

TRU WINTER BOARD MEETING - AGENDA
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013 @ SAN ANTONIO, TX

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

- **Voting Members:** McPhail, Watson, Courtney, Roberson, Schmidtke, Wolfinger, Corrigan
- **Non Voting Attendee's:** Scot collected
- **Absent:**
- **Proxy:** Jim Wolfinger, Traci Schmidtke

2. MINUTES FROM 2012 EXECUTIVE MEETING - McPhail

- Posted to [TRU Webpage](#)
- Motion to approve minutes by Corrigan (w/ modifications), second by Ron Waston, motion carries, no opposed.

3. REVIEW OF OFFICERS - McPhail

- Mens Rep and Womens Rep – Corrigan & Schmidtke (2010)
- President, Competitions and Discipline – McPhail, Courtney & Watson (2011)
- Discipline Committee – Four member panel (Roberson, Pryor, Wilson & Kelly) with Courtney as Chair
- GU Administrator – Wendy Young

4. USA / West / Texas - McPhail / Sharpley

- USA Competitions Review – Sharpley
 - i. Reviewed the Jan2013CongressCompetitionsUpdate.pdf [[PDF Link](#)]
 1. Note from USA Rugby Competitions member, Adrian Gannon: Please be aware that not all issues have been fully resolved, though the minimum number of league games required is set.

There will be a follow up ppt in March/April that will deal with Frequently Asked Questions and Answers to the competitions process. We hope to release a final report with specific club information in regards to league placement, CR committee members and the mandated competitions on-line module around the 7th of May 2013.
 - ii. Texas D1 will remain the same, with the addition of New Orleans
 1. June promotion/relegation TBD
- Notes from recent USA and West Meetings
 - i. [USA Rugby Sanctioning](#)
 1. [TRU Bid form](#) has been updated to include if you have requested USA Rugby Sanctioning.
 - ii. CIPP process/database will be updated, original date is 1/30/13, that date has passed. No updated date has been given. CMS is also supposed to be updated.
 - iii. Men's Elite Cup, top four will stay in this league, will invite 4 more after the finals.
 - iv. Women's West 7s Coaching position is open (Women's NASC still exists). Position to be posted on West Rugby website soon.

- West TU Board Meeting Dates
 - i. Las Vegas 2/9/13
 - ii. Denver 7/20/13

5. By Law Amendments

- Review of existing – Scot Email
 - i. Courtney reviewed requested [by-law changes](#)
 - ii. Motion by Dynamo to approve as presented. Second Michael Ray (San Antonio).
 - iii. Favor - All in favor; Opposed - None
 - iv. Scot has record of the proxy's...
 - 1. Discussion by Corrigan that new reps are effective immediately. Bylaws state that they are seated/installed Summer AGM 2013. It was recommended that a motion wait until clubs have a chance to review the Bylaws.
 - 2. Discussion from Scot that Dave appoints secretaries if needed. Tabled as a sidebar.
 - v. Discussion from Scot about future [Bylaw Amendments](#):
 - 1. Amendment of the Bylaws (process) is very vague, may need to be updated.
 - a. Scot Proposes that we clarify the language and add secure online voting etc.
 - 2. How do we deal with independent rugby clubs that are loosely affiliated with TRU.
 - a. RT, SWWC, ARC, SWC etc.
 - b. Who is a full member and an affiliate member? Scot proposes an Independent Rugby Director who would act as the liaison between TRU and the Independent conferences. Would also ensure that they are compliant.
 - 3. Proposal that TRRA Chairman becomes R&L Director and added as a member of the Union formally. In reality TRRA would come under the TRU umbrella instead of being separate.
 - 4. Email and/or electronic votes.
- Discussion / ratification of new changes
 - i. Discussion regarding Mission Statement
- Discussion about future of Union
 - i. Collegiate Conferences
 - ii. TRRA
 - iii. Electoral Reps
 - iv. TRU R&L merger with TRRA
 - v. Tournament Manager

6. TRU OPERATING PROCEDURES – McPhail

- Top to bottom review and approval effective 6/1/13
 - Unplayed forfeit \$500
 - Minimum number of players to start league game = 12

7. FINANCIAL REPORT – Pflieger / McPhail

- Outstanding Fines/ Fees: SFA, Capital City, Panther City, TX State Halloween?
- Frisco from last season vs Fort Sill (non-played)
 - i. Resolved, worked out through Ron Watson.

8. COMPETITIONS - Watson & McPhail

- 2013 Playoff format review – Watson
- CMS – Watson
- Murray Mexted Proposal - Watson
- Fall Texas Cup Proposal – Watson
- D2 / D3 restructure / discussion
- Transfer Process / Issues - McPhail
- SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE – Courtney
- WOMEN’S (Senior and Collegiate) – Schmidtke
- SEVENS – McPhail
 - a. Texas Circuit
 - a. Dave is gathering a list of all potential social tournaments so we can have a good overview.
The focus however, is on competition, not social tournaments.
 - b. Proposal for an IRB “like” Texas Cup Circuit. [[Proposal link](#)]
 - b. Westerns – Woodlands, Texas June 22, KC July 6 and Denver July 20
 - c. Nationals – Pittsburgh August 10 (No Mens All-stars)
 - d. TRU Sevens Select Discussion
- Championship events dates:
 - TRU D3 May 4-5, Galveston, TX
 - D1, D2, D3 Men Round of 16: May 18-19, Dallas, TX
 - West D1 Round of 32: May 4th at higher seed
 - NSCRO / Lonestar: March 23-24, Dallas, TX
 - Allied: April 6-7, Dallas, TX
 - SWC Men: April 6, Rice declared winner
 - Rice are seeking an at large bid to DIAA Playoffs, National Championship.
 - SWWC Women: April 12-13, Stanford, CA
 - April 20, Frisco vs Cayman Islands
 - April 20, Golden Lions Match vs ?
 - Rugby Texas: April 27-28, Austin, TX
 - USA Collegiate Regional: April 2-28, Austin, TX
 - Lost Afternoon: Friday June 7, Houston, TX
 - USA versus Ireland: June 8, Houston, TX

9. TRU MASTER SCHEDULE AND GAME LIMITS – McPhail

- Discussion
 - i. Darbies (Reds vs DARC, Huns vs Blacks) - Can they be played on Sunday at 2pm?
- 30 Matches per weekend
- Extended season
- Flex dates and times

10. DISCIPLINE REPORT – Courtney

- Updates to the Discipline Actions / Trends / Concerns
 1. Cards are down, great job! Review Disciplinary Reports with Sanctions [here](#) (Information > Disciplinary Reports > Report with Sanctions.
 2. Review [TRU Field Policies & Procedures...](#)
 - One coach in front of the rope
 - Coaches/Personnel cannot enter field unless invited by referee
 3. Reviewed [Appeals](#) process
- **REFEREE REPORT – Wolfinger / McPhail**
- Referee Proposal – Zdunkewicz (email)
- Recruiting & Training – Schmidtke / Young
- Referee Certification Classes - Young
 - Potential L1 Certification on May 4 or May 11 in Beaumont or Houston, TX. Details are pending but will be posted on TRU website.
- Tournament Czar – Scott Green

11. WEBSITE REVIEW – Young

- Reviewed website, hit big topics:
 - i. Feedburner (get email updates). REQUIRED that at least one person from club is receiving updates, we would recommend 2-3 people for accurate coverage.
 - ii. [Referee Assessments](#) - REQUIRED from home/away team for ALL league matches.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- Status of newly admitted clubs
 - Admitted – UTD, Lamar , The Horde, UTSA, Tyler JC, UTSA, San Marcos,
 - Folded Clubs; UT Grads
 - Transfers of Collegiate to Senior
 - Participation agreement part of CIPP registration

13. NEW BUSINESS and INFORMATION

- Scot motions to rescind ARC Club member status, seconded by Ron. This would be a Board vote....
Yay=all, Nay=none, motions carries.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 4:02pm.