

TRU SUMMER BOARD MEETING - AGENDA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011 @ SAN MARCOS, TX

1. ROLL CALL @ 10am & APPROVAL OF AGENDA – McPhail

- **Voting Members:** McPhail, Watson, Courtney, Schmidtke, Robberson, Wolfinger
- **Non Voting Members:** Daniels-DARC, Wilks-Media Guest, Tate-Huns, Dale-Harlequins, Whitehead-OKC, Taute-Austin, Borrel-Alamo City, Gilliam-Alamo City, Stuart-Corpus Christi, Salzar-Corpus Christi, Hancock-San Antonio, Summers-Texas State/TRRA, Engles-Bay Area, Young-Valks/TRU Web, Wilson-Woodlands, Kolberg-Dallas, Corrigan-Woodlands, O'Donnell & Hill-Galveston, Phillips-HARC
- **Absent:** Bret Babineaux (Mens Rep), David Pflieger (Treasurer)
- **Proxy:** Bret Babineaux (Courtney)

2. MINUTES FROM 2011 WINTER EXECUTIVE MEETING – McPhail

- Posted to TRU Webpage
- Approved by Unanimous Vote

3. REVIEW OF ELECTIONS –

- Mens Rep and Womens Rep – Completed Summer 2010 - Babineaux & Schmidtke
- President, Competitions and Discipline – Summer 2011 – McPhail, Watson & Kolberg
- Men's Collegiate and TRRA – elected by respective members annually – Roberson & Wolfinger
- Discipline Committee – Four member panel (Roberson, Pryor, Wilson & Courtney) with Kolberg as Chair

4. Geographic Union – Update – McPhail

- Competitions / West / Fee's of \$45 & 35 per CIPP
- CIPP process – start date of 8/22
- Paid Administrator - \$20K plus payroll taxes plus travel
- West Representation / Funds / Officers but lose 1 vote
- Referee requirement for Playoffs (voted against)
 - i. All Clubs that advance to playoffs must have a certified & active referee for club to advance to playoffs
 - ii. West Ref Assn. put requirement to vote that each Club must have a certified ref to qualify for advancement; McPhail voted against, but passed.
 - iii. West to create policies/guidelines/requirements to govern.
- USA Competitions Review
 - i. Sharpley USA Comp/eligibility report presented and posted to website
 - 1. West/USA playoff dates and locations

5. TRU OPERATING PROCEEDURES – (attachment posted to website)

- Updates/Amendments to TRU to continue to comply with USA changes – posted on TRU Website.
 - 2.4.1 & 2.1.5 - Needs amendment per USA Guidelines
 - CMS System must be used by ALL Clubs/Matches
 - Update / new USA Sevens and Fifteens Eligibility

- Gameday Book/Procedures/Etc. reviewed & discussed
- Un-played forfeits - \$500 fine - discussed
- Field Preparation
 - Barriers, etc...
 - First Offense-Reprimand/2nd Offense-\$250 fine that will purchase ropes/barriers shipped to club/
3rd offense fines to increase.

6. LUNCH BREAK @ 12:15pm

7. 2011 YEAR END REPORT – Pflieger / McPhail

- Clubs in Good Standing – all paid
- Outstanding Fines: Shreveport (West)
- 2011 Budget Review
- 2012 Proposed Budget Review
 - i. 2012 Budget - Approved as template draft for discussions and final approval by board as presented.
 - ii. DISCUSSIONS
 - 1. West – When disbanded, possible equity surplus
 - 2. Proposed new expenditures
 - a. Board Member Travel allocation
 - i. Member Discussion, no objections\
 - b. GU Staff Allocation – 32K proposed
 - 3. All Star Expenditure Discussions
 - a. Discussions re: wisdom of future funding
 - b. SWC/HP Collegiate Commitment for 2012
 - c. TX HP travel/play in KC in Nov.
 - 4. Rugby Revival
 - a. \$20K Budget
 - b. \$3.5 grant from West

8. COMPETITIONS / DIVISIONAL / All STAR REPORTS

- Overview and Competitive Assessment – Watson & McPhail
 - 1. Review of Mens Promotion / Relegations
 - Fort Worth
 - Shreveport-Forfeited First Round Playoff-West Fine TBD
 - San Antonio
 - DARC
 - St. Thomas
 - Frisco
- TRU Conference on the Game aka “Rugby Revival” with Bob Dwyer

1. Dallas – September 9th-11th
 2. Austin – September 13th-15th
 3. Houston – September 16th-18th
- Review of CMS (Competitions Management Systems) – McPhail
 1. Previously covered in Section 5
 - DIVISION ONE – Tate
 - Tate to remain DI Chair
 - DIVISION TWO – Dale
 - Dale offered to step down if others interested
 - DIVISION THREE – DRM
 - Stan Venable stepping down
 - John Kuryles (Arlington) appointed to fill office
 - COLLEGIATE MEN – Roberson
 - DIII-Lamar entering
 - DII-StEd's up to DII
 - Southwest Conference = DI Collegiates separate, but remain full TRU Members
 - WOMEN'S – Schmidtke
 - New DI & DII structure increases travel
 - COLLEGIATE WOMEN – Summers
 - Numbers are down across the sport
 - 7s will be integrated to involve clubs in re-building/down numbers
 - Sept 24-Open Women's Rugby Camp
 - SEVENS – McPhail
 - a. TOLA – Yeoman absent McPhail discussed re CIPP and non-club affiliation, as well as Referee payment/scheduling has problems and will be worked on to solve
 - b. Westerns – Woodland Exiles, Denver Barbarians, Glendale Raptors

9. TRU MASTER SCHEDULE AND GAME LIMITS – McPhail

- 2010-11 overview of matches
 - i. Womens Premiere 10, Womens Collegiate 11, Mens Collegiate Premiere 23, Social 25, Mens Collegiate DIII 33, Mens Premiere 46, Mens Collegiate DIII 48, Mens DII 53, Mens DIII 121, TYRA 127
 - ii. Total 497
- Moving “local” matches to Sunday
- Review of Schedule, Maximum 25 games per weekend, Fall Schedule, Deadline for Submissions
- Adding, Deleting, Editing of matches to TRU Master Schedule

10. RUGBY TEXAS REPORT – Marshall

- Marshall not present, presentation omitted

11. DISCIPLINE REPORT – Courtney

- Courtney stepping down / Kohlberg stepping in
- Updates to the Discipline Actions / Trends / Concerns

RED CARDS	TOTAL	DISSENT	PUNCHING	PUNCH%	AVERAGE
8YR TOTALS	181	21	91	50%	
2010-11	28	2	19	68%	2.13
2009-10	19	2	9	47%	2.84
2008-09	13	6	6	46%	2.14
2007-08	17	0	9	53%	3.5
2006-07	25	3	12	48%	3.08
2005-06	28	5	12	43%	2.62
2004-05	24	4	9	38%	2.95
2003-04	27	1	15	56%	2.55

YELLOW

CARDS	600		93	15%	
2010-11	86				
2009-10	53				
2008-09	67				
2007-08	73				
2006-07	86				
2005-06	86				
2004-05	60				
2003-04	79				

- Commentary re: reporting off-field conduct & undetected foul play

12. REFEREE REPORT – Wolfinger

- R & L Update – Wolf
 - Admin has struggled
 - Growth in numbers, but age is up 50+
 - Zones
 - South - Zdunkewicz to be replaced during Fall
 - North – Kelly stepping down; Campbell to take over
 - Central – Summers

a. Match Reports Filed:

Callan 24
Prim 24
Savage 22
Shafto 22
Kelly 19
Green 18
Boyd 16
Reagle 16
Krus 15
Bugge 14
J Summers 14
Varnell 14
Grassl 13

Monks 13
Pryor 13
Caufield 12
Y Johnson 12
Zdunkewicz 12
Campbell 11
Lenington 11
Martin 11
Basheer 10
Cuthbert 10
Keuppens 9
Reed 9
McCord 7
Neuenschwander 7
Puklicz 7
Clough 6
Damm 6
Hutchison 6
Schreiner 6
Taylor 6
Waltz 6
Corrigan 5
Driggs 5
Magdanz 5
Puentes 5
Arciero 4
Cagle 4
Camm 4
D'Ambrosio 4
MacMaster 4
Meripolski 4
Morgan 4
Pace 4
Wolfinger 4
Yarger 4
McPhail 3
Weeks 3
Young 3
Moore 2
Rachel Osborn 2
Schmidtke 2
Walker 2
Coates 1
Davis 1
Lawrence 1
Owens 1
D Summers 1
Wittenbraker 1

Wollen 1

- Recruiting & Training – Schmidtke
 - Referee Certification Classes
 - Level I - Sept 24 @ UT
 - Sept 24 - Coaching Referee Clinic (Club Head Coaches encouraged to attend)
 - Level II & III Classes coming on
 - All DI & DII Coaches must complete Ref Evals on Match Report
- Match Assignments & Coverage – Protocols
- 2010 Financial Presentation and 2011 Budget review – report tabled until after TRRA Meeting
- USA Zone's – McPhail presents Ed Todd PowerPoint presented explaining Zone appointments

13. WEBSITE REVIEW – McPhail / Dusablon

- Dusablon maintains for TRU
- Review of all documents posted on website to ensure club knowledge and use
 - Most have been reviewed during meeting

14. REVIEW OF HIGH PERFORMANCE – Group Discussion

- Discussion had; consensus is a reduced funding and emphasis with movement towards either phase-out or alternative expenditures benefiting membership as a whole.

15. PROGRAMS – McPhail

- Frank Rizzo as Coach / Tony Wagner as Manager
- Dates and events - Wagner posted on calendar

16. OLD BUSINESS

- Status of newly admitted clubs
 - Admitted – Lamar & The Horde
 - Islanders remain on probation due to Yellow/Red issues during 2010-11 competitive season

17. BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS

- **McPhail-President**
- **Watson-Competition Chair**
- **Kolberg-Discipline Chair**

18. NEW BUSINESS and INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- West Winter Board meeting – Las Vegas / USA Sevens / February 11th & 12th
- Tim Wilks
 1. SFA Communication major wants to start weekly Podcast re Texas rugby
 2. Needs good contacts and reporting
- McPhail thanks the many individuals contributors to TRU
- Proposed fine for any team that does not attend one of the two AGMs in 2011-12

1. PROPOSAL-A Rep from each TRU Member Club must attend 2011 Rugby Revival or Winter AGM to be eligible for discretionary funds awarded (i.e. player grants/Club Travel stipend/grants) and Summer AGM thereafter-Unanimously Passed

19. Tate discussion re bids for championship venue hosting.

20. ADJOURNMENT @ 3:36pm