

November 2023 Minutes

Rugby Illinois

Executive Committee Meeting

1. Meeting call to order 7:11 pm
2. Sean Motion to approve October. 5 ayes
3. In Attendance via Zoom @
 - a. Sean Bracken President (SB)
 - b. Charles Thorndyke VP Development (CT)
 - c. Theo Gilbert VP Competition (TG)
 - d. Dave Campos, VP Marketing (DC)
4. Not in attendance
 - a. Jennifer Kelliher Secretary (JK)
 - b. Mike Kanzler Treasurer (MK)
 - c. Tim Walsh Compliance Officer (TW)
5. Officer Report
 - a. President (SB)
 - i. Key Projects
 1. New club approval
 - a. Process needs to be updated
 2. Events committee having first meeting 11/8
 - a. Charles to be included for discussion with Hounds collaboration
 3. Social fundraising event
 - a. Rugby golf?
 4. Sponsorship and Partnership
 - a. Randy Splicer? Revolution therapy
 - b. Matt at IBJ
 - c. CARFU Ref
 - ii. Cross functional
 1. L1 course setup with Charles
 2. New Club Approval
 - a. In the by-laws to approve
 - b. Compliance (TW)
 - i. Key Projects
 1. USAYHS and RugbyXplorer
 - a. Trying to get access to administrative portal to provide the report
 2. Compliance manual to be available for Spring 2024
 3. Questions needed for new club survey
 4. USAYHS requires proof of age
 - c. Competition (TG)
 - i. Key Projects
 1. Ref abuse report

- a. Expanding the definition
 - b. Spring - will add a checkbox and text box to report for conduct
- 2. Restructure competition
 - a. Criteria - Not included if disrespectful to ref/team
 - b. Structure for how to respond
 - c. Data on abuse reports
 - d. Tim to reach out to Amanda for refs definition
- 3. Haunch
 - a. Big change in regards to head injury treatments in rugby
- 4. Compliance
 - a. Survey - 5L1, 8L2, 5Ref – Charles to follow up
- 5. Winter clinics for Tornado - Start in December
 - a. Jan/Feb clinics set
 - b. Looking for Dec/Nov
 - c. Coaches to be a discussion with Sean and Charles
 - i. Girls HS - Jaimie Stephens, Kate Obrien, Tatum ?, Amy McCormick, Chris Milovitch, Theo Gilbert
 - ii. Middle School - Nick Larma
 - iii. Boys HS - Kevin Lydon, Andrew Collins, Oscar Andreno
 - iv. Fresh/Soph -
 - d. Motion Theo to vote approve the VP Competition appointment for selectside coaches. Tim seconded as amended.
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Middle School responsibilities - developmental clinics
 - a. Not fulfilling responsibilities
 - ii. Vote: Ayes - 2, Nays - 2, Abstain - 2
- 6. Handbook
 - a.
- d. VP Marketing (DC)
 - i. Development Fundraiser
 - ii. 2023-24 Marketing Plans
 - iii. 2023-24 Marketing Budget
- e. Development (CT)
 - i. Key Projects
 - 1. Imagine Rugby
 - 2. Community development - Hounds
 - 3. Course Planning
 - ii. Top of Mind
 - 1. Rugby year round
 - 2. L1 - November 25
 - a. L1 January to be led by hounds - will be confirmed
 - b. Looking at additional in Feb and March
 - c. Found additional venues
 - i. Lions and Carmel

3. Social media - encourage clubs to post on other stuff

6. New Business

- a. Registration Categories
 - i. USAYHS changed categories
 - ii. Doesn't affect players being registered for the whole year
 - iii. Tim to reach out to USAYHS
- b. Ref Abuse - Tim and Theo to work together
- c. Retreat - Nov 12 8:30am-11:30am Venue TBD
 - i. Theo to confirm 10:30 tonight
 - ii. Carmel - referee Brenden Leech
- d. Special meeting to finalize budget
 - i. Week before
- e. St Rita
 - i. Sean - Motion to reinstate St. Rita. Tim seconds
 - 1. Ayes - 5 nays - 0 abstain - 1
- f. Motion to close Tim

Adjourn 9:10