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I have been thankful for the previous two years on the committee. It's been challenging and truthfully very rewarding. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue the work and development that has been ongoing the last two years. The rugby landscape is always changing, especially here in the TRU. In the last two years the changes that we have made are focused on quality of play and the growth. We have removed the multi game playoff weekends, added in a quarter finals round to d3, introduced a state wide competition and challenge shield this upcoming season. The focus has been on developing the level of play, help teams improve and become more successful.

There are more developments that I would like to work with the other members to introduce. A goal of mine is to have a proper off season, a time where the players can rest up and heal and the admin staff can work on club growth and development. Having a window where you can get back to what makes the game great, the social camaraderie after touch, a team tour where lifetime memories will be made. This is what makes the game the greatest in the world. I think we have moved away from that, the season has become longer and longer, with fewer games to keep our players involved, teams manipulating the rosters just to get a win here or there, "where is the love" to quote the black eyed peas. It is trending the other way now and we need to keep it up. I would love to see a robust tournament schedule in the fall where teams from all over travel to come play in texas. If you have ideas about how that could work i want to hear them. I want to work with you to keep growing the game that we all love.