

**Utah Youth Rugby
Board and Officers Meeting
May 24, 2012**

Present: Mike Shepherd, Mike Cressler, Heather Stewart, Colin Puriri & Kimball Kjar

- a. **Welcome** – Mike Cressler called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.
- b. **Board Member Business**
 - i. Thanks for outgoing board members
 - 1. Jay Day
 - ii. Incoming Board Members
 - 1. Kimball Kjar - accepted
 - 2. Ken Rivera - accepted
 - 3. (Blake Burdette is considering)
- c. **Discussion of 2012 season**
 - i. How did it go? – Good competition, improved play, few injuries, better scheduling, smoother considering growth, medical personnel on the field was beneficial, compliance issues with Division 2 teams, more disciplinary issues but overall better than last year.
 - ii. What can we improve – Group unanimously voted for a **southern region coordinator** for scheduling, referee assignments, etc. Mike Cressler will try to secure a southern region coordinator. For now, Mike will continue to coordinate for northern region.

Unanimous vote to have **additional referees** to check in teams to ensure all players and coaches have proper identification, equipment, etc.

Unanimous vote to impose **weight limits** for 7th and 8th graders. Open class will allow players of all weights. Restricted class will only allow players under 135 lbs.
 - iii. What resources are we missing – Need to create an operational document for coaches and referees to use as a quick reference on specifics of the game (contained in bylaws).

Need to draft parent code of conduct.

d. **Needed help**

- i. Registrar – Unanimous vote to have **registrar** facilitate and monitor compliance. Coaches will provide players' proof of CIPP, proof of school enrollment and proof of identification to Registrar in order for rugby ID cards to be issued. Head coaches will be provided with a compliance forms checklist. The following forms are required for each player: proof of CIPP, proof of ID, proof of school enrollment, signed concussion waiver, signed medical treatment consent waiver, signed player code of conduct. Head coaches' records must also contain signed coach code of conduct for every coach. Optional forms include (at the discretion of each team): Copy of health insurance cards and copy of physical exam for each player. **Registrar will conduct random compliance audits. Non-compliance will result in a \$100.00 fine per violation.**
- ii. New Teams help – Need to develop handbook of best practices and essential information. Mike Cressler will try to secure someone to put these materials together.
- iii. Social Media – Unanimous vote to have **Orson??** update website and develop UYR Facebook presence.

e. **Coaching and Ref training**

- i. We have 3 trainers in state - Unanimous vote to require that **EVERY coach obtain Level 1 certification**. UYR will host clinics to assist in meeting this requirement.
- ii. Ref training is not good
Unanimous vote to **require referee training and have Sam Madsen** develop and facilitate this per IRB Level 1 and 2 requirements. UYR will host clinics to assist in meeting this requirement.
- iii. Colin Puriri suggested hosting a coaches' roundtable before next season to share ideas, etc.

f. **Sponsorships and marketing**

- i. Huge opportunity with summer youth – Currently 293 kids registered for summer rugby program in numerous cities. Corporate sponsorships could easily fund this program. Marketing expertise and materials are needed ASAP. Heather Stewart will follow up with contacts. Mike Cressler will follow up

with Kimball re: access to college students for internships, projects, etc.

g. **JWRT**

- i. Status – June 18, 22, 26 and 30th (4 games per day) at Murray Field. All permits almost secured. Capacity is 5,000 people with sold out games expected.
- ii. What we need – need officials and leadership spots filled. Mike Cressler will email list of positions to Kimball Kjar who will try to fill with collegiate players.

Concessions – Options are: run by UYR, by individual clubs for fundraising or by an independent contractor with a portion of the proceeds going to UYR. Mike Cressler will find out specific requirements and email to all clubs to gauge their interest.

- h. **Fall 7s** – A 7s league will be attempted for the fall season. Mike Cressler will email teams to facilitate.
- i. **Select Sides** – Mike Cressler will ask Kimball Kjar and Blake Burdette about coaching and finding selectors who are not affiliated with any UYR teams.
- j. **Summer Touch Rugby** – Kimball Kjar is coordinating a summer touch rugby program. Details, dates and location to come.

Mike Cressler adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.