- 1. Roll Call
  - a. Sharpley
  - b. McPhail (Guest)
  - c. Bloo
  - d. Varnell
  - e. Young
  - f. Lubbers
  - g. Tate
  - h. Corrigan
  - i. Keuppens (Guest)
  - j. Jarvis
  - k. Turner (Guest)
  - I. Hughes
  - m. Watson
  - n. Parker
  - o. Kolberg (arriving late)
- 2. RRRC 7s
  - a. Keuppens gave summary, review **Guidelines & Schedule**.
    - i. Sharpley: Motion to approve
    - ii. Parker: Second
    - iii. Approved by RRRC on this call and approved by TRU on their Board call on 6/9/14.
      - 1. Posted on TRU website (link above) and email blast will go out to everyone tomorrow night.
    - iv. Eligibility Reminder
    - v. Participation Agreement
      - Young will create a form that is specifically for the RRRC 7s, draft to RRRC ASAP.
        - a. DRAFT Participation Agreement
- 3. Review of 2013-2014; National Championship Results

Order of Finish	Men-D1	Men-D2	Men-D3	Women-D1	Women-D2
1	South	Capital	Northeast	Pacific	Midwest
2	Red River	SoCal	Pacific	Midwest	Pacific
3	Midwest	Northeast	Midwest	Frontier	Northeast
4	Red River	Red River	SoCal	Northeast	SoCal
5	Northeast	Midwest	South	Red River	Capital
6	Capital	Frontier	Red River	Capital	Red River
7	Pacific	Pacific	Capital	SoCal	South
8	SoCal	South	Frontier	Capital	Frontier

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- 4. Promotion/Relegation (review Policy) / Once announcement of these are made, clubs have 21 days to appeal,
  - a. Tate gave a rundown to the Policy and gave us a summary of automatic promotion and relegation.
  - b. Womens Hybrid league so no promotion/relegation at this point.

#### c. Notices

- i. Young Who is going to send notice to these Clubs and when? By tomorrow?
- ii. Sharpley Yes, by tomorrow.
- iii. Corrigan Divisional reps should handle it.
- iv. Tate Agreed, however, note that the policy does require that ALL clubs are notified and can appeal (per policy).
- v. Kolberg Agreed, lets post and put notice of time to appeal.
- vi. Turner Agreed, every Club should know that there is a policy and this is what is happening.
  - Young Will create a draft for teams promoted/relegated for review by RRRC ASAP.

## d. Promotion

- i. D1 N/A
- ii. D2
- Little Rock Eligible for automatic promotion; Motion by Tate; second by Watson; no objections

## a. PROMOTED TO D1

- Tate Has spoken to them and they do not wish to move up and will more than likely submit an appeal if approved to move up. However, he would propose they are promoted.
- ii. Corrigan Disagree, leave D2 as is to let the competition fill out and strengthen.
- iii. Tate I agree but feel strongly that we should abide by the published policy and let the Clubs appeal if they feel warranted.
- iv. Sharpley Agreed, we approved a policy and we should enforce it. There is a process for appeal and it can be used.
- v. Turner Agreed, lets enforce it.
- vi. Watson We had a large number of forfeits this year, what are we doing to stop that?
- vii. Sharpley If you want to play competitive rugby, you need to travel. If not, D4 or social rugby.
- viii. Tate Are we getting ahead of ourselves? We can't talk about divisional alignment until we know who is promoted and relegated.
- ix. Sharpley Agreed, we can probably have a call much quicker than 21 days as well. We have been in constant contact with all clubs (reps).
- x. Bloo Agreed
- xi. Others....agree.

#### iii. D3

 DARC - Eligible for automatic promotion; Motion by Tate; Second by Hughes; no objections

## a. PROMOTED TO D2

- 2. Galveston would like to join D2 (South)
  - a. Not approved, Sharpley will give notice.

# e. Relegation

- i. D1
- 1. Ft. Worth Eligible for automatic relegation; Motion by Corrigan, second by Parker; no objections

## a. RELEGATED to D2

- 2. Woodlands Eligible for automatic relegation; Motion by Corrigan, second by Parker; no objections
  - a. RELEGATED to D2
- ii. D2
  - 1. Griffins (D1b) Eligible for automatic relegation; Motion by Tate; second by Watson; no objections

# a. RELEGATED to D3

- 2. BARC (D2) NOT eligible for automatic relegation
  - a. Watson Proposed relegation by email
- 3. Katy (D2) NOT eligible for automatic relegation
  - a. Watson Proposed relegation by email
- iii. D3 N/A
  - 1. No D4, so no automatic relegation
    - Tate If there was a D4 or social division, the Huns would gladly participate. However, we'd ask that teams play and forfeits are not tolerated.
    - b. Hughes So basically we are allowing teams to participate in D3 if they like, but no automatic relegation.
    - c. Corrigan More than likely the Diablos will not be playing competitively and Midland will more than likely not exist next season.
- 5. RRRC Elections (Policy is included in <u>Terms of Reference</u>)
  - a. Sharpley You can reiew the RRRC Elections policies on the website under the TOR. Generally committee members have a one year renewing policy and their seat can be challenged by membership. I would like to look at maybe doing a vote per gender?
  - b. Bloo This concerns me as the women and other divisions will not have as many members then?
  - c. Kolberg Why wouldn't we look the overall membership and build members based on CIPP'd players and not divisions? I think that makes way more sense.
  - d. Sharpley I disagree, that is a model that you use for governance, this is competitions. People are put on the committee bc they have special interest, expertise, etc in Competitions.
  - e. Kolberg Ok, then I guess the question is, what is the magic number? We are currently at 13, do we need to stay there? Is this a recommendation from USAR?
  - f. Sharpley I went to the maximum number in this first year and the TOR were built around the RRRC model. For the first year, I felt we needed more, not less.
  - g. Kolberg Agree, I think that was very smart.
  - h. Sharpley Yes, this is something for the Committee to discuss. I don't know of a single member who hasn't been engaged.
  - i. Tate Based on tonights meeting and on the last three and four meetings; once we got past the growing pains and adjustments...the size of the committee hasn't seemed to be a hindrance but includes a large amount of perspective.
  - j. Sharpey We are running a bit late, I did want to propose that a vote of confidence take place for my position. It is a 2 year seat but I would like it to be reviewed. Since it is late, we will review this at the next meeting.
    - i. Sharpley I've already asked for those that don't want to continue on the Committee:
      - 1. Bloo stepped down, D3 rep
      - 2. Lubbers stepped down, D2 rep
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 10:06pm

## 6/18/14

- 1. RRRC Elections (Policy is included in <u>Terms of Reference</u>)
  - a. Chair Vote of confidence
  - b. Stepping down
    - i. Bloo stepped down, D3 rep
    - ii. Lubbers stepped down, D2 rep
- 2. New Clubs
  - a. Sharpley Clarified that the TRU needs to approve Clubs and then "apply" to the RRRC. That is a function of the CR, not of RRRC.
    - i. Euless 7s & 15s
      - 1. TRU APPROVED; Need CIPP/Coach ASAP.
    - ii. Lone Star 7s only right now/shooting for 15s
      - 1. TRU APPROVED; Need CIPP/Coach ASAP.
    - iii. Ft Hood 7s & 15s
      - 1. TRU APPROVED
    - iv. Laredo 7s
      - USA Rugby Registration; <u>CIPP</u>; Need COACH
    - v. Bluebonnets (W) 7s
      - 1. USA Rugby Registration; CIPP; COACH is pending transfer
    - vi. Griffin (W) 7s
      - 1. USA Rugby Registration; CIPP
    - vii. Longview
      - 1. USA Rugby Registration; CIPP; Need COACH
- 3. Divisional Alignments
  - a. Men's Club (ANTICIPATED)
  - b. Sharpley We are postponing formal discussion of the alignments after promotion/relegations are finalized (appeals).
    - i. D1
- 1. New Orleans
- 2. Reds
- 3. Blacks
- 4. HARC
- 5. Huns
- 6. Griffins
- 7. Harlequins
- 8. Little Rock (promoted)
- ii. D2
  - 1. Ft Worth (relegated)
  - 2. Woodlands (relegated)
  - 3. Tulsa
  - 4. Shreveport
  - 5. HURT
  - 6. Alamo City
  - 7. BARC

- 8. Katy
- 9. DARC (promoted)
- iii. D1b
- iv. D3
  - 1. Griffins (D1b) (relegated)
  - 2. Denton
  - 3. Fort Sill
  - 4. Grand Prairie
  - 5. Midland (may not exist)
  - 6. Diablos (more than likely will be social)
  - 7. San Antonio
  - 8. Corpus
  - 9. San Marcos
  - 10. McAllen
  - 11. Horde
- v. D4 (not organized)
  - 1. Midland
  - 2. Diablos
- c. Women's (proposed alignment)
  - i. D1
- 1. Valkyries
- 2. HARC
- 3. Oklahoma
- 4. Tulsa
- 5. Dallas Harlequins
- ii. D2
  - 1. No idea if this will actually happen, but encouraging Diablos/Denton to officially merge and/or participate on their own (no motley as like last year). Official structure will need to be looked at closer to the competitive season.
    - a. Dallas Diablos
    - b. Denton Sirens
    - c. Griffins
    - d. Ft Hood