brian Corrigan

Discussions

- I. Forest Park Status
 - a. Jim Crouch is moving equipment from Creve Coeur to Forest Park to be ready for first match on February 7
- II. 2009 Budget
 - a. Draft Budget approved at January meeting, no additional funds requests since then
 - b. No additional MRFU dues received since January meeting
- III. Dues Status
 - a. Missouri S&T is still not compliant with MRFU
 - b. Kirkwood not dues compliant and has match scheduled
- IV. League and Master Schedule
 - a. First league match for Spring is 2/7/2009
 - b. SLU is in good standing with the university and ok to play
- V. Referees
 - a. There will be a referee training class in February
- VI. High Schools/Youth Rugby
 - a. USA rugby has made an eligibility ruling for high schools
 - b. Mark Griffin has been named USA youth and HS director and is coordinating the state based programs
 - c. Refer to website for rulings on single school and multi school rulings
- VII. Bylaws
 - a. First bylaw review was the standing committees by law
 - b. Amy Gallop presented and all board members reviewed the standing committees bylaws and agreed on revisions
 - c. Draft will be posted for all board members to review, all board members need to review and approval will be necessary
- VIII. Ruggerfest
 - a. 3 spots left in women's bracket, 3 in high school girls
 - b. All high school boys have paid, waiting list of 3
 - c. 45 of 60 teams have paid, several MRFU teams have not paid
 - d. Jim has requested a minimum of 24 referees
 - e. 8 fields will be used starting at 8 a.m., kickoffs on the hour
- IX. Advertising
 - a. The board approved a \$2,100 budget line item to pursue rugby advertising radio ad and on-site broadcasting from Ruggerfest
 - b. Amy Gallop and Jim Crouch will meet with 105.7 to determine the radio spots and duration and will report this information back to the board
- X. Fort Leonard Wood
 - a. Leadership from this team inquired again about its status with the MRFU
 - b. Bob Foley will clarify the union's position
- XI. Offer of Clinic

- a. Vassar representative Tony Brown offered to host a clinic in St. Louis
- b. He asked for a commitment of attendance, date in June or July and facility with both fields and indoor capabilities
- c. Brian Corrigan will follow up

XII. Committees

- a. Awards – Dan Ward
- b. Coaching – Brian Corrigan
- c. Collegiate – Andy Wenger, Bryce Krug
- d. Disciplinary – John Wolfe, Mike Breitenstein, John Birkby
- e. Executive Committee
- f. Fields and Facilities – Jim Dwyer, Jim Crouch, Andy Wenger
- g. Field Marshall – Jim Crouch, Bob Foley
- h. Finance – Stacy Pfeiffer, Bryce Krug, Andy Wenger
- i. Fixtures, Tours, Tournaments – Jan Stokes, Joe Rothermich, Amy Gallop
- j. Legal – Dan Ward, Charlie Parker
- k. Membership – Bob Foley
- l. Nominations – Bob Foley
- m. Publications – Dan Ward, Chris Wroughton, Jim Crouch
- n. Publicity – Jim Crouch, Amy Gallop, Chris Bunting
- o. Ruggerfest – All
- p. Schools – Brian Corrigan, Andy Wenger

XIII. Following the passage of the standing committees bylaws the categories above will change to reflect the new committees

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The Black Sheep will be having a trivia night on February 14 at CBC high school to benefit Camp Rainbow. For information contact John Wolfe.