

TRU Winter/Spring Annual General Meeting - Agenda

Sunday, March 29, 2015 @ Dallas, TX

1. Roll Call - Tate / Young
 - a. Voting Members: Tate, Tomsak, Turner, Parker, Roberson, Schmidtke (x2)
 - i. Absent: Corrigan, Courtney
 - ii. Admin: Young (non-voting)
 - b. [Non Voting Members / Club Roll Call](#)
2. [Financial Update](#)
3. High Performance Report
 - a. Keuppens (Men)
 - i. [Vegas Press Release](#)
 - ii. Exploring playing in the Fall
 - iii. Tate: Lets put together a proposal for the 2015-2016 season by May.
 - b. Young (Women)
 - i. Pushed to Fall, coaching staff will stay intact
 - ii. Women's USA HP Camp Apr 19 @ Griffins
 1. Pathway to NASCs
4. [Referee Report](#) - Schmidtke
 - a. Referee Pool
 - b. Referee Abuse
 - c. Level 1 Course - [Apr 18 @ UTD](#)
5. Competitions
 - a. CMS - Getting better but quicker reporting would be more beneficial for all
 - b. Reschedules - No clear TRU/RRRC policy, something the RRRC will be taking on.
 - i. Young: Please don't assume you can just push to the next weekend, see referee shortage above...
6. Status 2015 15s
 - a. Premiership (Men's) - Opportunity for RRRC to join, pending with USA.
7. RRRC Playoff Bids
 - a. 2 received
 - i. Dallas Reds
 - ii. Boswell HS
8. 2015 Summer 7s Schedule
 - a. RRRC (competitive)
 - i. PENDING DATES
 1. June 27
 2. July 11
 3. July 18
 - a. 4/6/16: RRRC Committee voted to move last tournament to July 25.
 4. Nationals Aug 8-9
 - ii. Call for host bids going up on TRU website soon
 - b. TOLA (social)
 - i. Social "series", more details will be available soon. Will NOT be played on RRRC 7s weekends.
9. Discipline - Tate ([Courtney presentation](#))
10. Sponsorship - Tomsak

- a. [Red Ball Oxygen](#) (Proposal, will need to be approved by TRU Board)

11. Bylaw Amendments - Tate

- a. Language updates (removing WRU, etc.)
- b. Prohibition of one Board member with two votes
- c. Proportionate membership representation
- d. 30 day review period of any bylaw changes
- e. Voting per bylaw change, not as a bundle
- f. Independent Director Position (represents all "other" silos)
 - i. Roberson: Any update on the funds from the past Collegiate memberships?
 - 1. Tate: I determined that we didn't need to do an audit as CIPP membership is non-refundable as stated in the CIPP disclaimer.
 - a. Roberson: So you've personally decided against this audit...even though the membership voted yes on this? Secondly the collegiates were asked to leave by USA Rugby. The collegiates paid into the West dues just like everyone else. We feel that some of this money belongs to any teams that were in existence and should be paid back.
 - b. Tate: I did research on this and found that legally once the competitive cycle ends the fees expire. I shared my findings with the TRU Board and made a recommendation that an audit wasn't needed. There was no negative response from the TRU Board including you. Shayne is right to bring this up so the membership can weigh in.
 - i. Camm: I would urge the TRU to help the colleges find the process of how the West dispersed the money and if it was in accordance of their bylaws.
 - ii. Sharpley: I was the West VP when the disbursement was determined. There was no distinction between clubs and colleges. Colleges were part of the TRU. West disbanded in 2013. TRU broke off in 2011 and the TRU got the check at that time. That was before the silos split off.
- g. Add language that if the TRU disbands what happens

12. Summer coaching clinic(s)

- a. Possibly in conjunction with summer AGM or a TRU Summit:
 - i. Coach 100 (online), 200, 300, 400
 - 1. USA Rugby requires L200 Coaching cert for all coaches
 - a. Tate: The TRU needs to get in compliance with this. To facilitate that, I've proposed to the Board that we schedule L200 clinics and grant scholarships to teams that don't have an L200 coach. Then next season would be a zero tolerance policy, no referees, no games if non-compliant.
 - i. Vassie, Engelbrecht & Taute are IRB Coach Educators. We can bring in more if needed.
 - 2. Administrative Training
 - 3. Ref 100, 200
 - 4. CMO 100, 200
 - ii. Tate: To make this happen we need help from the membership! We will subsidize it but will need help. Who is interested in helping?
 - 1. Chip Matthews, Fil Keuppens, Karl Tolar, Phil Camm and Wendy Young (as TRU Admin).

13. Future of collegiate conference relationship

- a. Tate: The Board has talked over this topic at length this past year. We aren't opposed to having the colleges as part of the TRU. If they wanted to come back under the TRU they would have an operational agreement that would then grant them "full member" benefits.
 - i. Non TRU members:
 - 1. Lonestar M/W
 - 2. RRC D1A M
 - 3. Southwest M
 - ii. We'd like to approach these divisions formally and let them know they can join the TRU again.

14. Scheduling / Eligibility

- a. [College players available to Club Teams](#)
 - i. Tate: Explore scheduling matches around the new eligibility rules...

15. Conference on the Game

- a. See #12, Summit

16. "D4" Development league for 2016

- a. Tate: Some of the Dallas teams ran a Dallas Cup this year for social teams and it's seemed to go well. Do we look to implement this across the TRU?
 - i. Requirements: Clubs and members have to be CIPP'd. Maybe we have an umbrella team to take those random players...
- b. End of season tournament and trophy
- c. TRU "Best of the Rest" Tourney
 - i. Tate: A tournament for the teams that don't make the D2/D3 playoffs.

17. Summer AGM Date / Location

- a. South (Houston area); August
 - i. Once a date is chosen, we'll ask for a host.

18. New Business

- a. AGM once a year? (Corrigan)
 - i. Tate: Corrigan floated this to a few teams, do we need 2 meetings a year? My thought is that we are a large geographic area, as long as you want to have meetings...lets have them. We have to have a summer AGM as it's to prep for the next competitive cycle.
 - 1. No strong opinions for or against this...staying at 2 meetings for now.
- b. Pitch side Concussion Testing / "Brain Bin"
 - i. ONLY IRB/USA approved, not for RRRC/TRU
 - 1. First announced in 2013, hasn't changed...
<http://www.texasrugbyunion.com/2013/03/04/pitch-side-concussion-assessment-psca-trials-not-approved-for-tru/>
- c. Film (Referee wearing teams equipment)
 - i. Teams would like that video to be shared as it was worn by a referee. Especially in the cases of foul play.
 - 1. Tate: We could consider putting policy in place to have open and shared video. Something to explore.

19. Meeting End (3:51pm)