

GREAT PLAINS RFU



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Oct. 25, 2006 8:00PM

check in: doug cemplak, dustin evans usd, rob kortus, darrin barner, gene nelson, curtis cochran, aaron hollinger, marty panzer goats,

1. Welcome

2. roll call

A. darrin: in charge of forming union sked, coach wayne men and women, ladies lost players to grad, men lost to graduation but got new freshmen, facility is located next to wayne softball complex, 4 rugby fields, all money & effort from club, finished 2 story club house, press box, PA system, scoreboard, want to put a bid for collegiate western sweet 16s.

B. dustin evans, president of USD, lost 1/2 to graduation, half is young squad w/ little experience, need new players to get more games.

C. marty panzer prez goats: just finished league play. finished 1 and 2. play aspen in spring for chance at westerns. new coach this season has added to squad in coaching and recruiting.

D. crow update: crow installed permanent goal posts at our pitch at marion road park.

E. doug cemplak: just got back from argentina.

F. Rob Kortus: have some new refs in the union, moving refs up in the panel, appreciate getting the sked out early in planning ref sked, people have not been giving the refs as much of a hard time lately and its appreciated.

G. aaron hollinger: setting up more teams, looking for between 8-14 teams in HS. will probably be more like 8, trying to get more help running the league, overwhelming for 1 person, need more fundraising, had best showing ever at denver tournament, lost to socal by 1 try. aaron has brought us from 4 teams to 7 and taken us to all star match in colorado.

3. HS report: see 2G above

4. ref society: getting interest in setting up cert course for winter, not many new changes in the new law books, debating whether to even get new ones, only about half of HS teams paid dues to society. HS will make it a priority
5. determination of each gprfu div winner
 - A: goats are D1 mens champs for GP
 - B: aberdeen DIII men wins w/ either guinness or win loss method
 - C: UNL men are D1 collegiate men champs
 - D: DII men collegiate: wayne then creighton
 - E: women: ?
 - F: DII college women: wayne then USD
 - G: HS: sf then omaha then pavillion?

Action Items

6. \$5 check to each club/person to pay for conf call
 - A: not toll free, most agree or are OK w/ conference call rather than road trip. may use this system for HS meeting rather than road trip. conference call service is free from <<https://www.freeconference.com/Home.aspx>>
 - B. motion for each person/club calling in to be reimbursed \$5 by GP to defer costs. motion moved and 2nded. idea is to show that union appreciates efforts of members to call in and participate. approved.
7. reduce gp club fees \$50 (USA raised fees):
 - A: USARFU raised club fees \$50 w/o warning
 - B current club structure
 - 1 men 400
 - 2 women 300
 - 3 hs 150
 - 4 women 100
 - 5 any new club 50
 - 6 any new women free
 - C key thing is for clubs to get players cipped and we don't want to cut into that
 - D aaron moves to reduce, dustin 2nded. budget effect should be negligible according to treasurer. approved
8. hold ref clinic again jan 2007: last ref clinic in sioux city went well. there is interest in holding next clinic sometime in january. moved and 2nded. danny might be available to teach course, will be strong reccomend that each team send a rep. approved
9. old biz:
 - A usd wants updated info from refs society, should be update on society page soon;

B: tiebreakers are in the union by-laws and every team should know the procedure so referee isn't put on the spot. HS is different from Mens. its in the bylaws on website.

C. rob will set up a touch judge clinic; can do separate from ref clinic

D terry wallace coaching sioux city women.

E. goats paying \$150 per match to USARFU no matter who refs the match. gene voted against this when it was put to a USARFU vote. if we have concrete examples of why this money is not being used appropriately, we can raise the issue w/ the west.

F. Tiff in omaha is trying to start a women's club team, wants to train same time as men. good idea just to get ladies out to play and make it as cheap and simple as possible.

G. discipline committee: need to get decisions handed down faster from the union. GP will send out union wide notice on suspended players for those who have players who play for more than one club.

H. refs fees at men, collegiate, hs games is \$50.

10. election gprfu officers nominations

a president: gene nelson

b vp: curtis cochran

c sec: pete deezew

d treas: doug cemlek

e hs director: aaron hollinger

f motion to vote for ticket as nominated. ticket carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted by Curtis Cochran