



## Great Plains Rugby Football Union

**Annual General Meeting at Marion Park, Sioux Falls, SD  
At 4:45PM Saturday, June 23, 2007**

Roll Call: Adam Beilgard (Sioux City Swine), Jeff Coffman, Brian Kaiser (Wayne State Men), Darrin Barner (Wayne State Women), Mike Greco (USD Men), Joseph Galvin (SDSU Men), Sara Smith (SDSU Women), Gene Nelson (President), Curtis Cochran (Vice President & SF Crow), Doug Cmelik (Treasurer), John Boehm (Lincoln City Men), Tim Anderson (Omaha Shamrocks).

### **AGENDA:**

1.GPRFU dues: Review of clubs that are in good standing.

2.Discussion & Vote: Do the clubs of the GPRFU wish to keep this union in existence. After discussion a unanimous vote was taken to keep the GPRFU in existence.

3.GPRFU Dues structuring

Men's Club	\$300
Men's Collegiate	\$300
Women's Club	\$50
Women's Collegiate	\$200
GPYRA	\$200
New Club (first year only)	\$25

After Discussion a unanimous vote was taken to approve the above listed dues structure.

4.Valid Contact Information: All teams need to check their contacts page on the GPRFU website [www.greatplainsrugby.com](http://www.greatplainsrugby.com). If you need to add or change your contact information use the "Contact Info Form" on the left hand side of the GP website. All teams must have current contact information listed on the website to be in good standing.

## 5. New Business

- A. the Cornhusker State Games will be featuring Rugby tournament brackets for Men, Women and High School teams. John Boehm will send tournament information to Curtis Cochran [sfcrowrugby@yahoo.com](mailto:sfcrowrugby@yahoo.com) for distribution to the GP teams.
- B. Wayne State Men and Women went to Westerns and placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Teams need to focus on increasing their team numbers.
- D. GP welcomes the Omaha Shamrocks to the Union. The Shamrocks are focusing on recruiting new players to the game of Rugby. The team colors will be green and black.
- E. Bryn Chivers has agreed to be head coach of USD Women.
- F. Jeff Coffman has offered to help all GPRFU teams create a team logo free of charge. Contact Jeff at <[jeff@coffmans.net](mailto:jeff@coffmans.net)>.
- G. Wayne State hosts the largest 15s men's and women's tournament in the region. All GP teams need to support the Wayne Tournament.

## 6. Election of new GPRFU Officers

- A. President Jeff Coffman: has played and coached Rugby in United States, Europe and Canada. Currently coaching Westside High School Rugby. He will focus his efforts on developing the GP into a stronger Union with greater opportunities for advancement of teams and individual players.
- B. Vice President Darrin Barner: has spent most of his rugby career playing in Fort Worth, TX. Currently involved in coaching and developing the Wayne State teams and organizing the Wayne Tournament. Has been in charge of developing the GP Master Schedule for the past 3 years.
- C. Treasurer Doug Cmelik: has dutifully served as GPRFU Treasurer for nearly a decade if not longer.
- D. Secretary Adam Beilgard: began Rugby career playing for Junior Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kansas. Currently playing for Sioux City Swine. Has served as president of the Swine.
- E. HS Director Aaron Hollinger: has been serving as HS Director for one year. Has formed the GPYRA and will be finalizing 501(C)(3) status this season and taking select side on an international tour.

After discussion a unanimous vote was taken to elect the above list of officers to serve the GPRFU.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Curtis Cochran, Former GP Vice President with the recognition of Sara Smith of SDSU Women for taking copious notes during the AGM.