

Florida Rugby Union - AGM 2016 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

FRU Representatives

- Kerri O'Malley - FRU President - (KO)
- Matt Tierney - FRU Treasurer - (MT)
- Mel Newkirk - FRU Vice President - Women - (MN)
- Steve Profit - FRU Vice President - Men - (SP)
- Steve Braunstein - FRU Vice President - Sevens - (SB)
- Evan Haigh - FRU General Manager - (GM)

FRU Club Representatives

Name	Club	Name	Club
Thianna Diamandis	Tampa Women	Fabian Aybar	UCF Men
John Miller	Indian River	Devyn Dodge	UCF Men
Bill Cluck	Indian River	Sara Phillips	UCF Women
Michelle Fogelsanger	Orlando Women	Anwar Archer	Tallahassee
Katie McAuley	Ft Miami Women	Matt Hayden	Okapi
Tim O'Toole	USF Men	Gavin Mcleavy	Okapi
Corkey Newman	Brevard	Roy Monk	FRRA
Michael Lucic	UF Men	Kevin Murtaugh	Pelican Rugby
Zac Elipik	Eckerd College	Roy Dormant	Pelican Rugby
Taylor Dowell	Eckerd College	Ivianne Keane	FAU Women
Raoul Besse	UCF / Orlando	Gary Jones	Sarasota
Tim Beury	Sarasota	Mateo Velazquez	FIU
Brett Witte	Daytona	Shelby Shiver	UF Women
Alberto Pisani	Miami RFC	Nick Caruccio	Gainesville
Melissa Newkirk	Jacksonville Men	Jouro Romsdell	Jacksonville Women
Matt Tierney	Naples RFC	Antoinette Phongoen	USF Women
Martin Gardner	Ft Lauderdale	Rinaldo Cartaya	Orlando Men
Terry Keyzer	Orlando Men	John Gross	Boca Raton Men

Meeting Location — Orlando Public Library – 101 E Central Blvd, Orlando, FL 32801

Meeting Room — Cypress Room — 3rd Floor

Meeting Time — 130pm to 430pm

Meeting Agenda & Notes

- Introductions of the FRU Board (EH, MN, MT, SP, SB) plus explained absentees. Chris Calvo had a medical emergency yesterday that prevented him from travelling to Orlando today.

1. The President (KO) will report on the affairs of the Union during the period since the last Annual General Meeting;

- President's Report - [Click Here](#) to View the presentation
- Subreport by the General Manager (GM) – [Click here](#) to view report

Questions & Extra Notes

- **SB** - states that Las Vegas sevens exposes our players against National and Academy teams
- **KO** - Sevens season restructured to facilitate greater level play increase qualifying teams - Kerri O
- **Roy Monk** - Referee Feedback form is being used by a small amount of teams. One a week is of any use, feedback needs to specific about your exact issue and/or clarification.
- **SB & MN** - High Performance Development - Chance to build out the squads and give the girls/boys different experiences and build out a community of players who want play at a higher level.

2. The Treasurer (MT) will **report** on the financial affairs of the Union during the period since the last Annual General Meeting;

- [Click Here](#) to view the Treasurer's Report

Questions & Notes

- Matt began in January 2016
- GM helped clear up the budget projected numbers versus actual
- Membership dues bulk of revenue, most comes in the fall
- Extra Expenditure Increases are; Website Re-design, GM Healthcare
- Improvements in accounting procedures; reimbursement, regulation, team payments, check & balances
- Grant Application Process; Ultimate goal is to show what will this grant money do to improve the Union as whole.

- Katie McAuley stated that USA Rugby dues to increase in 2016/17, amounts to announced in August
- Question from the floor. Why does Men's 15 HPP still have budgeted money without a program? KO -- HPP money is for men's players to play HPP rugby teams that not necessarily for FRU teams.

Brevard (CN) motion to change in agenda, move Item (7) before the scheduling.

- Jacksonville Women (JR) second the motion
- Motion voted and Motion Passed

3. The Union members shall elect the Union Officers for the coming year; – N/A for 2016, not an election year

7. The members will consider any applications for Union membership by new clubs, which

- Jacksonville Women (JR) motion to add Tampa Women to FRU membership
- Ft Miami (KM) 2nds the motion
- Motion Voted and Motion is Passed (1 against)
- **KO** - motions to move UNF to associate membership from full membership
- Gainesville Men 2nd the motion
- Motion Voted and Motion is Passed

4. The Union shall address any scheduling issues related to upcoming year, as a whole group or through subcommittee meetings organized by divisions – President will ask prior to meeting to move this to end

- **Mens D2 Proposal** - Approved with a January 14th Festival - teams to submit by request weekens
- **Mens D3 Proposal** - Approved with a January 14th Festival - Teams submitted by request weekends
- Womens D2 - Working through USA Rugby requirements and ensuring that we maximize the development of the two new teams (Tampa & IR)
- College Women - Survey to conducted and and new schedule to be developed within the next month. Clubs need to put forth their weekends they are unable to play in the fall and spring.

6. The Union shall consider any new business (including agenda items submitted by members).

- No new business was submitted

Ft Miami motion to close the meeting

- Jacksonville Seconds
- Motion is voted on, Motion is Passed

Meeting Closed at 3:52 pm

Meeting Minutes taken by Evan Haigh - FRU General Manager