



SCRFU AGM Meeting
Sunday, August 14, 2016
Meeting Minutes

President Geno Mazza opened the meeting at 10:12 am. The Fall General Meeting (**FGM**) will be held on **October 30, 2016** at 19:00 am, location to be Saddleback College.

In Attendance:

I Roll Call – 87% (36 of 41 clubs) & 68% (11 of 16) Officers. Quorum present

CLUBS

Pasadena Women RFC- Georgia Ringleberg
Pasadena Men RFC – Kevin Holmquist
Downtown Rhinos – NO REP
San Diego Old Aztecs – Martin Olsen
San Diego Armada – Sunny Joat
Belmont Shore Women – Emily Rodin
Belmont Shore Men – Steve Vent
Fullerton Women RFC – Areano Botero
Oceanside Chiefs – Marty Le Vasseur
Back Bay – Wes Pierce
Kern County – Wicus Postma
North County Gurkhas – NO REP
Oceanside – Marty Le Vasseur
San Luis Obispo Men– Nic Roldun
San Luis Obispo Women – Marjorie O’Neill
Ventura Men – Danny Benjamin
Ventura Women – Julie Gould
Orange County Bucks – SUSPENDED
Empire – SUSPENDED
L A Rebellion – **Proxy** to Margaret Wilson
Riverside – Ryan Harris
Beaumont – Kalani Haupu
Eagle Rock AC – NO REP
Santa Monica Men – **Proxy** to Geno Massa
Santa Monica Women – **Proxy** to Emily Rodin
Los Angeles Rugby Club – Rory Kaclik
Las Vegas Irish – Ben La Luzerne
OC Ravens – Justin Boyd
Las Vegas Slots – Tiffany Updike
Huntington Beach – Ray Viers

Dead Rabbits – Christian Weathers
San Fernando Valley Men – Alex Chastain
San Fernando Valley Women – Adriana Conrad Forrest
Santa Barbara Grunions – Evan Swets
Oxy Olde Boys – Steve Erickson
OMBAC – Geno Mazza
OC Gators – Todd Wunsch
Temecula Men – Rua Petty
Temecula Women –NO REP
Tucson Women – Alison Miller
Santa Barbara Mermaids – **Proxy** to Santa Barbara Grunions
Tempe Men – Sam Merrill
Tempe Women – **Proxy** to Sam Merrill

OFFICERS

President – Geno Mazza
Vice President – Patrick Rashidian
Secretary – Bob Everett
Treasurer – ABSENT
North LAU – ABSENT
South LAU – Steve Vent
Mens D1 Rep – ABSENT
Mens D2 Rep – Ray Viers
Mens D3 Rep – ABSENT
Womens D1 Rep – Tiffany Updike
Womens D2 Rep – ABSENT
7's Rep – Marquis Goodwin
SCYR Rep – Bob Everett
Collegiate Mens Rep – Mark Wilson
Womens College Rep – Margaret Wilson
SCRRS – **Proxy** to Shalk Erasmus

II Officer Reports

- President – Geno Mazza
 - 1 Geno apologized for poor communications. Vowed to improve in the future.
 - 2 Promotion of SCRFU Money Makers was less than successful.
 - a. Midnight 7's only 8 teams participated. Now LV Irish will handle this event.
 - b. Arizona's bid for the 15's territorial finals did not get accepted. Will try again next season.
 - 3 Referee abuse was still a problem this year with three (3) teams suspended for infractions. They may apply for reinstatement at the FGM.

- 4 New Business
 - a. Arizona/Rio Grande will be part of our CRC but separate from SCRFU.
 - b. Our Competitions (CRC) is the Pacific Region.
 - c. Promotions and Relegations will be further discussed at the FGM.

Vice President – Patrick Rashidian

- 1 New SCRFU structure
 - a. EC will handle day to day SCRFU business
 - b. Competitions made up of Division Reps will handle Competitions
 - c. Disciplinary will be handled by Division Rep and LAU President
 - d. Meeting location to be decided by majority of EC/Competitions.
This must be changed from Los Angeles, in the Constitution and P&P's
- 2 Griffins will continue in 2016/17 season. It builds good comradery between clubs and players.
- 3 Duties of the VP include Assisting every club with Competitions, assisting the President with assigned tasks and being involved with the Disciplinary Committee.

Secretary – Bob Everett

- 1 Apologized for allowing the EC meetings to waiver from set Constitution and P&P requirements. If reelected will make updating the Constitution, B&P's and CC&R's a priority.
- 2 Duties of the Secretary include accurately and in a timely manner transcribing EC/AGM/FGM minutes and special meeting minutes/notes, act as a signatory on all SCRFU correspondence, act as Parliamentarian for all meetings of the SCRFU and EC and Attend every meeting of the SCRFU EC.

- Treasurer – Seat Vacant

- 1 Sarah Hartstrom resigned to move away from SCRFU, there being no replacement there is no report. Marnie Vath has agreed to review our books and provide a report for the FGM.

II Council Reports

North LAU President

1. No Report from Alan Johnson

South LAU President

1. Steve Vent reported one (1) outstanding appeal for the new Disciplinary committee to hear.
2. DC uses Reg 17 as guidelines for all disciplinary issues.

D1 Men's Rep

1. Nate Heiselt was unavailable but, Geno informed us that there is speculation the PRP will move to Fall 2017 meaning Belmont Shore, Santa Monica and OMBAC will play in D1'
2. Pro Rugby is expanding and plans to start their season in February.
3. Player Eligibility Regulations will be an important part of Competitions Committee resolution.

D2 Men's Rep

1. Ray Viers (stepping down as D2 rep) reported that multiple teams competition rules from USAR changed D1/D2 and D3 competitions so D1 B sides were slotted into D2 as D2 White. They were originally to play as 6th seed but, due to prevailing factors were changed to 4th seed.
2. Ray's Job Description for Division Representative will be posted on our Web site for anyone wishing to consider running for Division Representative to view.

D3 Men's Rep

1. Brian Lawhorne sent word that everything was good.

7-a-side Rep

1. Marquise Goodwin reported that the 7's National Seeds for SCRFU this year are Belmont Shore and Santa Monica.

D1 Women's Rep

1. Tiffany Updike reported that Seattle won the 4 team championship this season.
2. With 4, D1 clubs and 9, D2 clubs the women are considering playing a mixture of clubs from both divisions. More at the FGM.

D2 Women's Rep

1. With Angelica absent, Julia Gould reported our Women lost to the reigning National Champs.
2. D2 will work with D1 to finalize their competition schedule.

SCRRES – Shalk Erasmus (proxy for Phil Klevorick reported Good Things:

- 1 SCRRES handled 540 Adult matches or 92.5% with only 51 of 92 referees active.
- 2 The SCRRES held 4 Referee Courses and had a 45% referee retention rate Plus 1 level 2 course and 1 AR course and Two people took the Referee Certification Review. One Referee was promoted to the B Panel.
- 3 SCRRES implemented Fitness Requirements this season and it's helping.

Bad Things:

- 4 Although use of Field Barriers was pretty good there was too much encroachment by players in the Tech Zones. Matches should not be

started without well laid out barriers and tech zones and disciplined players and coaches enforcing them.

- 5 B side matches were a cluster f___. We need to find alternatives.
- 6 Clubs with outstanding bills will get reminders within next two weeks.

Ugly Things:

- 7 There were two (2) assaults on Referees. Results are lifetime bans on players involved, club suspensions and criminal charges.
- 8 SCRRS recorded 165 Yellow cards and 50 Red cards during the season.

Goals:

1. Conduct 3 to 5 Level 1 Referee Training courses with at least one before the beginning of the season.
2. B Side matches must provide their own referees.
3. SCRRS will supply more USAR Referees this year for the experience.
4. SCRRS is looking to take on Club U16 & U18 Games this year which will add 388 games and require more qualified referees.
5. Want to move at least two referees to B Panel status.
6. Want to work closely with SCRFU Competitions and maintain coordinated list of Club Contacts/Treasurers.
7. Will issue Code of Conduct Cards which they will obtain from SCRFU.
8. SCRRS will need to adhere to strict "Game Times" in order to meet all their obligations this season.

Arizona/Rio Grande

1. Sam Merrill reported Arizona/Rio Grande will be integrating with SCRFU Competitions and the secretary will need to coordinate Constitutions and P&P's to conform more closely with USAR model.

U23's

1. USAR has discovered more young men than women are not continuing in Rugby after High School/College so they want us to consider an U23 Division.

Men's Collegiate

1. Mark Wilson reported that two (2) D1 teams made it to post season playoffs. D2 has Playoffs in the fall and Clairmont made it to Finals.
2. Going forward Mark is initiating a "Gold Coast" playoff venue at a central high school for all SoCal teams.

Women's Colleges

1. The D2 Women's champ USC lost in the final.
2. The D3 Champions Claremont won the finals.

SCYR Rep

1. Bob Everett Reported that the Youth AGM will be held on September 18th in Carson and will feature various talks and seminars about youth rugby in SoCal.
2. The representative will advise the SCRFU about the Youth Rugby programs and what is happening in SoCal and the USA regarding youth.
3. The representative will report to SCYR on the state of SCRFU and what is going on in Adult Rugby within SoCal.

Griffins

1. This year saw the Men's Women's and U23 Men's Griffins return to SoCal. Our play against NorCal was less than spectacular and our recruitment of good D2 and D3 players was weak but, all in all it was a good first step toward restarting our Griffins Program.
2. Our U23's beat a touring Aboriginal side and won all matches at the Las Vegas 7's except the championship which they gave up to the Chicago Lions.
3. U23's will go to the Serevi 7's.
4. The Griffin 15 a side starts in October and all clubs are urged to send Griffin candidate players.
5. Ali spoke for the Women's Griffins and reported this program is slated to identify good players and raise the standard of rugby in SCRFU.
6. This year HSAA coaches were able to see our Griffin Women perform and gave many an opportunity for invitations to higher level rugby.
7. The Women implemented a fitness program to improve performance and referee sessions to improve play.
8. Ali is developing a facebook page for Women's Griffins.

III New Business

A Elections for SCRFU Executive Council

- 1 President - Geno Mazza was elected by majority vote over Steve Vent
- 2 Vice-President – Patrick Rashidian was elected by acclimation
- 3 Secretary – Bradley Davidson was elected by majority vote over Bob Everett
- 4 Treasurer – Kevin Holmquist was elected by majority vote over Nicholas Corcia and Friedman Nunez
- 5 North District Representative (Disciplinary) – Nathan Kelly was elected by majority vote over Steve Vent
- 6 South District Representative (Match Secretary)– Jason Triplett was elected by acclimation
- 7 Men's D1 Representative – Nate Heiselt was elected by acclimation
- 8 Men's D2 Representative – Dan Massey was elected by acclimation
- 9 Men's D3 Representative – Sonny Joat was elected by acclimation
- 10 Women's D1 – Tiffany Updike was elected by acclimation

- 11 Women's D2 – to be announced at FGM
- 12 Congress Representative – Geno Mazza was elected by acclimation.

IV Old Business

- A. None

V Other Business (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

- A. None

VI Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 15:43 hours

Respectfully Submitted,
Southern California Rugby Football Union



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