

## Utah Youth Rugby Officers & Board of Director- Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2010

In attendance: Mike Cressler, Mark Cressler, Jon Law, Mark Drown, Ben Knudson, Angela Knudson, Ken Rivera, Jay Day & Colin Puriri

### Board of Directors

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#### Business Connections

Land purchases and knowledge of land

Sponsor opportunities/fundraising

USA Rugby connections

SL Super League and develop pool players

Steve Barth, Tony Latito and one other

-Change articles of incorporation to add new board of directors

Present Officers - Announced those positions, need Youth Coordinator and North coordinator and Secretary – make offer to those needed. BOD needs to approve the UYR officers

Motion to approve all UYR officers Mark Cressler and Jay Day second motion – those in favor – Jay, Mark, Jon unanimous vote for approval

### Positions to be filled - UYR

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#### North Coordinator, Youth Coordinator & Secretary

Those recommended to the BOD - Mindy Wankier, Patrick Barners, Jared Akenhead, Wayne Hubbert Adam Billings

Need to interview potential board members and officers. Would like to act and be a business. These roles need to be filled.

**\*Those who provide names for positions need to: Provide contact information to Jay to connect –**

Need marketing and branding for UYR, needs marketing background

### Division Separation

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Currently have 22 teams in Utah rugby & Interested clubs in Idaho Falls & Pocatello

**Proposal:** First 4 weeks would be friendlies and then seeded matches the last 8 weeks/Non-seeded games.

**Proposal:** Motion by Mike to accept the divisions' second motion by Colin (see website for details)

#### Southern Teams:

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Las Vegas Aces, Panthers, ECTA, Rugby Academy, Single School Teams: Snow Canyon, Desert Hills, PineView, Dixie & Hurricane HS – all single schools.

#### Northern Teams:

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South County Crusaders, Orem Stallions, Provo??, United, Lone Peak, Saratoga Springs, Lowlands, Wasatch, Skyline, Kearns, Highland, Davis, Cache Valley

Need to decide how to break up the divisions

#### Season Dates & Tournaments (12 week season)

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March 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> game of season

Feb 11-13 – Vegas 7's (actual start of rugby season) 15 HS Teams to play

Feb 18 & 19 – Warm up tourney

Feb 25 & 26 – Spring Warm Up Tournament (south division owned)

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Bye Week & Makeup game weekend

March 26<sup>th</sup> - 7/8 grades tourney in St. George, UT

Insurance - Should think about adopting insurance for the entire UYR and put it into the budget and pay for it. Provide value. Pursue this further for budgetary.

#### Championship Series

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May 21<sup>st</sup> & May 22<sup>nd</sup> – National Championships

May 27 & 28 HS Championships

When do we hold the State Championships?? What date? Possible Super League tourney last weekend in May

**\* Jon to talk Don McDermmitt – Hydroseed Opportunity for Murray Ice Rink Field or other possible fields that may require some additional car**

**\* Mike Cressler -Blake Burdette – U Of U : possibility of their new rugby field for Championships**

**\* Mark D - Rick Manning of U Of U Women's Soccer - find out more info on fields & costs**

**\*Mark C – Connections to BYU fields for tourneys – find out more info**

**\* Mark Drown – Connect with Rio Tinto contact for NA 7's June 11 or June 25<sup>th</sup>**

U of U Home Games – UYR teams will have a league game prior to U of U rugby games (All teams in UYR will have an opportunity to play over the yrs) Still in the works but is a huge opportunity

#### Summer Youth

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UYR manages registration; provide coaches, team names, fund jerseys & balls. How do we officiate the games? Rookie Rugby tackle or flag 8-9 no contact, U12 Contact \_ youth coordinator owns, management issues, jerseys, balls, April Youth Registration,

Referees – LVL 1 for each team required

Mark Ormsby – UYR Referee to organize

#### Summer 7's Series– U14, U16, U18

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Cedar City – Summer Games

Action\* Jay & Mark D. – present 7 series to Cedar City – Summer , provide data, Las Vegas 7 Series

1<sup>st</sup> Try-out for Warriors (Super League) in Lindon, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Premier Indoor Athletics 1370 W 2<sup>nd</sup> South@ 7PM , Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> (Player Pool 35) : Feb-May

Youth Rugby: Lesson plans/curriculum for teachers, video – Growth will be to get rugby into the schools, kids will play the sports they play at school. Goal: is to get USA Rugby Guides & CDS to schools.

#### Fields

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Pepsi – bring trailer, need to figure how much to purchase from Pepsi, addt'l revenues from concessions. How do you man them? Proposal: Each club would have opportunity to man them and will get split with the UYR.

Galena Park

West Valley City

South Jordan - \$100 per day

Murray Park

Alpine's - Colin's field

Davis Field

Idea is for the UYR to pay for the fields and once we figure out costs, it will be built into season fees into UYR yrly budget

Proposal: Conferences - Mike C. to attend this yr, VP, N. & S. Coordinator, to budget additional funds to get addtl officers to go. --Tabled for further discussion; Mike C. to report back to the officers after attending.

#### Coaching Clinics:

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Certification – will be required, need certificates attached to a name, basic safety certificate will be required, to protect the UYR and Teams. Mark D. –to present Intro to Rugby cert. to North & South Divisions: Will go over injuries, tackling, medical response plan, to assist coaches & managers with safety. Date to TBD. Southern to be priority to get completed first due to distance & time for Mark D.

CDP certification: Feb. Class date need to set up for: - 1 coach per club at get CDP cert. By-laws require one for each team. Will be funded by UYR, the goal is that all teams will have one CDP certified coach for the season per by-laws.

**\*Mark D. – Northern Conference: to schedule date, classroom, & field**

**\*Jay Day - Southern Conference: to provide classroom & field**

#### Select Sides:

Regional Select Sides: Need sponsorships, should not come out of SBRO funds, UYR can provide some assistance to Select side, Select 7's by Mark D., Do a North & South select side games, 15's exhibitions at Summer Games.

UYR – needs buy goal post, ropes, and deposits for fields. Funds come in later due to CIPP registration, won't get until late Feb.

#### Fund Raising:

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Grant writing: prefer to split grant money or take percentage.

Need grant writers to put it into language to get the monies.

There is no official National Guard sponsorship for Rugby but you through your local rep. can help you with donations. Work with Mark Drown to get correct contacts.

Corporate sponsorships – Help fund fields, additional programs

Proposal for a 50K Corporate sponsor – will get “ LOGO” goal posts, flags, skins, balls at fields or Summer Youth Program

#### Websites

Mike Cressler motioned to close meeting. Seconded by Ben Knudson.

Next Meeting Date - TBD

