

2016 TRU Summer/Fall Annual General Meeting - Agenda

Sunday, August 21 @ Allen, TX

1. Roll Call - Tate / W Young
 - a. Board Members (Voting): Tate, Turner, Tomsak, Butch
 - i. Admin: Young
 - b. [Non Voting Members / Club Roll Call](#)
2. State of the Union
 - a. [CIPP Stats](#)
 - i. Rugby is growing, 36% growth for players! Great work.
 - b. Hall of Fame Recap
 - i. Pins
 1. WHITE - Board or Congress member
 2. RED - TRU play
 3. BLUE - Rep side play
 4. GOLD - HOF
3. [Financials](#) - Tate
4. 2015-2016 Competitions - Reps
 - a. 15s
 - i. D1 M
 1. Dallas Reds #1
 2. Austin Blacks #2
 - a. Placed 2nd at Nationals
 - ii. D2 M
 1. Little Rock #1
 - iii. D3 M
 1. Eules #1
 - a. Placed 2nd at Nationals
 - iv. D1 W
 1. Austin Valkyries #1
 - v. D2 W
 1. HARC #1
 - b. 7s
 - i. Men
 1. Austin Huns #1
 - a. Placed 16th at Nationals
 2. Little Rock #1
 - a. Placed 12th at Nationals
 - ii. Women
 1. ARPTC #1
 - a. Placed 3rd at Nationals
 2. Austin Valkyries
 - a. Placed 15th at Nationals
5. USA Rugby Congress Update - Yeoman
 - a. Congress meeting is next week in Denver
 - i. Excited to meet with Dan Payne, new CEO

- ii. Will be affirming a new USA Rugby Board member (Will Chang) and Chairman (Bob Latham)
 - iii. Review and vote on proposed USA Rugby CIPP dues increase
- 6. Updated Policies & Guidelines
 - a. Olympics!
 - i. Let's ride those coat tails! Make sure your website and social media is updated with recruiting information, etc.
 - b. [Operating Procedures Re-draft](#)
 - c. [Add/Change/Drop Match Form](#)
 - d. [Rescheduling Matches/Forfeits \(RRRC\)](#)
- 7. Lunch Break (12:00 - 1:00pm)
- 8. Discipline - Courtney/Tate
- 9. High Performance - Tomsak
 - a. Nov 19 - Men and Women's event in DFW. Women's opponent will more than likely be Mid-America and Chicago. Still searching for a men's opponent, Chicago is interested.
- 10. Sponsorship - Tomsak
 - a. Continued partnerships with Red Ball Oxygen and Ruck Science.
 - i. We'll be sending out a survey to all Clubs in a few weeks. This is for a potential dealership sponsorship. We are being sensitive to exclusivity with all potential sponsors.
- 11. Referees - Neuenschwander
 - a. AGM was yesterday, Butch and Scott were re-nominated as Chairman and Vice Chair. Main focus this year is recruitment (we need referees!) and development (each region will have a SoloShot camera). Also some staff changes to note:
 - i. Treasurer: changing to Greg Varnell (thanks Dave McPhail)
 - ii. Referee Development Officer: changing to Jon Savage (thanks Randy Campbell)
 - iii. Chief Scheduling Officer: Wendy Young
 - 1. Regional Schedulers: Shawn Martin, Kelly Hodge and Doug Corrigan
 - b. TRRA will continue to partner with USA Rugby National Panels referees to cover Men's D1 and Men's D1A (college).
- 12. Club Requirements
 - a. [Touch Judge Program Continues](#)
 - i. 2 per team!
 - b. [L200 Coaching Certification](#)
 - i. Union goal to have 100%, we've met that and want to keep it up.
 - c. CMS
 - i. Rosters should be entered in by Friday evening before your match and then scoring, subs etc should be entered by Monday.
 - 1. Turner: Are we considering having a paid #4 official at matches to input scores, subs etc?
 - a. Tate: We have talked about it before but we've never come up with a policy. Something we can talk about on our Board call next month.
- 13. Technology
 - a. TRU Website
 - b. [Feedburner](#)
 - c. [Club Contacts](#)
 - d. [Twitter](#)
 - e. [Facebook](#)
 - f. [Youtube](#)

14. Nominations

- a. [TRU DI M Rep - Sep 2016 \(3 year term\)](#)
 - i. Tate: Two nominees so far, Bill Taute and David Dodge, any others from the floor?
 - 1. Accepted until end of day today
- b. [TRU W Rep - Sep 2016 \(3 year term\)](#)
 - i. Tate: One nomination so far, Nick James to retain her seat. Any other nominations from the floor?
 - 1. Accepted until end of day today
- c. [TRU Congress Sep 2016 - Young's seat \(2 year term\)](#)
 - i. Tate: Two nominees, Bill Taute and Holly Iker. Any others?
 - 1. Accepted until end of day today
 - a. Tomsak: I nominate John Anderson.
 - b. Turner: I nominate Ron Watson.
- d. [RRRC Competitions Committee - D3 rep \(1 year term\)](#)
 - i. Sharpley: Nomination period has ended, Scott Blackley and John Kurylas.
- e. All voting begins Aug 22 on TRU website. Voters must be Club President and of the highest division.

15. Spring AGM Date / Location (Houston)

- a. Tate: We've heard the feedback that the members would like to have the AGM earlier. We will definitely try to do this in January before the season kicks off.
 - i. Turner: Note that the USA Rugby NDS is January 14-15, 2016.
 - ii. Tate: Also the American Rugby Championships will be happening again this spring, dates TBD (early Feb). Hopefully one of those matches will be in Texas. We may try to match up a meeting with those events.

16. New Business?

- a. 7s Round Table or Camp
 - i. Tate: Based on our experience at USA Rugby Club 7s we feel that our RRRC 7s Series isn't adequately preparing our teams. I've spoken with Julie McCoy about what we can do to help improve rugby 7s in our region. We'd like to explore having a 7s focused Summit or Round Table. It would include players, coaches, referees and administrators to develop around 7s.
 - 1. Campbell: Would we consider recommending the USA Rugby 7s Coaching module? Unfortunately it only seems to be offered at Vegas 7s.
 - 2. Tate: Yes, that is available and Atavus is also offering courses. But we feel like we need to do something in our region. Our players match up athletically and physically but our skillset needs more developing across the board.
 - a. Turner: We also need to have our dates out earlier so we can work with other unions if we'd like.
 - b. Tate: We'd also like to see the return of TOLA, we want more participation and more competitive 7s.
- b. USA Rugby / TRU U21 Recruit Retain and Transition
 - i. Tate: A pilot program funded by World Rugby and USA Rugby to recruit, retain and transition players. Targeting boys that don't play after HS, they don't attend college or attend a college without a rugby program or they don't fit in with a senior club. Three regional reps have been selected:
 - 1. Houston: David Yeoman and Alex Ramirez
 - 2. Central: Bill Taute
 - 3. North: Jeff Kolberg

- a. We do anticipate having a program for girls in the future if this is successful.
 - c. Donations to the TRU
 - i. Tate: With the HOF it has come to our attention that there isn't an easy way to donate to the TRU. We aren't a 501c3 and so that is difficult. We'll be talking as a Board about creating a foundation or an entity to fill this void.
 - d. Lost Afternoon Luncheon - Oct 29th
 - i. Annual event that benefits youth rugby (Rugby Texas), held in Houston. Fergus Slattery will be the speaker and they will also honor the 2016 TRU HOF Inductees again.
17. Meeting End (2:48pm)