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Dear Fellow Division 1 Presidents:

I am running for the D1 spot on the TRU Board recently vacated by Doug Corrigan, and would appreciate your vote.

By way of experience, I am currently in my third year as President of the Dallas Rugby Football Club (a/k/a the "Reds"). Prior to becoming President, I served as Treasurer for 2 years. I've been playing rugby with the Reds since 2007.

I started playing rugby while in law school in Georgia in the mid-1990s. I played with a D-3 club called Cadillac RFC. Unfortunately, there were not enough players in Macon, GA to field a side, so Cadillac Rugby was actually comprised of players from 3 different cities (Macon, Albany, and Americus). When I was in my last year in law school, I was the area coordinator for the guys from Macon.

As most of you know, I am a lawyer by trade. I have been a practicing attorney for 19 years. There has been some cross-over between my legal career and rugby—In June 2014, I served as special disciplinary counsel to Scotland during their international test match against the Eagles in Houston. I also handle all the eligibility and discipline disputes / appeals for Dallas.

If elected to the D1 spot on the TRU Board, I would seek to do what we collectively believe is best for all D1 clubs. I am a very big believer in transparency. I will keep you all informed of the issues being addressed by the Board, and will not make a decision that would have a significant impact on your club without reaching out to each of you first.

That having been said, if elected, I would also undertake initiatives that would benefit the whole of the TRU. For example, I would like to see the TRU collectively bargain for items that all clubs need on a regular basis (athletic tape, rugby balls, etc.) to see if we can get a really good price on those items for everyone. Similarly, to capture the growing popularity of 7s, and as a way to recruit new players to the sport, I'd also like to re-invigorate TOLA 7s and try to find a way to combine RRRC 7s Qualifiers with TOLA tournaments. Finally, I'd like to find an insurance product or sponsorship that helps close the gap left by the CIPP insurance deductible.

Thank you, and I would very much appreciate your vote for TRU D1 Representative. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [DDodge@GPM-Law.com](mailto:DDodge@GPM-Law.com) or 972-523-3135.