

MARFU Meeting 8/22/2009

Meeting Call to Order 11:07

Roll Call

Executive Board- President Kris Kabza, Vice President Eric Pittlekau,
Treasurer Carl Ostermann, Secretary Marsha Durocher, Director at
Large Jay Abom

EPRU- Brian Sloman, Carl Ostermann, Susan Martinko

PRU- Eric Pittlekau,

Not Present: Jason Wallach, Maria Vastola

VRU- George Durocher, Carl Schmitt

Not Present: David Chapman

Review of Action Items

Items from December 13, 2008

Action 1 : The PRU needs to recommend a new 7s

Committee member - Michael Bertoni appointed.

*Action Closed

Action 6 : Kris will send this out for review. (Appeals Policy)

Document has been sent to Kris to hammer out last few details. Watch email for release of document to be voted on.

*Action Tabled

Action 7: The Executive Committee will determine who will look at this and report on the future of the Men's All-Star program

Appointed Pete Steinberg

*Action Closed

Kris presented Pete's plan for developing the "MARFU Sharks" program said document was distributed for review. Budget for program is approved for \$8000. Brian Sloman requested that it be noted "that the PRU get equal exposure as other unions".

Action 8: Jason will discuss the Sideline Behavior policy development with Len.

*Action Tabled Jason not present

Action 9: Kris will work on discussions with Jason Frost *Action Closed

Kris and Jason have discussed better promotion of event. Kris asked group present at meeting “What do we want from the Ambassadors Shield”

Carl S suggested that we spend more time and money on promoting the event and there be more communication from those working on the event as to what is going on

The following was noted about the event.

This event will happen with or without MARFU.

This is not a fundraiser for Hyde School.

It is held at Trinity School.

The New Zealand Embassy drives this event and they want MARFU to be a part of it .

Kris will go to Jason with the above mentioned feedback and discuss how to better promote the next event.

No Action Items from March 8, 2009

Quoting MARFU

Kris requested that when using MARFU as a reference, Quoting a policy is ok but if you are stating “MARFU says” and referring to the board be sure the statement is the majority opinion of the EC and it is not merely an opinion of yours. Kris also reminded the Board that the same holds for quoting any other group or committee within MARFU

Criminal Investigation

All requested information has been forwarded to Arlington police and they are currently investigating. Monthly updated will be requested by Kris and communicated to the board.

Budget Report

Current buget was reviewed and it was noted that some LAUs

Have past due balances. They have since been notified and have advised the treasurer that payments are on the way. A straw budget will be emailed for review by Carl O.

Reimbursement Procedures

Carl O submitted document for review Kris put forth motion to accept document as follows motion was seconded by Susan all voted in favor of approval with no opposition.

All requests must have approval of the appropriate responsible person this would include:

The committee chair

A member of the executive committee

The manager or head coach of a team

All requests must be itemized.

Any expense in excess of \$25 must have a receipt.

If receipt is unavailable a detailed explanation will need to be provided.

Tournaments

Expenses need to be itemized in bid when submitted.

Tournament agreements are considered to be flat rate approvals.

Fifty percent of bid is to be issued to winning organization no more than 30 days prior to said

event with the remainder to be issued within 30 days after conclusion of event.

Player reimbursements

There is no need to send checks to the MARFU treasurer; all that is needed is notification from an LAU officer.

Please make sure a mailing address is included.

Please also make sure that it is clear as to which team the person was a member.

Budgets will be checked before disbursements are made to make sure that the expense does not exceed the budgeted amount.

Any additional overage will need executive committee approval.

When sending emails, please make sure the subject line clearly states the nature of the message.

Relationship of Rugby Va to Marfu/VRU

Carl S and Eric met prior to today's meeting to discuss the relationship of Rugby VA to MARFU and the VRU in regards to the 8 High School teams involved. The main concern is Rugby VA has no one regulating/watching CIPP and disciplinary issues. The VRU and PRU have agreed to make the 8 teams a part of VRU so that the above mentioned issues can be monitored. The agreement included that the PRU will still provide referees if games are located within that jurisdiction. The details of Eric and Carl's meeting will be presented to Frederick Bardot for his approval. There is nothing that says the teams have to play under the VRU if Frederick Bardot does not approve their motion.

Player Grants

Kris requested a motion to increase the player grants effective September 1, 2009 to \$100. The motion was seconded by Carl S all were in favor with no opposition.

Disciplinary Matter - Francisco Jimenez

At All Star tourney held in Pittsburgh there was a game between FL and Va there was an injury that resulted in a broken nose. The incident was filmed and reviewed by officials. It was agreed that the offending player should be sat out by the tournament director and team of referees. The players team refused to sit said player. The issue was then forwarded to USA rugby and player has now been suspended for 1 year and 10 days.

Date of Next Meeting

The meeting in December will be moved from Saturday December 12th to Sunday December 13th.

Review of Yahoo Group Votes (Eric)

Front Row Policy - Passed

Promotion/Relegation Policy for D1/D2 Senior Men - Passed

D2 womens playoff venue - Passed

These policies will be posted on the MARFU website.

Budget Development process and schedule, dues increase.

Tabled as an Action Item for Decembers meeting.

Carls S put forth task for the executive committee to review current budget from a zero base and examine going to a competitive year (September to September). This item will be discussed and is to be voted on at our meeting in December.

Reconstruction of past years income/expenses to produce true budget documents

Tabled as an Action Item for Decembers meeting.

Carl O agrees to recreate the previous years budgets with help as needed from the Executive Committee.

College Men D1 B-side Championship budget money for Ref/TJ at D1 Championship

Kris put for a motion to approve motion was seconded by George Durocher, all were in favor with no opposition.

CPA to handle books

Tabled as an Action Item for Decembers meeting.

Eric to gets CPA costs to review books and do tax returns

Move MARFU website content to a management system.

Tabled as an Action Item for Decembers meeting.

Sevens

Update on Summer Program

Tabled - Information to be sent out by Susan via email.

Future Plans

Tabled - Information to be sent out by Susan via email.

Eligibility/7s only Teams - Possible request from Kenyan Exiles

Tabled as an Action Item for Decembers meeting.

Susan to review eligibility and confirm if option with USA rugby.