

Texas Rugby Union Members

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OBJECTIVES:

Increase TRU's regional opportunities. Penetrate the Regional market and create growth opportunity. Expand and Enhance a Greater TRU experience in player and club positive development.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Mission of the Texas Rugby Union is to manage, serve, and promote The Game of Rugby within our region, and to offer assistance at all levels of play; to assist member clubs and participants in their various forms of involvement with The Game; to adhere to "The Laws of The Game"; the TRU By Laws and to encourage and facilitate the involvement of as many people as possible in TRU Rugby activities and management.

I feel the KEYS TO SUCCESS are a Strong Regional Brand. A strong regional and city presence with integration of the TRU clubs into local high school programs and local boys and girls clubs. To provide key Sponsorship Programs to generate needed funds to offset player, referee and coach development as well as travel bonus to teams making the playoffs. To mentor college clubs; player, coach and administrative development and planning, as they are the growth of our clubs and national teams. To grow the outlying markets and our major markets in working with the new clubs to help them to become successful and to help reduce the travel requirements. To provide a club administrative workshop for all club officers in all divisions including High School, and College clubs. To provide annual referee clinics for all TRU referees.

LOOKING BACK & GOING FORWARD:

I have served as Competitions Director for the last four and a half years. During that time my duties were to design schedules for all senior club divisions and provide player and club development. During that period I felt there was a tremendous need to bring to the TRU members the best in coach and player development that we could. We were very fortunate to be able to bring in Coach Bob Dwyer from Australia winner of the WORLDS CUP. Three regional clinics were put on and by reports of those attending it was a success. Last year to keep the momentum going we reached further and brought in IRANZ the number one ranked Rugby Academy for player and coach development. Again there were three regional clinics this time with heavy emphasis on experienced players and coaches. This was a tremendous success as we were able to bring in two top New Zealand Super 15's coaches and the managing director of IRANZ and ex ALL BLACK Murray Mexted. I feel annual programs need to be made available to the members of the TRU, coaches and players. Last year we developed the "TEXAS CUP" series a regional ALL STAR program with players from more than 15 clubs from all three senior men's divisions.

I believe Texas has been taking a semi backseat for long enough on the national stage. With a strong administrative leadership, development program for players, coaches, administration and referees we can and will raise the level of Rugby in the TRU. I would like to fill managers positions with members that wish to make a difference and will give back to the sport they love. I have always felt there is a place in Rugby for everyone that wishes to be part of the great sport from social rugby to representative level and professional players'. I would like to offer programs that can take a club and its players to the highest mark they wish to achieve with emphasis on fitness and skill development, while promoting and providing an environment that all members will be proud of. I believe in full transparency to the members and as always I am always available to all members. With many years of experience in the sport I will strive to better the TRU and lay ground work for the years to come.

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RUGBY RESUME

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1972 - 1974 Dallas Harlequin RFC , player
1975 - 2002 Hawaii Harlequin RFC player
1980 - 1982 Vice President Hawaii Harlequin RFC
1980 - 2000 Hawaii Union Referee
1983 - 2001 President Hawaii Harlequin RFC
1983 Founder of the Hawaii International Rugby Tournament
1987 - 2001 President Hawaii Rugby Union
2001 - 2002 Coach Kaiser High School RFC Honolulu, Hawaii
2002 - 2003 Coach Weatherford High School
2003 National High School Champions
2003 - 2005 Guest Coach Texas Tech
2005 - 2006 Head Coach Cairo Egypt RFC
2007 - 2008 VP Fort Worth Rugby Club
2008 - 2009 President Fort Worth Rugby Club
2009 - 2014 Director of Competitions TRU
2014 - Present Member of Competitions Committee RRRC