



Illinois Youth Rugby Association  
Annual General Meeting – July 28<sup>th</sup> 2013  
**Agenda**

**9.00am** - Call to order

- Breakout session for individual Boys Tiers, Girls and Middle School programs.
  - *Clubs with teams in multiple Tiers or programs should ensure they have a representative at each breakout session. **45mins***
- Roll Call **10 mins**
- Approval of Winter Meeting Minutes **5 mins**
- **Officers Reports** – *Written reports will be published prior to the meeting. Opportunity for attendees to ask questions regarding Officers reports. **15 mins***
- CARFU Referees report and presentation – *O’Toole **10 mins***
- **Old Business**
  - iYRA Coaches and Parents Manual **5 mins**
- **Election of Officers 15 mins**
- **New Business**
  - Separate single school and Club competitions – *Various **15 mins***
  - Bylaw Amendments – *Hall and Bergman **15 mins***
  - 2013 Calendar – *Various **10 mins***
  - Other Business and Open Forum - *Attendees*

**11.30am** - Adjourn

**Roll Call:** *(via sign in sheet)*

Sycamore Rugby Club	Mark Lancaster	Brother Rice	David Fee
Chicago Wapiti	Roy Hays	Palatine	Alan Burton (MS Coor)
Chicago Wapiti	Sean O’Connor	Renegades	Daniel Hart
Elgin River Rats	Rob Copland (T3 Coor)	Plainfield Boys/Girls	Steve Krause
Tornados	Lou Raymond	Cicero Paladins	Alfredo DeLaVega
Arlington Stallions	Vinnie LaPiana (T1 Coor, F/S Coor)	Carfu Referee Society	Luke O’Toole
Arlington Stallions	Paul Bergman (Compliance)	Naperville Girls/MS	Elliot Hershik
Rockford HS	Walt Felton	West Suburban Barbarians & Bulls	John Weyer
Rockford MS	Kestrel Felton	Palatine	Jason Gere
Warthog Rugby HS/MS	Mike Dalen	Chicago Hope	Kevin Drewyer
New Trier	Tim Sheridan	Naperville Warriors	Tom Ricks
Mount Carmel	Mike Holland	IYRA	Anne Schwaab (Girls HS Coor)
IYRA	David Hall	Preadtors	Jay Crawford
IYRA	Adrienne Cortes	Twin City Tornados	Rory O’Rourke (via online mtg)

**Minutes of Winter 2012 Meeting:**

- Posted on website before meeting
- Motion, second, all in favor, approved

**President’s Report:** [Link](#)

**Vice President’s Report:**

- Not present, no report. Please email Tom w/ any questions you have for him.

- D. Hall updated us on Tom, happy to carry on serving as VP.

**Secretary's Report:** [Link](#)

- Presented donated equipment by Steamroller Rugby Supply for 2013 State Champs

**Treasurer's Report:** [Link](#)

**CARFU Referees:** Luke O'Toole

- Dues: Thanks for getting payment in time
- Fees/Rates for next year? Don't know yet
  - Haven't had rate increase in 2+ years
  - Is there going to be something? Probably.
  - How much? Don't know.
- Website:
  - IYRA is using it well for feedback, CARFU Refs appreciate that
  - When you do comment, please use follow up details.
- Please coach tackles
- New scrum engagement
  - Crouch, Bind, Set
  - Demo videos avail on USAR & CARFU Referee site
  - Referees will be working w/ clubs this fall and most problem areas will be sorted out by spring 2014.
  - Put in place for safety, prevent scrum collapse.

**Disciplinary Report:** [Link](#)

**Tornados Select Side, Lou Raymond:**

- Very successful year, one of the best teams in the nation
- Representation: 22+ clubs
  - Talent of players is phenomenal, reflection of coaching dedication of IYRA club coaches
- Faced team from UK
  - Mostly our U17 side, very competitive
- Team from Windsor
- Tour 2014

====>**Tier Breakouts** <====

**Tier I Report:** [Link](#)

**Tier II Report:** [Link](#)

**Tier III Report:** [Link](#)

**Girls HS Report:** [Link](#)

**Frosh/Soph Report:** No report

**Middle School Report:** [Link](#)

## ====>End Tier Breakouts <====

### Compliance Report: [Link](#)

- Other:
  - Sideline barriers – EC is aware that barriers don't control sideline behavior, they're in place to prevent collisions of players and spectators
- Motion: Abide by USAR age requirements, 18yo or younger on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Second
  - In Favor: majority
  - Opposed: two (Rockford)
  - Motion carries
- Motion: Update our bylaws to mirror USAR rules on eligibility
  - Second
  - Discussion:
    - A. Burton: Personally, don't trust the senior clubs to keep our players safe. Likes that we are more strict and don't let our kids play on a men's club.
    - Some older HS kids might benefit from playing w/ a men's club on a B-side.
  - Motion withdrawn
    - Tabled to be investigated later by EC, info passed to membership via coaches yahoo group by P. Bergman

### Old Business

- Coaches and Parents Manual
  - EC working on for 2014

### New Business

- Election of officers:
  - Everyone on current EC is running again for
  - Motion: That the existing IYRA board be re-elected.
    - Second, all in favor, none opposed.
    - Current IYRA EC is re-elected
- Appointed positions coming up:
  - Sevens, New Club, Fall
  - Please let EC know if you're interested in serving
- Single School Exploration: [Link](#)
  - Discussed in Boys HS Tiers
  - Clubs to be surveyed
- Bylaw amendments
  - Outdated, will have ready for review at Dec 2013 mtg
  - Welcome any assistance, input from members
- Other business
  - Winter AGM 12.7.2013
  - Tornados Tour – E. Hershik
    - Player assistance, clubs please consider budgeting to help players that can't afford entire expense
    - Estimated tour cost \$2200-2300/player
  - Girls Recruiting, A. Schwaab
    - Passed out form requesting recruiting assistance from current clubs for new girls teams
  - Summer Sevens

- L. Raymond - Interest? Best dates?
  - We need dates early for parents to coordinate summer plans
- Recruiting
  - Any ideas on recruiting in presence of football centric school?
  - High School Cube
  - Direct mail
    - PTO mailing list, no permission needed
  - Local cable stations
- Status of YDO
  - Currently searching

**Adjourned**