

NCRFU PELICANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 AGENDA

August 12, 2018 – Fairfield Courtyard Marriott - 1350 Holiday Ln, Fairfield, CA

Club Check-in – 10:45

Call to Order and Roll Call – 11:23 am

Proxy question: 4 received past the deadline – Central Coast, Mendocino, SF Fog, San Joaquin – received directly from club by Union Secretary

- Santinelli/Fox-SFGG/Chico m/s/c without objection – allow up to beginning of Union Meeting with proxy form submitted to union secretary
 - Member dues payments – Santinelli/Fox-SFGG/Chico m/s/c without objection - only clubs in good standing may vote
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President's Report

President Ben Parker reported on the affairs of the Union during the period since the last AGM

- Outlined activities on USA Rugby Committees – CR1, Club Strategic Committee, National Competition Committee
 - Recounted activities related to referees and referee society – worked on possible solutions to recruitment and assignment of referees, Phil Klevoric talking to SoCal and NCRFU about taking on role of referee assigner
 - Disappointed we didn't get after policy development prior to last two months – worked up various proposals for this AGM to streamline operations
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Treasurers Report

Treasurer Dan Wilson submitted report on the financial affairs of the Union during the period since the last AGM

- EC should set member dues at currently appropriate levels
 - Largest expenditures are referee match fees
 - Audit practices - Books reviewed by both presidents, tax returns are prepared/reviewed by CPA firms. Both firms recommended no audit – level of financial activity does not warrant audit
 - Recommend quarterly update to membership, Finance committee reviews any expenditures above \$2,000 – recommend approval for over \$1,000
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USA Rugby Congress Report

USA Rugby Congress Representative: Rick Humm submitted written report on Congress activity since last AGM

Scheduling Secretary Report

The Union Scheduling Secretary Evan Hoese is playing in the Club 7s championship

Andrew King reported on Summer Sevens tournaments. 3 qualifiers and one Super-Qualifier.

Santa Rosa Black Roses hosted Tight 5 Sevens

Election of NCRFU 2018-2019 Officers - Union members will elect Union Officers for the coming year

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Uncontested Positions – m/s/c Santinelli/King-SFGG/Olympic Club ratify uncontested elections

Treasurer: Dan Wilson

USA Rugby Congress Representative: Rick Humm

President: Rick Humm

Contested Positions

President Candidates - Ben Parker - withdrew

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Vice President Candidates

- Frik Fourie - 3
- Evan Hoese - withdraw
- Mark Spears - 2
- Tina Watts - 21**

Secretary Candidates:

- Frik Fourie - 3
- Dan Nagle - 22**

Scheduling Secretary Candidates:

- Andrew King - 24**
- Ben Parker - 2

New Business - The union shall consider any new business

Policy Proposals

- New Clubs – Competition/Executive Committee/John Fox – also approve related bylaw amendment
 - John Fox outlined proposal
 - Paul Santinelli – what is impact on clubs not in good standing – does this apply? See bylaws 3.09 – requires 2/3 vote of membership
 - Probationary Contract discussed
 - Provision allowing players from a single NCRFU club discussed and reduced from five players to two - Santinelli/Watts-SFGG/SF Fog – m/s/c
- Uniforms and Equipment – Ben Parker presented
 - Member clubs polled by show of hands:
 - away team changes - 14
 - Home team – 10
 - Tuisavalalo/Nagle-Fresno/San Jose - m/s/c - Policy adopted – one opposed
- Scheduling/Referee Assignments – Ben Parker
 - Parker presented
 - Bretz – asked that proposal split between scheduling and referees
 - Bretz/Watts-Refs/SF Fog - m/s/c without objection
 - Scheduling – Club v Union scheduling, notice provisions,
 - Santinelli – need to analyze proposal and, for example, align with match start time policy
 - Santinelli/Nagle-SFGG/San Jose – table scheduling issues – m/s/c: bring back two separate policy proposals
 - Referees – King/Nagle-OC/San Jose – table referee proposal
- Rain Outs/Forfeiture/Default – Ben Parker – withdrawn –
 - superseded by USA Rugby National Competition Committee
- Match Start Times – Ben Parker presented
 - Create a window for match start times – currently 9am to 5pm
 - Provide framework for solving disputes between clubs
 - Santinelli/Fox-SFGG/Chico – m/s/c proposed language
- USAR CMS/Match Reports – Ben Parker
 - From CMS handbook
 - Requires binders – may be electronic – ie. pdf/picture on phone/google drive
 - Santinelli/King-SFGG/OC - m/s/c policy as written without objection
- Promotion/Relegation – John Fox
 - Fox presented
 - Santinelli/Fox-SFGG/Chico – m/s/c - Tabled to later scheduling/competitions meeting
- Various Proposals - John Compaglia

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- Straka – withdraw proposal for paid outside legal work/auditing
- Humm to work with Compaglia to flesh out and format proposals
- Santinelli to arrange pro-bono bylaw review
- Pre-season Tournament - Hamed Beytollah – not present

Proposed Bylaw Amendments – discussion led by Parker, voting carried out on ballot document – final amendment language as outlined in “Bylaw Amendments Tally” attached

- Members – Ben Parker – adopted as presented with two changes:
 - King/Santinelli -Olympic Club/SFGG- m/s/c – three year probation period for new clubs
 - Santinelli/King-SFGG/Olympic Club - m/s/c – new clubs may recruit no more than two members who played for another ncrfu club within last three years
- Disciplinary Matters –
 - Fines – Humm/Fox-San Joaquin/Chico - m/s/c - EC is empowered to levy fines
- Meetings of the Union – as proposed – see attachment
- Officers – as proposed – see attachment
- Eligibility – as proposed – see attachment

New Club Consideration

The Membership shall consider applications and movement from probationary status

Jesters – move from special status to D3b, 9 matches last year, 24 cipped, 3 coaches

Santinelli/Nagle-SFGG/San Jose: m/s/c – move from special to full membership at the D3 level.

Napa – Kevin Brown presented case for restoration/inclusion at the D2 level.

Santinelli asked Brown whether Napa accepted the conditions outlined in the new club policy discussed and passed earlier. Brown said they would.

m/s/c Santinelli/King – admit to D2 with new club provisions just passed

SOLO – not present, no member club nomination: denied

Sparks – not present, no member club nomination: denied

Santinelli argued against “club creep”. Snake River/Red Creek merging to form super club in PNRFU. All regions getting stronger. NCRFU needs to strengthen its clubs, not weaken them by allowing “magnet” teams.

Division Caucus: 3:33pm

Divisions will caucus to elect division coordinators and to consider any pressing matters particular to each division.

D1 –

D2 – Charlie Coffee

D3 – KC Vigna

Women – Evan Hoese

September 9 express division desires

Competition/Scheduling meeting in September – reviewable schedule by October 1.

Adjourn 3:55