

Meeting Minutes for 2009-2010 FYRU AGM

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- Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am on August 22nd 2009, at Homers in Sebring, Florida.
- A public thank you to Jeremy Humphries for his work and dedication to this point. Jeremy has had to step down for personal reasons from being the FYRU Secretary and the coach of Winter Park.
 - For today's meeting, Ray Campion will handle the secretary duties.
- Roll Call: Jeff Oxenreider, Trojans; Steve Young, Naples (Chairman); Don Stramanak, Trojans (Treasurer); Ray Campion, Brevard (FYRU Director); Martin Gardener, FRU Youth Director; John Devenport FRU President; Joss Cross, Weston; Bill Marts, Trojans; Brian Richardson, Daytona Beach; ED Eshbaugh, Pelicans (formerly PAC); Dave McFadden, Sharks (formerly Pelicans); Bill Shelly, North East Nomads (Vice Chairman); Phil Luby, Cape Blackhawks.
 - Teams represented:
 - Trojans, Naples, Brevard, Weston, Pelicans, Sharks, Northeast, Daytona Beach
 - Proxy:
 - LPA, Jacksonville, Jupiter (men and women), Satellite Beach (women), Niceville
 - Absent:
 - Winter Park, All-Blacks, Barbarians, North Broward Prep, Lely
- Teams folding, moving, or forming:
 - Niceville has decided to join the Georgia Rugby Union next year.
 - Travel is the main issue.
 - Sarasota Team seems to have had problems getting started.
 - Only 3 or 4 other teams have stated they are interested, but we have not heard from them.
 - We will continue to pursue new teams for the Spring
 - Need to have a new coach orientation to make the transition easier
 - Game day procedures need to be adhered to
 - FRU has a game day roster form. All teams should use this form.
 - Referees are familiar with the form
 - Checklist of items that has to happen
 - Must be signed by captains of each team
 - Non-standard rosters are discouraged.
- Discussion of number of kids who fail to continue playing rugby after high school
 - A staggering 75% do not move onto men's clubs
 - Reasons given
 - Men's club faster, bigger – intimidation factor
 - Collegiate club rugby not offered in many schools and none in community colleges
 - Quality of coaching in men's clubs is sometimes not up to par
- Discussion for HS eligibility

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- Treasurer Report – Don Stramanak
 - ~ \$650.00 in account
 - \$95.00 spent on Scheduling software
 - Elected to look at other scheduling software instead of using Quickscores this year for scheduling
 - USA Rugby is said to have a site that could be used for free
 - Three teams still owe money for last year
 - Ray Champion took the action to talk to those teams
 - Teams still owing money for 2009 season have a \$15.00 late fee tacked on
 - Motioned by Don Stramanak, seconded by ?
 - Voted on by all team representatives and approved by all but two teams present.
 - These have to be paid by December 1, 2009.
 - Team dues for 2010 will again be \$50.00
 - ***All teams have to pay by December 1, 2009 for 2010 season!***
 - Motioned by Don Stramanak, seconded by Ray Champion
 - Voted on by all team representatives and approved by all present.
 - Question asked what we will do with the surplus money?
 - Looking to bring regional or national championship to FLA
 - Advertising
 - Support SBRO (more on SBRO later)
 - Support Web Site and cost associated with Web site development
 - Pay for AGM costs
- Martin Gardener discussed the SBRO and what it means for Florida Youth Rugby
- SBRO – State Bases Rugby Organization
 - USA Rugby Initiative to facilitate the growth of rugby
 - 5 step process that formalizes and organizes the development of youth territories
 - 20 SBROs are USA Rugby’s goal
 - SBROs are a systematic approach to providing structure in the development of youth rugby
 - Eventually sees some paid positions
 - After 20 teams join an SBRO, the SBRO gets back the \$150.00 registration fee for each team over 20.
 - Effort by USA Rugby to put money back into youth growth.
- John Devanport is offering FYRU an Associate membership into the FRU
 - Motion by Ray Champion to join the FRU as an Associate Member.
 - Voted on by all team representatives and approved by all present.
 - Motion by Ray Champion to amend the FYRU By-Laws to include membership into the FRU if the FRU accepts our petition to join.
 - Voted on by all team representatives and approved by all present.
 - Martin and John to amend FRU By-Laws to include FYRU membership into the FRU as an Associate Member

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- High Performance youth structure was discussed.
 - Looking to capture a USA Rugby HP regional tournament
 - Several venues in Florida meet or exceed those of other venues in the USA.
- Motion made by Steve Young to have all coaches CIPP'd and certified by January 1, 2010 pending a certification course is held in FLA.
 - Seconded by Phil Luby.
 - Voted on by all team representatives and approved by all present.
- Referees have been asked to use Game Management style in refereeing high school and youth games.
 - Referee is going to be allowed to “coach” a high school player.
 - Referee should be more than a “cop”.
- Motion made by Jeff Oxenreider to nominate Ed Eshbaugh as our new secretary to replace the vacancy created by Jeremy Humphries.
 - Steve Young seconded.
 - Voted on by all team representatives and approved by all present.
- High School women’s rugby in Lakeland (Polk County)
 - Needs a coach
 - Phil Luby to contact Rauol (UCF) in Orlando
 - Ed Eshbaugh wants information forwarded to him.
- Taravela also has girls but needs a coach
- High School Rugby Festival is planned for the North Broward area in January, 2011. Don Stranamak’s input.
- **Florida U-20 Juice – Looking at a future trip to Colorado for 2010!**
- Bill Marts brought up a book called Sports Nutrition for Coaches. Written by a nutritionist associated with the Pittsburg Steelers.
- Jeff Oxenreider would like a game report from coaches for each game. He would like to have the coaches report on scores, number of tries, injuries, and who each coach thought the best two players were on the opposition.
- Road to the National Championships
 - High School National Championship - May 22nd and May 23rd
 - South HS Regional Championship - May 8th and May 9th
 - State High School Championship - April 17th
 - Looking to have Jacksonville or Gainesville bid for South
 - Others welcome!

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- Simon (Jupiter) mailed in suggested changes to the schedule
 - Have regional teams play each other for 1st half of season
 - Based on the first 4 games/weeks/etc. the top two teams form Premier LeagueI
 - Remaining teams form Champions League
 - Premier play for Cup, Champions play for Plate Championship
 - Other:
 - Premier teams
 - Must have played in previous season
 - 22 man roster
 - CIPPed coach and players
 - Complete by Dec 1, 2009
 - Be able to travel
 - Champion teams
 - All others
 - Limit travel (if possible)
 - Can have less than 22 man roster
 - Scheduling format under consideration by Master Scheduler
- Point system change
 - Get 4 trys or more, add bonus point
 - Lose by less than 7 points, add bonus point
 - Draw, each team gets 1 point
 - Win, 3 points
 - Loss, 0 points
 - Forfeit, -1 point
- Tie Breakers (in order)
 - Calculated Points
 - Overall record
 - Head to head
 - Point differential
 - Try Count
 - Coin Toss
- Continue to have one HS game at Ruggerfest – North v South.
 - Best players nominated by opposing coaches.
- Bill Marts requested that a Certificate of Nomination be give to each All-Star selected.

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- Don Stramanak – Word Rugby Shop –
 - Training Jerseys for \$13.99
 - Gilbert shirts for \$23.00
 - WRS shorts for \$10.00
 - Socks for \$4.00
 - Contact Chris Blair with WRS @ 1-877-776-7651 x 1358
- Other outfitters
 - Ron 1-800-466-2668 or Ron@teamwearpro.com
 - Scrumbot.com to order online
 - Rugby Imports – has a sports kit bag that is cool
- Dave McFadden – wanted to know what the High Performance High School format will look like. Need a HP manager. Will be one of the facets of the SBRO. Job specs to be put on the web site.
 - SBRO elected officers will consist of the following –
 - President, Secretary, Vice President – Boys, Vice President – Girls, Treasurer
 - SBRO appointed officers will consist of the following –
 - High Performance Manager, Competition Manager, and Rookie Rugby Manager.
- Next AGM will be October 24th
 - In conjunction with coaching clinic
 - Would also like a referee clinic
 - Update and vote on By-Law changes needed
 - Update and vote in new officers
 - Update and vote on hand book changes
- Motion made to close meeting about 5:15 pm and voted on by all.