- 1. Opening of the meeting and roll cal(8:30pm CST)
  - 1.1. Sharpley
  - 1.2. Tate
  - 1.3. Young
  - 1.4. Parker
  - 1.5. Jarvis
  - 1.6. Gallion
  - 1.7. Kolberg
  - 1.8. Watson
  - 1.9. Corrigan
  - 1.10. Varnell
  - 1.11. McPhail
  - 1.12. Daniels
  - 1.13. Keuppens
  - 1.14. Hughes
  - 1.15. Turner
- 2. RRRC Sevens Competitions
  - 2.1. Revisions of guidelines document and Brackets
    - 2.1.1. At the first RRRC Tournament, 9 teams for the men; caused some headaches. This weekend the pools will be adjusted to follow recommendations from USAR Competitions Committee. The adjustment should allow for the two top seeds to get through pool play, not a guarantee of course.
    - 2.1.2. Sharpley Asked all committee members to review and we can vote electronically. Does anyone have an issue with that way forward?
      - 2.1.2.1. None.
  - 2.2. Current status of the competitions
    - 2.2.1. RRRC 1 Summary
    - 2.2.2. Seeding/Brackets for RRRC 2
      - 2.2.2.1. Fil Motion to approve; Chair, so no second needed. No opposition, APPROVED.
  - 2.3. Operating rules
- 3. RRRC members for the 2014-15 competitive cycle
  - 3.1. Chair Alan Sharpley (confirmed)
  - 3.2. Chair's appointment Jerry Gallion
  - 3.3. Positions retained with no challenge Kirk Tate (D1), Jeff Kolberg (D1); Luke Turner (D2), Doug Corrigan (D2); Travis Hughes (D3); Greg Varnell (Ref); Gregg Jarvis (7s); Ron Watson (at-large)
  - 3.4. Positions requiring elections
    - 3.4.1. D3 Otis Parker (RRRC), Karl Tolar (DARC)
    - 3.4.2. W Wendy Young (RRRC), Ashley Dixon (HARC)
    - 3.4.3. W Molly Whitman (Harlequins), Leslie Pauls (HARC), Jen Joyce (Valkyries)
    - 3.4.4. Election procedures

- 3.4.4.1. 2/3s: 4 for the women and 11 for the D3 Men is a majority. If a tie, the Chair breaks. If no majority there is a runoff with the top two voters. Electronic vote will be through Survey Monkey, collected by Sharpley and Hughes.
  - 3.4.4.1.1. Sharpley: Do we have a suggestion of when the voting should start and how long it should last?
    - 3.4.4.1.1.1. Kolberg: Open Sat, close Monday?
    - 3.4.4.1.1.2. Young: Weekends are notoriously low viewing periods for the site.
    - 3.4.4.1.1.3. Sharpley: Open Friday (5pm), close Wednesday (midnight).
      - 3.4.4.1.1.3.1. Objections?
        - 3.4.4.1.1.3.1.1. None.
- 3.4.4.2. Sharpley: Nominees have been asked to send in a statement (less than 200 words) and Young will post on the TRU website for review.
- 4. Divisional Alignment and Competitions Structures
  - 4.1. Club appeals Galveston RFC; Lone Star RFC
    - 4.1.1. Galveston
      - 4.1.1.1. Tate: Move that we deny their request to be moved to D1
        - 4.1.1.1.1. Kolberg: Second
          - 4.1.1.1.1. Sharpley: Objections?
            - 4.1.1.1.1.1. Parker: No
            - 4.1.1.1.1.2. Tate: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.3. Young: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.4. Jarvis: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.5. Gallion: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.6. Kolberg: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.7. Watson: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.8. Corrigan: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.9. Varnell: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.10. Daniels: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.1.1 Hughes: Yes
            - 4.1.1.1.1.1.1. Turner: Yes
              - 4.1.1.1.1.1.1.1. 1 No, 11 Yes; DENIED.
    - 4.1.2. Lone Star
      - 4.1.2.1. Tate: Deny the appeal from Lone Star to start in D2.
        - 4.1.2.1.1. Kolberg: Second
        - 4.1.2.1.2. Sharpley: Objections?
          - 4.1.2.1.2.1. None
            - 4.1.2.1.2.1.1. Roll Call Vote:
            - 4.1.2.1.2.1.2. Parker: Yes
            - 4.1.2.1.2.1.3. Tate: Yes
            - 4.1.2.1.2.1.4. Young: Yes
            - 4.1.2.1.2.1.5. Jarvis: Yes
            - 4.1.2.1.2.1.6. Gallion: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.7. Kolberg: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.8. Watson: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.9. Corrigan: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.10. Varnell: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.11. Daniels: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.12. Hughes: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.13. Turner: Yes

4.1.2.1.2.1.13.1. 12 Yes; unanimous; DENIED

### 4.2. Men's D1

- 4.2.1. Kolberg: The format was previously discussed and was agreed upon as home/away in the Spring only. 12 games.
- 4.2.2. Tate: I make a motion that we recognize a subcommittee of the D1 reps (Kolberg, Gallion, and myself). 2 week deadline.
  - 4.2.2.1. Sharpley: We don't need approval for this, consider it approved.
- 4.2.3. Young: I've emailed it about a bit with the D1 reps but they very much want to play alongside the men if at all possible.
- 4.2.4. Sharpley: I'd like to setup you, Wendy to be a Chair (doesn't have to be a member) to help faciliatate that.f
- 4.2.5. McPhail: Wearing my referee hat here, keep in mind that once we get over 25 games a weekend, referee resources are stretched very thin. If teams continue to play at 2pm and 3:30pm every week, we will struggle to cover.
- 4.2.6. Sharpley: The proposed date of National Championships is June 13, 2015.

#### 4.3. Men's D2

- 4.3.1. Home/Away North & South, with 2 game playoffs. 10 matches.
- 4.3.2. Corrigan: Some teams have asked for a 30/70 split or other format to lessen travel woes, etc.
  - 4.3.2.1. Sharpley: Lets make another subcommittee of Turner, Corrigan and Watson to determine playing season. 2 week deadline.

### 4.4. Men's D3

- 4.4.1. Parker: North, 8 games; Central/South will play 8 games. Crossover in the Central/South.
  - 4.4.1.1. Young: That math doesn't work?
  - 4.4.1.2. Parker: I haven't done all the math yet, but the idea is there.
  - 4.4.1.3. Hughes: We have been having some email dialogue on this and I'm not convinced this is the best format. Trying to subsidize travel doesn't save everyone money, just makes it harder on everyone overall.
    - 4.4.1.3.1. Watson: I'm with Hughes.
  - 4.4.1.4. Sharpley: Can we form another subcommittee? Bloo (input desired even with stepping down), Hughes and Parker will work together. 2 week deadline.

### 4.5. Women's D1/D2

- 4.5.1. Young: 10 games, 6-7 teams.
  - 4.5.1.1. Diablos & Denton are pending. Griffins/Ft Hood are OUT, still developing. Not recommending any motleys at all, teams need to stand on their own two feet. Will

keep a close eye on these teams as we get closer to a competitive. May consider adding these teams in but their matches would be social only.

- 4.5.1.2. Sharpley: The USAR Committee is sensitive to the RRRC and the unique challenges and would like to have a D1/D2 seed come out of the RRRC.
  - 4.5.1.2.1. Young: Oh great! We'd love to have a shot at that again.

## 5. <u>USA Rugby disciplinary procedures</u>

- 5.1. Sharpley: McPhail, has the GU received this?
  - 5.1.1. McPhail: Yes, it is being reviewed by Scot Courtney (DC Chair) and will be presented at the upcoming AGM.
- 5.2. Sharpley: I would recommend reviewing it as there are a few nuances that are quite particular.
- 6. USA Rugby Eligibility update
  - 6.1. Sharpley: This is PROPOSED. Notes about players playing up/down. For instance, no D1 and D3....but you can do D1 and D2, has to be contiguous. The latest these would be approved would be August 15th.
- 7. Any Other Business
  - 7.1. Young: Texas Cup or All Star play?
    - 7.1.1. Sharpley: That is outside of the committee.
    - 7.1.2. Young: Ok, is anyone on the committee planning anything? Wearing my referee hat.
    - 7.1.3. Kolberg: We are going to have the Texas Cup, pending dates are Sep, done by early Nov. It may only be four games, with 3 teams.
- 8. Close of the meeting (nlt 10:40pm)
  - 8.1. Watson: Motion to close
  - 8.2. Kolberg: Second

PROPOSED ALIGNMENT - needs more data still.

D1

- New Orleans
- Reds
- Blacks
- HARC
- Huns
- Griffins
- Harlequins

D2 (North/South)

Little Rock

- Ft Worth (relegated)
- Woodlands (relegated)
- Tulsa
- Shreveport
- HURT
- Alamo City
- BARC
- Katy
- OKC
- Little Rock

# D1b

- New Orleans
- Reds
- Blacks
- HARC
- Huns
- Harlequins
- Griffins

# D3 (North; South/Central?)

- DARC
- Galveston
- Denton
- Fort Sill
- Grand Prairie
- San Antonio
- Corpus
- San Marcos
- McAllen
- Horde
- Lone Star

# D4 (Social)

- Lost Souls
- Midland
- Diablos