



Minutes of the Rugby Illinois

Summer General Meeting of Membership

July 30, 2023 9:00AM

Venue: Zoom Meeting

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I. Following roll call attendance by the Secretary, quorum was established with 27 clubs present.
President John Chevalier called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

A. Good Standing Clubs in attendance: See Appendix A

B. Good Standing Clubs absent : See Appendix A

II Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve: Motion to approve by Nick Larma Ayes: All Nays:0

III. Referee Society - Amanda Cross

- Season recap - referred many games in the spring
- Changing policy in regards referee abuse
- Looking for more referees. Will offer L1 courses
- Referees are paid after score reporting
- Will continue to pre-bill the first half of the season and bill as-we-go for the end of season

IV. Officers Reports – Please view shared officer written reports on RIL’s Member Folder

A. President – John Chevalier

- Thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year.
- Want to focus on local rugby in Naperville and will be stepping down.
- Questions:
 - How can we grow without knowing specifically what’s not working? Will address with the new EC and new President
 - Has there been any discussions with nominees or are there steps in place to help with transition? EC tried to change the terms of the EC positions so only half are up for election every year, to help with transition.

- Were there discussions about moving to a conference model? There were no discussions at the EC level but it is a great question for the VP of competition.

B. VP Competition – Theo Gilbert

- Please find report in AGM folder (see link above).
- Goal for 2023-2024 to prioritize updating by laws.
- Questions:
 - Are there any comments on the 7s series? Came together well, but needs to start earlier in the year. The concern is the organization doesn't have enough bandwidth for 7s to start earlier.
 - Are there thoughts on being more flexible on the teams, those with lower numbers? Open to different competition structures, and finding a system that works well for the members

C. VP Development – Sean Bracken

- Please find report in AGM folder (see link above).
- Questions: None

D. Marketing – Dave Campos

- Please find report in AGM folder (see link above).
- Summary of Winter AGM Goals
 - Attract new members, retain memberships, improve communications, attract sponsors
- Spring survey results
 - Tie programming to survey results
- Questions: None

E. Compliance – Tim Walsh

- Please find report in AGM folder (see link above).
- USAYHS slow to respond to issues for RugbyXplorer
- Compliance Handbook to be finalized by the end of the year
- Registration - Clubs and coaches/admin need to be registered for winter AGM
- Questions:
 - Is there going to be a USAR contact for issues?

- Will work with Conor to list the contacts for issues

E. Treasurer – Mike Kanzler

- Not present
- Questions:
 - Where is the money being spent?
 - What’s the reason that Mike isn’t present or completed a report?

F. Secretary – Jennifer Kelliher

- Please find report in AGM folder (see link above).

V. Nominations for Officer Positions.

- A. **Slate of Candidates.** The below candidates have agreed to continue as incumbents, or have verified their interest with the Executive Committee to serve, in the below positions. Elections will take place during the meeting by GoogleForm (one vote per club).

Executive Committee:

President/Director – Sean Bracken
VP Competition - Theo Gilbert (incumbent)
VP Development – Charles Thorndyke
VP Marketing – Dave Campos (incumbent)
Compliance Officer - Tim Walsh (incumbent)
Secretary/Director – Jennifer Kelliher (incumbent)
Treasurer/Director – Michael Kanzler (incumbent)

Competition Committee:

D1 Coordinator:
D2 Coordinator: Karen Kalicki (incumbent)
D3 Coordinator:
Girls Coordinator: Cassandra Lepe/Brigid Murphy
Disciplinarian: Sal Carfagno
Middle School Coordinator: Craig Air (incumbent)

- B. **Call for nominations.** Additional nominees must be moved and seconded. Any new nominees must be present in the meeting to personally accept the nomination. President closes the nominations.
- C. **Electronic voting opens.**

VI New Business

- A. **Elections conclude.** Results of Elections are as follows:

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- B. Questions:
- a. Why do we do the Summer AGM virtually instead of the Winter?
 - i. Last year's EC wanted to accommodate more attendance for the vote

Appendix A: Attendance List

Secretary List	Attended	Not Attended
Arlington Stallions High School	x	
Brother Rice High School RFC		x
Chesterton Academy Saints		x
Chicago Lions Community Rugby Program	x	
Chiefs RFC	x	
CRC Academy	x	
Crystal Lake Lions	x	
Elmhurst Rugby Football Club	x	
Farm Boys	x	
Fenwick Friars Rugby Club		x
Fox Valley Predator Rugby Club	x	
Glen Ellyn		x
Hononegah Community High School	x	
Illinois Valley Coalminers	x	
J Sterling Morton Rugby	x	
Lane Tech Rugby Club	x	
LaSalette Rugby Club	x	
LaSalle Peru Cavaliers (Note LaSalle Peru and Illinois Valley has 1 vote)	x	
Marist High School	x	
Mount Carmel High School Rugby		x
Naperville Crusaders Youth Rugby	x	
Naperville Warriors	x	
Neuqua Wildcats Rugby Club	x	
New Trier RFC	x	
Plainfield Rugby Club	x	
South Suburban Cobras	x	
Taft Rugby Club	x	
West Suburban Barbarians Rugby	x	
West Suburban Bulls Rugby	x	