

**VRU Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Sunday, September 13, 2009  
O'Toole's Restaurant**

Call to Order: 10:57 AM

Attendance:

President - Carl Schmitt - [president@rugby.org](mailto:president@rugby.org)

Vice-President - Bill Lucas - [vp@rugby.org](mailto:vp@rugby.org)

Secretary/ MARFU-At-Large - David Chapman - [secretary@rugby.org](mailto:secretary@rugby.org)

Treasurer - Tommy Krebs - [treasurer@rugby.org](mailto:treasurer@rugby.org)

Men's Club Coordinator - Jeremy Miller - [men@rugby.org](mailto:men@rugby.org)

Men's College Coordinator - Matt Robinette - [collegemen@rugby.org](mailto:collegemen@rugby.org)

Youth/High School Coordinator - Kevin Kilgore - [youth@rugby.org](mailto:youth@rugby.org)

Disciplinary Committee Chairman - George Durocher - [discipline@rugby.org](mailto:discipline@rugby.org)

Newsletter Editor - Emily Pauler - [newsletter@rugby.org](mailto:newsletter@rugby.org)

Guest:

Fred Bardot, Rugby Virginia

Not in attendance:

MARFU/USARFU Representative - George Durocher - [usa@rugby.org](mailto:usa@rugby.org)

Women's Club Coordinator - Margy Dessypris Thomas - [women@rugby.org](mailto:women@rugby.org)

Women's College Coordinator - Julie Comer- [collegewomen@rugby.org](mailto:collegewomen@rugby.org)

High School/Youth:

Due to increased activity, Carl would like to change the by-laws for the positions and will offer those at a later date.

Kevin provided a report and discussion of recent events, including Rugby Virginia and the recent success of teams in Newport News. Fred Bardot related what was planned for the future, particularly with the promotion of USA Rugby's Rookie Rugby and efforts to get involved with an anti-obesity initiative. Funding sources are being examined and researched to continue program growth.

Carl brought up a concern about training and certification of HS referees, principally regarding the safety issue.

Men's Clubs:

CIPP looks ok to date. Dues situation is being handled where applicable.

Jeremy has been in contact with a new team that may be forming in Williamsburg; he is waiting for their application and further information.

The USS Teddy Roosevelt had planned to play as a D3 Club team in the Fall, but could not get enough players to actively pursue this.

A possible new club in Harrisonburg had contacted Jeremy, but nothing else has been heard.

#### College Men:

As with the Club Men, the dues situation is being handled where applicable; no great problems, except for one (see below).

Roanoke College has played a few games against college teams and is being coached under the auspices of Roanoke RFC.

#### Ed & Sandy Lee Cup:

Matt discussed the need for a later date. It is too late to change for 2009, but we will need to discuss at the AGM.

Carl would like the VRU to pay for the cost of referees, in order to defray costs to the hosts and drive down the fee. More discussion and analysis will be required, as it was pointed out that this is the single largest expense (not a majority, but a plurality).

Carl and others are still trying to work out getting a Men's Club match at the Ed Lee Cup.

#### Secretary/Website:

David reminded the EC that he needed handbook updates by December 1.

#### CIPP:

Various EC members had reviewed the USA CIPP reports; overall compliance looks very good.

The coordinators were reminded that the signed waivers must be collected and maintained. This must be continually stressed to the clubs.

#### Newsletter:

Carl would like additional news items and more frequent releases. He suggested that these be sent on a regular basis via the Yahoo Group.

#### VRU and RSV Fees:

Several clubs owed back dues to the VRU and delinquent fees to the RSV (UVa Men, UVA Women, W&L). Carl made a motion (Stuart second) that the clubs would be suspended on 10/1 unless they had this worked out with the VRU and RSV treasurers. In a voice vote, this was accepted.

#### RSV:

The RSV is looking at a new system that would only cost about \$150/year. The old system is fine, but it is not being maintained or enhanced and the RSV feels it needs to move. Stewart and his officers are looking at this further.

A dialogue concerning a flat rate system for RSV fees was put forth, with pros and cons. The RSV will reconsider this once a new system is in place.

There were 12-14 folks at the previous clinic, including a couple from Newport News for their High School effort. The next clinic is scheduled for November 14, 2009.

The RSV continues to have some success in having meetings via conference calls. The distances are too great, but the ubiquity of the cell phone and "free" evenings make this easier.

#### Treasurer/Treasury:

Tommy provided a financial report. No oddities or anomalies were apparent.

There are some clubs that are overdue to both the VRU and RSV and they are being handled separately (see above). However, there are a small number of other clubs that owe varying amounts from past seasons; those amounts have been updated on the web site.

Given the current budget and the low levels of execution of budgeted line items, the Executive Committee discussed allocating funds to the RSV to help reduce costs at the event. After a long discussion, a decision was reached to provide \$2,500 to the RSV for their expenses at the 2009 Ed & Sandy Lee Cup (motion by Carl, second by Tommy; passed on voice vote).

#### VRU AGM:

The VRU AGM will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010. The next VRU EC meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.