

**Virginia Rugby Union
Executive Committee Meeting
January 5, 2008
Richmond, Virginia**

Meeting Call to Order: 10:30 AM

In Attendance: K. Kabza, B Lucas (guest), T Krebs, George D., K Kilgore, J Anderson, S Plum, M Dessypris Thomas, M Robinette (guest), C Schmitt.

Officers Not In Attendance: D Chapman, M Durocher, D Yancey, and J. Comer

Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2007:
Motion to approve by Schmitt, seconded by Durocher.
Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Tommy (Krebs) gave a brief description of the eVA web based procurement system that most of the Universities use. Tommy and Shannon reported that one University had invoiced the VRU (and the RSV) for fees associated with using this system to invoice for Union Dues/Referees Fees. The Board agreed that the VRU would not agree to pay for this type of fee.

Tommy had the proposed budget on his laptop and emailed it to everyone right then. Kabza will moderate email discussion and poll the board to approve recommendation of the budget at the AGM. Discussion by the 9th.
Decision by the 10th.

There are some seriously outstanding dues and referee's fees. The following is a list of delinquent clubs.

Delinquent VRU Dues:

Blackwater Men	\$ 425.00
Newport News	\$ 417.50
Virginia Beach	\$ 425.00
Blue Ridge Women	\$ 208.50
Blackwater Women	\$ 425.00
Hampden Sydney	\$ 850.00 (working with the Treasurer to complete payment)
Jms Madison Men	\$1,535.00
Old Dominion Men	\$ 850.00
Radford Men	\$ 850.00
Longwood Women	\$ 850.00
Radford Women	\$ 850.00

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Plum: The following clubs are declared not in good standing with the VRU for non-payment of dues, effective immediately. Approved Unanimously.

James Madison Men
Blue Ridge Women
Blackwater Women

Delinquent RSV Fees:

Blackwater Men	\$ 460.00 (from 2006)
James Madison Men	\$ 800.00 (from 2006)
Radford Women	\$ 458.70 (from 2006)
U Richmond M	\$ 474.10 (from S 2007)
UR Women	\$ 528.44 (from S 2007)
W&L Men	\$ 732.82 (from F 06 and S07)

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Dessypris Thomas: The following clubs are declared not in good standing with the VRU for non-payment of RSV fees, effective immediately. Approved Unanimously.

Blackwater Men
James Madison Men
Radford Women
W&L Men

Blackwater Women and Rappahannock Women will be removed from the 2008 Budget.

The budget format will be amended to show a single line Item for All-stars, which will be allotted evenly between the 5 potential All-star programs (M,W,CM,U-23 W, Youth). Each program will have a maximum allotted amount, but if a specific program does not need funds, those funds will be released to the All-star line item, not the general budget, for redistribution to the other programs within that budget year.

The Ed and Sandy Lee Cup: VRU State Championships:

Motion by Kabza, seconded by Plum: The VRU will no longer use the E&S Lee tournament as a method of determining post season seeds to MARFU in any competitive division. A method of determining champions will be determined at a later date (league play results or a home/away semi's and finals). Approved Unanimously.

Motion by Kabza, seconded by Plum: The ownership of the name "Ed and Sandy Lee Cup" will revert to the James River Men's Rugby Football Club, the founder of the original event during the mid 1970's. Approved with one abstention.

James River M&W were released from the second year (2008) of their current bid to host the E&SL Cup.

Given that the E&SL Tournament will no longer be providing funds for the growth of the Don Bridges Fund, the 2008 EC will explore ways to continue to build this fund.

Goalpost Pads and Sideline Barriers:

The EC reaffirmed the importance of goalpost pads and sideline ropes for player and spectator safety. The RSV will continue to instruct referees not to begin matches that do not have these safety features in place. Clubs are reminded that if their referee will not allow a match due to lack of these safety features, the home club will be liable for all fees and penalties associated with the un played match, and if it is a league match, they will be assessed a forfeit for that match.

Youth and HS Rugby in Virginia:

There was long discussion of the current state of Youth and HS programs in Virginia, the new SBO initiative by USA, and what needs to happen next. It was decided that the incoming Board would form a Youth and HS Committee, hopefully made up from active Youth and HS enthusiasts from the major cities in the Commonwealth. The elected Youth and HS Coordinator will be the Chair of that Committee, and its liaison with the EC.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Thanks to Marsha and Hams Restaurant for an excellent venue.

Next meeting:

The VRU AGM,
January 19, 2008, 10:00 AM
Ginter Park Baptist Church,
Richmond Virginia.