

2002 Minutes

November '02

We spoke about the Men's Select Side and that we are waiting to get back responses from players on why they do or don't want to play Select Side.

The AGM is Dec. 14th at 10 AM. Reps please send this out to all your team reps and copy me on it so I know that it is getting done (I am annual). The Directions are on the ERRFU Website.

Thanks to Ft. Collins for driving all the way up here to respond to Queen City and Queen City not showing up. The playoff match will take place March 15th or 22nd. or if those aren't Saturdays then the Saturday that is closest.

I asked that you all submit local news for the front page. I have put a poll on the website that I have changed every other week and people want to see more local news. If anyone has a poll they want to put on the site, please do.

We talked about Summer 7's and it sounds very exciting and will be more clear next month. Steve will get the reps info and flyers.

We talked at length about the needs for refs and that Charlie will talk about this again at the meeting. JR again has expressed the need to pay the refs, and we said that the ERRFU board does support this, however the refs themselves are not all on board.

In new business Dustin asked for support for the 6 girls that were invited to go to the National U-19 camp. We will support.

August '02

Minutes for the August 13th meeting:

Recap of West Meeting (Wendy):

-Lau's no longer get a bid automatically. They must have 4 competitive teams or combine with another LAU to accomplish this.

-West will be offering rebates of up to \$500 for hosting Westerns.

-West will be using CYR as a model for building youth rugby throughout the TU.

Summer 7's:

-Should ERRFU take over Summer 7's?

-ERRFU would like to have a team (possibly the Highlanders or Ref Soc) host Summer 7's next year.

-The concern was issued that the teams involved are not getting their moneys worth for the \$\$ paid.

Board Reports:

VP

- Continuing concern surrounding fields. Need another supporter other than Denver Parks.

-U-19 women are scheduled to face AFA and Jackalope and are looking for more venues.

-Possibly 2 new HS girls teams, Eaglecrest, Springs, and 1 new College womens side in Regis College.

Disciplinary:

-Not much new, 2 ejections that was about it.

Women's:

-2 made ITT 7's, Suzanna Percy, Amy Root

-Womens side planning on going to Aspen.

-2 Women went to Brazil from ERRFU.

Men's:

-Glenwood looks to be on track.

-There will be 8 teams at Breck.

SelectSide:

-Camp was very successful and ERRFU is looking to do it again in Nov.

-Traveling to AZ on the 26th of OCT.

Referee:

-New law changes have been posted on the web.

-New law changes will be sent out by reps.

-Schedule is completed through Oct. Please send any changes to Joel ASAP.

-Level 1 refs clinic planned for fall, date is TBD.

-10 Referees will attend the COG.

Tres:

-\$13,000 in our account.

-\$5,000 in Schwab

-There is a discrepancy between what ERRFU sent USARFU and what USARFU says we owe for CIPP.

-ERRFU will fund 2 U-19's going to the elite camp.

-1867 CIPP'd up from last year!

College:

-Waiting to hear from Cortez on DI.

-RMAC date???

-have not heard from Chadron, will wait until school starts.

New Business:

-Motion to propose that ropes are set up on both sides of the pitch from Tryzone to Tryzone for all levels of play.

This was voted on and approved by the board.

-Would like to set up a Coaches Society for discussions, issues, communication, etc.

May/June '02

ERRFU May/June, 2000 meeting minutes, Saturday, June 1.

Meeting started at 4:45.

Attending: Joel Gregg, Bob Lesnansky, John Oberly, Greg Chvatal, J.R. Lapierre, Wendy Cook, Rick Carlson, Amy Root, Dustin George, Charlie Haupt.

ERRFU membership is up 200 from 2001.

RMAC Collegiate Men's tournament was moved from the fall to spring, starting on a to be determined date, in March, 2003.

Disciplinary report. Rick reported one red card. Also biting at a high school girls match. The ERRFU ID cards have helped discipline.

Referees: Charlie mentioned that he is planning on a to be determined date, this summer, to put on a Level I referee clinic. Discussion about streamlining high school boys & girls tournaments around Western events in March and especially April.

Women: Amy reported that Julie McCoy is the Western Women's 7's Coach for 2002.

Karl Olson is the ERRFU Women's 15's Coach for 2002. Old Girls went to Sweet 16 of USA Women's Club Championships. AFA won the Collegiate Women's Division One USA National Championship. Summit is starting a Women's Club.

Discussion of: "Where are all the coaches who've taken USARFU coaching clinics?"

Joel Gregg will contact USARFU for list of names.

Secretary: Scheduling has come a long way in the past six months, since changing websites and upgrading the design of the 2000 Master Schedule. A big thanks to Chris Peck for his ongoing work in organizing the layout of the Schedule.

Treasurer: Over 1700 CIPP USA registered rugby players. Up 200 from 2001, and still the 2nd 1/2 of 2002 to go. All together we have \$11,000 in ERRFU funds, including Schwaab savings account, checking account, and Colorado Rugby Grounds fund.

Youth: 52 kids for TRY(Touch Rugby Youth) league on May 31. Kids 7 & 8 don't have to pay USARFU fees.

CYR: Vail & Summit dropped out during the Spring season. The biggest event was the High School State Championships, boys & girls, held for the first time at Shea Stadium, with over 500 paying spectators. We need public relations work. Also work will be starting earlier says John Oberly in putting together boys schedules. The CYR Board of Directors organization was a big move. Thanks to Dave Doessell for his arrangement and organization of the Rocky Mountain tournament and the State Championships. Discussion of a PR effort which says... "If your school doesn't have rugby, why not?" Discussion of a mass mailing to all seniors in fall of their senior year to keep playing rugby in college or to join a men's or women's club.

NOTE: Western Rugby Union meeting, will be held in Denver, August 1-2, at a hotel near the old Stapleton airport.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43.

February '02

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Zack Tompson and Matt Scott(Regis Univ.), Joel Gregg(Secretary), Dustin George(Vice President), Wendy Cook(President), J.R. Lapierre(College Men's Rep.), Buck Gorski(Mtountain Rep.), Steve Johnson(Men's Club Rep.), Dan O'Leary(Coaching), Charlie Haupt(Referees), Herk Koranski (Colorado Youth Rugby)
Absent: Amy Root(

1. January meeting Minutes approved.
2. Realignment of division II college men. Mines would like to have teams weighted by a better means than divisions set up. League play in fall. Playoffs in Spring. ERRFU will set a Div. II schedule. E-mail discussion group will take vote of the Division II coaches.
3. Discussion of split within Colorado Youth Rugby off of girls. Herk Koranski is attending tonight's meeting on behalf of Paul Hoskins for Steve Hazel, CYR Director
4. Equipment sponsor(s) for ERRFU discussed. No decision yet.
5. ERRFU web-site advg. Banners are available. Kicking around ad prices.
6. Proposal passed unanimously for up to \$2000 total, \$200 caps per grants. Essentially 10, \$200 grants. New team/player grants. Grants for purchase of rugby equipment, or to attend a national event as a player/team discussed. No balls & cones. Want to direct to clinics. \$2000 per year. If team folds, ERRFU gets the equipment back. Applications will be taken anytime, 12 months running.
7. Exec office reports.

President: Discussion of strategic planning meeting arranged thru the help with Herk for March meeting. 2nd Tuesday in March. Meeting will start at 7:30. We have the room until 9:30.

VP. New player cards. Send out reminder. "This is what you need for your 1st official game." Helpful reminder. Clubs need to get the color IDs. CIPP cards need to go to the

club not the players to hold. Deadline for when no refs if no picture Ids will be March 15.

Secretary. 2002 Schedule is almost completely loaded on errfu.org web-site. Over 250 rugby matches scheduled between February and May. Steve will look into our web-site backup arrangements.

Referees. Assignments made thru March 20. April 13, 20 and May 4 will be the busiest Saturdays because of 2 Super League matches in Colorado on each of those days. Idea of setting aside money for referee development. Upheaval of USA Refs Society will filter down in training material/coordination will be lost.

Men's rep. West/Golden team is coming along. Looking to start with a few friendless and start out this fall. They have 22 players.

Women's rep. No report.

College Men. April/May will be scheduling for Div. II. J.R. will ask Rich Cortez, Univ. of Wyoming, if he will continue to do Div. I scheduling.

Mtn. Rep. Breckenridge St. Valentines tournament this weekend.

CYR. Herk discussed safety waiver. Emergency contact form. Require a cell phone.

Also a medical kit required. Also sign medical form. Also sign USA membership form.

CYR by-laws/guidelines will be sent from Herk to ERRFU.

8. New Business

New Select Side Coach for Women. Needs to contact Dan O'Leary. We are in touch with 4 Territories: Midwest 1st & Developmental Men's Select Sides, over Memorial Day weekend, MARFU, South, S. California. We'll also be playing Pacific in Vancouver in September. We'd play them over the Labor Day weekend. Or we might play curtain raiser to USA vs. Canada match. Starting fundraising now.

Discussion of getting a Union fields facility. Getting money from fundraisers put in a coffer. Steve Johnson offered \$2,000 for fields donation if \$15,000 raised thru All Comers tournament, May 17-19. All Comers' fee of \$65 per player, includes jerseys.

Discussion of summer fundraising activity. Speakers for a fundraiser? More of a bash.

Get some fresh money in.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11.

Next meeting will be March 12, starting at 7:30.

January '02

Monday, January 21, 2002

Meeting started at 7:00p.m.

In attendance: Dan O'leary, Dustin George, Wendy Cook, J.R. Lapierre, Rick Carlson, Joel Gregg, Bob Lesnansky, Steve Johnson, and Charlie Haupt. Absent: Buck Buroski, Mountain Rep., Amy Root, Women's Rep., Steve Hazel, Colorado Youth Rugby.

Introductions of 2002 Executive Committee members: J.R. Lapierre, College Men's Rep.; Rick Carlson; Disciplinary Chairman; Joel Gregg, Secretary; Bob Lesnansky, Treasurer; Steve "Duma" Johnson, Men's Club Rep.; Dan O'leary, Director of Coaching; Dustin George, VP; Wendy Cook, President, Charlie Haupt, Referee Director.

Discussion of Western meetings coming up... This weekend, January 26-27, Wendy will be attending a WRU meeting. ERRFU will be hosting a WRU meeting, August 3-4. Talking with potential equipment suppliers for an exclusive relationship.

Fines. Any fines for not showing up for meetings, matches, etc., will be put into an ERRFU savings fund for fields. All Western RU fines go to a youth fund.

New Division II Men's club, Golden/Western Suburbs is organizing and has talked with Steve Johnson. Also Glenwood Springs is planning to put together a Division II team. Vail is looking at a 7's Qualifier tournament.

Colorado Youth Rugby scheduling situation. Communication from CYR Director to ERRFU President has been opinionated.. CYR has to conform to the ERRFU authority in abiding to ERRFU Constitution & by-laws, scheduling, payment of Union fees, referees abuse. Possibility of having ERRFU do scheduling for all ERRFU levels, men's, women's, college, high schedule was discussed. Arrangements will be pursued to have a meeting between ERRFU & CYR executives to discuss what ERRFU provides CYR and what is at stake with a possible non-compliance by CYR.

Select Side report by Dan about playing Territorial teams in 2002. He's talked with Midwest, South & Southern California.

Karl Olsen is new Women's Select Side Coach. He is Harlequins Old Girls coach.

Treasurer's report: \$6,200 in Schwaab savings account; \$1,200 in checking account. . Rosters of current players registered will be included in ERRFU web-site in the future. West & ERRFU dues need to be sent into ERRFU by February 15. Also photo IDs must be on ERRFU ID cards. One check from clubs for ERRFU/WRU/USARFU dues.

Sale RFC, from England is going to be hosted by the Queen City club for a weekend of coaching clinics, Friday & Saturday, June 15-16, 2002.

Discussion of dividing Division II into two divisions: West Div.: Mesa, WSC, Adams, Mines and Regis. East: Chadron, UNC, Metro, DU and CC. Approved to set these Divisions for 2002. Scheduling will be up to the clubs. ERRFU Division II Championship of top two teams in each division, last weekend of October. Fall season will determine Spring playoffs. This plan will be experimented with during 2002-2003 season.

UNC Women & Ft. Collins is looking for a Coach. Also, Queen City doesn't have a practice or match field. Cook field has been scheduled in Spring for lacrosse.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.