

## Gold Coast first annual retreat May 19, 2018

### In Attendance:

Mark Wilson Commissioner

Manouk Baydasareyan Treasurer

Steve Vent Secretary.

### Men:

Jason Reynolds men D1 rep

Steve Stone men D2 rep

Jason Lee men D3 rep

### Women:

Spencer Henry women D1 rep

**Absent:** Jason Lewis women D2 rep.

Call to Order: 9:24am

### Commissioner report:

- Discussed:
  - Vote on correcting typo in mission statement in constitution as it was obvious a typo as why would board bring to members a vote since board voted and it would be objecting to its own vote.
    - From” If the Board believes this will negatively affect GCCIR, the commissioner shall have the right to bring an email vote to the voting members”
    - To “If the Commissioner believes this will negatively affect GCCIR, the commissioner shall have the right to bring an email vote to the voting members”
  - Commissioner has been working on GCCIR P & P’s and Bylaws. It is extensive and is combined from other conferences (Plagiarized if you will) but the goal is for the commissioner to separate the drafted combined P & Ps (for competition rules) and Bylaws (Conference governing) document and separate them. Commissioner hopes to

have these done by November. Then secretary to assemble a bylaws committee and P & P's committee to review and complete for presentation to the current board. The board if needed will make any amendments then vote on its final implementation.

- Confirmed that our constitution adheres to USA Rugby guidelines though GCCIR founding members used the doctrine that matches not be overturned due to admin errors (but not limited to) this was okayed by USA Rugby. So GCCIR will continue with this doctrine until the new agreed and voted by the board the P & Ps and Bylaws are in place.

- Recommendation that NSCRO should consider using USA player eligibility rules

- GCCIR Pre-match paper check discussion. Board found our current paper work to have been sufficient and easy to follow but needs more improvement to include the CMS as it is now more efficient and constantly improving, Commissioner to work on new match day protocol for board approval.

- Try to start 7's USA qualifiers to be concluded by November as Regionals should be in early November. All agreed

- Put out email to find clubs willing to host, Commissioner to start this by end July.

- The 7s would be a good fund raiser for the host, even if GCCIR did a revenue share (funding for such an event by GCCIR should be considered)

- GCCIR to provide trophies.

- Open the field to all member to present bid to have college 7's tournaments

- Referee recruiting to be looked into.

- Discussion about having an end of season division playoff in Venture at site Commissioner has found (Commissioner presented his findings). Board was interested in this so Commissioner will do more research.

- Men's CIPP numbers up, and Women's CIPP numbers level. currently there are about 1,000 members

- GCCIR play-offs to stay same until an annualized venue can be found.

- High seed to host weekend for all teams in division

- Sat One play four and Two play Three

- Sunday Winners play Losers play

- Adjustments can be done to hosting and dates as GCCIR sees fit.
  - Discussion to adjust dues through USA CIPP like the youth and seniors do. But after long discussion it was decided to stay with present format for now as some clubs get funding from there schools.
  - Some clubs have not been following GCCIR protocol. Over the last few seasons GCCIR has been fazing in the USA rugby CMS. GCCIR has looked at itself as a Judge not a policeman. New members to GCCIR not understanding GCCIR founding members doctrine want a more P and P's and Bylaws driven conference, Commissioner agrees with this, so this upcoming season a new protocol will be finalized and implemented. Commissioner will compile for board approval.
  - Each club must have two individuals take the Referee AR course to be certified Assistant Referees to run touch during match. If a team does not have two certified AR's for the match, then opposing team can supply both AR's.
  - AR initiative: 5-0 in favor
  - GCCIR will ask SCRRS to supply the Gold Coast with an audit of our matches, and GCCIR will send out a questioner to members so we can audit out costs and no shows. Since Steve is close with SCRRS he has been assigned this task to monitor.
  - Gold Coast to purchase 2 bibs for each club to be worn by AR's during match assisting center referee.
  - Game day protocol protest motion 5 to 1 to approve
    - Any protest must be made prior within 72 hours of a match (this will be covered in the new game day protocol)
    - The protest must be noted on the game day paperwork and acknowledge by the referee.
    - There will be a \$50.00 charge for any protest with club losing protest to pay the fee. (This fee is to be made to GCCIR)
  - Web site.
    - Costs were found to be in line with our piers.
    - Mark refuses to remove the beautiful picture of the Ivey league young man
- LOL
- Site to be developed more with each member to have its own page to show contacts and be able to edit them and for club to blog to its page for current information. Commissioner to investigate this
  - Site needs to be more intuitive.

In closing commissioners report, the commissioner noted from GCCIR inception he has only been dealing with head coaches and club presidents and he has been encouraging them to go through their respected rep's as that's who they voted for to represent them. But lately he has been receiving emails from other coaches and players which has lead to more time and duplication of work, next season members need to get back to this flow of information in order to cut down on mixed messages and duplication of information. He also noted he has been doing this for 6 years now and is up for another term. He explained that these days, it's not as much fun as it used to be, as it is turning more into a Job. He is committed to making sure there is a continuation planning in place should he decide to not run for re-election.

Treasurer report:

Board reviewed

- Board looked and reviewed SCRFU, SCYR and SCRS to see how GCCIR can improve. Board thought GCCIR was good with its transparency with the board but needs to improve with its members. Also, comparatively speaking was good when matched with its peers.
- All income and expenses (found to be okay and in line with budget but some expenses were not budgeted but they were necessary)
- GCCIR tax returns ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2017 were filed
- Treasure and commissioner to present prior to the AGM a standardized budget report that will be the same layout for each AGM for board approval then to be posted on site.
- Tax returns will be available on the web through <http://foundationcenter.org/find-funding/990-finder>
- Our current CPA cost are on the high side so GCCIR to look at QB online and the ability for Board members to login and pull reports.
- Clubs that have not paid (outstanding past dues) commissioner to address with clubs
- All outstanding invoices for this upcoming season need to be paid for by December 31st date or acceptable PMT plan otherwise they will be removed from schedule.
- Budget set from September to September annually.
- Tax filings set from June to June annually.

Secretary report:

1) Put forward that the board has a monthly phone conference call (agree by everyone)

#### Men D1 report:

1) CSULB won GC D1 division and won in first round of USA playoffs but lost to Nevada in second match.

#### Men D2 report:

1) 6 clubs with Cal Lutheran winning GC D2 championship went to USA playoffs and lost to Cal Maritime in first round

#### Men D3 report:

1) in season challenges if any can be just a short overview

- a. Out of 7 teams only really 3 teams had full sides (Oxy, MiraCosta and UNLV)
- b. We had a couple of issues with Oxy. Mostly dealing with an individual on their coaching staff two separate issues one with (UNLV and the other with Mira Costa)
- c. Communication back to me from schools were poor except for the 3 schools I mentioned earlier I would add in Pepperdine as communicating well
- d. Looking over the Schedule MiraCosta was the only team who entered in results properly consistently Oxy was the only other team.
- e. We need to walk our teams through this process again

2) Post season results

- f. Mira Costa went on to win the NSCRO Challenge Cup

#### Women D1 report:

1) Spence will not be running for re-election.

2) 3 out of 7 club made it to sweet 16's. All teams lost in first round.

#### Women D2 report, (Submitted by Mark in the absence of Jason Lewis):

1) Oxy, CSULB, and UCI made playoffs and lost in first round

## Open Discussion:

- 1) Email from Evan at Claremont College will possible be D2 women rep.
- 2) Email from Rex, Post match meal and drink function will be required by all clubs in GCCIR to attend unless notified of availability by Monday during Monday protocol. (Moved and approve 5-0) Will be addressed in P and P's
- 3) Monday protocol will be will be enforced by all GCCIR clubs this season.
- 4) Email from some women coaches (Kirstin Hartos Maurer, Richard Wortman, Anita Liger, Christina Alatorre, Zac Winter, Wollen, Evan and Emily Ogata) regarding items that they would like clarification on. Email was discussed, and all inquiries are answered in the minutes of this meeting and GCCIR constitution. It is hoped to get a contribution from these coaches on the P and P's and Bye-Laws committee.

Meeting adjourned at: 4:33pm

Minutes approved via email:

Mark Wilson Commissioner (No Split so no vote)

Manouk Baydasareyan Treasurer (Sat 6/16/2018 10:31 AM)

Steve Vent Secretary. (Sun 6/17/2018 1:53 PM)

Men:

Jason Reynolds men D1 rep (Fri 6/15/2018 9:59 AM)

Steve Stone men D2 rep (Fri 6/15/2018 8:39 AM)

Jason Lee men D3 rep (Fri 6/15/2018 7:01 AM)

Women:

Spencer Henry women D1 rep (Sat 6/16/2018 2:16 PM)

**Absent:** Jason Lewis women D2 rep.