

2018 TRU Summer Annual General Meeting - Agenda

Sunday, August 26 @ Houston, TX

1. Roll Call - Tate / W Young
 - a. Board Members (Voting):
 - i. Board: Tate, Tomsak, Parker and James
 - ii. Congress: Yeoman and Watson
 - iii. Admin: Young
 - b. [Non Voting Members / Club Roll Call](#)
2. Lunch (working lunch)
3. Congress Reps Update
 - a. [CIPP Value Member Benefits](#)
 - b. No dues increase anticipated by USA Rugby this year but looking to have a set schedule of bi-annually.
4. Nominations
 - a. [MDII](#)
 - b. [MDIII](#)
 - c. [USA Rugby Congress Club](#)
5. State of the Union
 - a. Tate: For the first time since I've been President, CIPPs are down. We've talked with the National Office and they agree that it is an issue across the nation. This means that dues revenue is down but we always budget that CIPP dues will be flat. Till now they always outpaced what we projected but this year they were down by about ~\$19k. Part of that was three SWWC teams had left but are now back under the fold, Ft Hood, Ft Sill, Euless, HEB and Lone Star folded. We did have a few new clubs but only brought in a few players. Referee expenses went up even though the number of registered players went down but the addition of Men's D4 and Women's D4 meant more matches. With the budget we were able to make up the difference because the first round of playoffs were in Texas (no travel grants for the first round), Women's All Stars came in under budget etc. We'll see more of that when we dive into the financials in a second.
 - i. Tate: If this trend of CIPP registration and player growth doesn't reverse itself, we're going to have to figure out how we address that. If we carry on like this, our savings account is going to dwindle. We're not in danger of draining the account now but we want to address it now. So we'll need to talk about how grow revenue, cut programs or do we want to raise dues.
 - b. [Financials](#)
 - i. CIPP Stats
 1. Tate: Roughly 2,200 members in the union, down several hundred players from last year. On the good side, we played 63 MD4 and 10 WD3 matches. This is helping clubs grow and helping more people play more rugby. So we're giving you more values for your dues.
 - a. Watson: With the dues being down, how does the SWWC teams coming back help?
 - b. Tate: Yes, the three SWWC teams have come back and they've brought all of the Lone Star clubs with them. Eight 15s clubs and half a dozen 7s clubs that are now TRU member clubs. A side note, with those clubs coming back into the fold there are no changes to the TRU Board. But the

Board has already been having discussions about making sure all of our members have a voice and a representative. We don't quite know what the makeup is yet but we're discussing it.

ii. Dues

1. Tate: While USA dues may not be going up, note that we are discussing this locally. We've added more rugby and more value but haven't raised the dues.

c. Updated Policies

- i. [RRRC Eligibility Book and Checks](#)
- ii. [CMS Deadline is now Monday at 5pm](#)
- iii. [Updated Operating Policies](#)
- iv. [USA Rugby 2018-2019 Eligibility Regulations](#)

1. Young: Received our first notice of this yesterday, USA Rugby will be supplying a redline version soon so you can easily see the changes. We'll post the website once available.
2. Karlla: Is there anything in the USA Rugby eligibility regulations about transgender rugby players?
3. Tate: The TRU doesn't have anything specifically but I know USA Rugby follows the Olympic policy.
4. Young: This has been brought up to the Rugby Committee and they are hoping to have a firm policy very soon.
5. Sharpley: USA Rugby and IOC finally came to an agreement so that the same terms operate in both arenas.
6. Tate: Will these rules include the process for having players understand how to play?
7. Young: Yes, we were able to provide that to the Valkyries it was just a little late for their situation.

d. Oz Tag

- i. Tate: We were approached by Oz Tag, based out of Australia and expanding in the USA to become a partner with them. They are wanting to setup youth, HS, club and mixed touch teams across the USA. This is a no cost opportunity but another way to bring more rugby players into our area. We are not obligated to spend money, referees or facilities.

6. 2017-2018 Competitions

a. RRRC

- i. Divisions
 1. MDI
 2. WDI
 3. MDII
 4. WDII
 5. MDIII
- ii. RRRC Championships - May 4-6
- iii. USA Rugby Round of 8 - May 18-19
- iv. USA Rugby National Championships - Jun 1-2

b. TRU

- i. Divisions
 1. MDIV
 2. WDIII
 3. Lonestar Women's Collegiate
- ii. TRU Championships - Apr 27-28 (TENTATIVE)

- c. RRRC 7s
- d. TOLA 7s
- 7. [Hall of Fame](#)
 - a. [2017 Class](#) celebrated with RRRC Championships on May 5-6
 - b. [2018 Class](#)
 - c. Pins
 - i. WHITE - TRU Officer, TRU Board, RRRC Competitions Committee or Congress member
 - ii. RED - TRU play
 - iii. BLUE - Rep side play
 - iv. GOLD - HOF
- 8. [Summit](#)
 - a. Save the Date for August 2019
- 9. Referees
- 10. Discipline
- 11. High Performance
 - a. Young: We're having another event December 1, in Grand Prairie. We'll have four teams, a USA Rugby Eagle Scout on the ground and all matches will be live streamed.
- 12. Sponsorships
- 13. Technology
 - a. [WTR Contacts](#) - Make sure they are updated each season!
 - b. [Feedburner \(News\)](#) - 2 officers per club are required to be signed up.
 - c. [Facebook](#)
 - d. [Twitter](#)
 - e. [Youtube Channel](#)
- 14. TRU Board Terms
 - a. President - Sep 2020 (3 year term)
 - b. Vice President - Sep 2019 (3 year term)
 - c. DI M Rep - Sep 2019 (3 year term)
 - d. W Rep - Sep 2019 (3 year term)
 - e. DII M Rep - Sep 2021 (3 year term)
 - f. DIII M Rep - Sep 2021 (3 year term)
 - g. Congress - Sep 2020 Watson (2 year term)
 - h. Congress - Sep 2019 Yeoman (2 year term)
- 15. Spring/Winter AGM - Conference call around January 2019
- 16. New Business?
 - a. Regional Tournaments
 - i. Rutherford: Is there any obligation for HARC to go to the Dallas tournament?
 - ii. Young: Nope, it's just an opportunity for teams to have warm up games and to facilitate referee development.
 - iii. Tate: They are free for teams to attend (no tournament fee) and will be hosted in DFW, Austin and Houston areas in the fall. This was a specific request from TRRA so they could kick off the season with warm up matches for their new referees.
- 17. Meeting End (2:44 pm)