

**(Approved: March 9, 2008)**  
MINUTES, MARFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)  
December 8, 2007

**Present:**

Officers: Elaine Recchuiti, president; Reyn Kinzey, secretary; Pat Costello, treasurer; Carl Schmitt, at large.

EPRU: Steve Green, Susan Martinko, Chris Walsh.

PRU: Eric Pittelkau, Maria Vastola.

VRU: George Deroucher, Kris Kabza, Shannon Plum.

Guest: Don Everret, Bjorn Haglad, Jeff Solken, D.J. Wolf.

**Minutes of last meeting approved:**

The minutes to the March meeting were approved with three changes:

It will be noted that the motion to establish the Men's Collegiate Division I was passed by voice vote *without dissenting voices*.

The establishment of this league means that these players will not be available for *fall* all star play.

The VRU fined Charlotte *\$1,100* not \$1,000.

The approved minutes will be posted to the web site.

**MARR Report:**

The referees were not able to call in their report as they had planned, but they will send one in.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Pat passed out numerous written reports, including the following:

MARFU and LAU Dues along with Voting Percentages  
Budget for 2007 (with current spending)  
Straw Budget for 2008  
Costs of Select Sides

Costs of MARFU Championships  
Checks Written

Eric noted that we no longer have any control of the Ambassador's Cup, and it does require our funding. Others agreed that this is something that requires our attention.

Pat noted that we will probably have a budget surplus of about \$10,000 this year. Currently, we have about \$38,000 cash on hand.

Eric and Chris Walsh requested a financial statement. Pat agreed to email one.

**Men's Collegiate Division I League**

Carl Schmitt moderated this discussion. He opened, giving a brief history of the league. It was established by the vote of the board in March. The league ran this year with seven clubs. Some teams that were initially interested in the league chose not to participate because they feared that they could not meet the travel requirements.

Chris Walsh said that the EPRU has a concern that their Division I winner, Millersville, doesn't have a pathway to the national championship. MARFU's slots will all be assigned through league play (the EPRU was the only LAU which ran a Men's Collegiate Division I competition separate from the league). Steve Green commented that several EPRU teams did not believe they could compete in the league because of travel requirements, but they wished to keep the Division I designation to help to develop their programs.

The EPRU reminded the board that in an email on September 4, the LAU stated that it did not support the league.

However, other board members pointed out that the EPRU allowed Kutztown and Delaware to participate in the league. Both of these EPRU teams have a path to the national championship open to them.

Steve Green objected that the structure of the league was never brought before the Collegiate Committee as was advised in the March meeting.

However, board members pointed out that the motion to establish the league was passed by voice vote, without dissenting voices, with EPRU representatives in attendance. The motion to establish the league was never made contingent on the approval of the Collegiate Committee.

Carl Schmitt made a motion that Millersville and Kutztown play a match to determine which club would move on in the league championships. Seconded by Walsh. Motion was defeated by voice vote, with all of the EPRU representatives voting in favor and all other board members voting against.

Carl then moved that the League, which has a meeting scheduled for January, will get a detailed structure and set of rules to the Collegiate Committee for review by no later than the end of February, so that the Committee can make recommendations at the March meeting. This motion was passed by voice vote with no dissenting voices.

**Events for 2008:**

The Competitions Committee recommended the following venues for men's play:

Men's CR 4	Media
Div 2	Doylestown
Div 3	Harrisburg

Kabza moved to accept, seconded by Costello. Passed by voice vote, no dissent.

Kabza reported that the Collegiate Committee recommended awarding the MARFU Collegiate Championship to James River in Richmond, partially because River can host all of the divisions. However, James River does need to reconfirm the date.

Kinzey moved to award the event to James River provided that they can confirm the date. If not, the event will go to Penn State. Second by Plum. Passed by voice vote with no dissenting voices.

The high school event still needs to be placed. It will be hosted in the EPRU this year.

**Sevens' Committee:**

The Sevens Committee had no formal report at this meeting, although Susan commented that they have four bids for qualifiers.

**Fundraising/Women's Select Side Play:**

Maria passed out two written reports. This year, USA is asking the MARFU Women's Select side to travel to the Pacific Coast with a developmental side as well as a first side. Further, USA has discussed the possibility of the MARFU developmental side participating in the NASC as the 8<sup>th</sup> seed.

All this will require that the Women's Select Side program raise additional money (probably about \$9,000). However, the Women's Select Side is not asking for additional funding from MARFU at this time. They simply ask us to support their efforts.

Several board members express some concern that USA is continuing to place new financial demands on select sides. However, since the women are not asking us for any additional funding, the board passed a motion to support them by voice vote. There were no dissenting voices, although Elaine abstained.

### **Budget:**

Pat moved that we continue to operate under the 2007 budget until the March meeting. At that meeting, he will present a new budget to be voted on.

The motion was passed by voice vote. However, Chris Walsh, of the EPRU, voted against. This is a weighted vote cast by the LAU representatives. The EPRU has 48% of the total vote, so the vote of one of its representatives counts as 18% of the vote, so the motion carried 82% to 18%.

### **Election of Officers**

Kris Kabza was elected president.

Kris asked that the board give Elaine until the next meeting to decide if she wishes to remain on the board as immediate past president. If she chooses not to do, so, the board will take nominations from the floor and elect a director at large at that meeting.

The rest of the officers ran unopposed and were elected by voice vote:

Vice President: Tom Lyons

Secretary: David Chapman

Treasurer: Pat Costello

However, the EPRU asked that it be noted that it was abstaining from the vote on the office of vice president.

### **Date for next meeting:**

**The next board meeting will be Sunday, March 9, 2008.**