

Southeastern Rugby, Inc.

**Annual General Meeting
Sunday, April 7th, 2019**

Open: 8:00 PM EST

Began: 8:40 PM EST

Roll Call

Commissioner – Marty Bradley

Secretary/Treasurer – James Farrar

Alabama - Andrew Kallas

Auburn - Donald Binns

Kennesaw State - Josh Inglis

Kentucky - Gary Anderson

Middle Tennessee State - Jody Hensley & Johnathon Toombs

Mississippi - Spencer Harris

Mississippi State - Jeff Pilgrim

South Carolina - Mark Morris & Steve Darnell

Tennessee - Thomas Lane

Not Present: Georgia

Opening remarks

Overview of agenda provided by Commissioner Marty Bradley

Officer Elections

- Commissioner
 - Thomas Lane (TN) nominated Marty Bradley
 - Jim Farrar (SCRC) motioned to close the floor of further nominations and accept the nomination of Marty Bradley by unanimous consent
 - Mark Morris (SC) seconded the motion
 - With no objections, Marty Bradley retained his position as Commissioner
- Treasurer/Secretary
 - Gary Anderson (KY) nominated Jim Farrar
 - Gary Anderson (KY) motioned to close the floor of further nominations and accept the nomination of Jim Farrar by unanimous consent
 - Mark Morris (SC) seconded the motion
 - With no objections, Jim Farrar retained his position as Treasurer/Secretary
- Both men will serve a term of 1 year.
- The Commissioner shall have the authority to appoint additional personnel or advisers to serve as directors and on committees to support the operations of the conference. Current personnel include the following:
 - Gary Anderson – Competitions / Performance
 - Charles Dube – Discipline
 - Dave Haines – Referees

Membership

- Using an extensive vetting process that ensures compatibility and competitiveness, only two programs chose to complete the application process for consideration:
 - University of Memphis
 - Georgia Institute of Technology
- Commissioner Bradley fielded questions while providing a macro view of each applicant

- John Inglis (KS) addressed Memphis' lack of player commitment in years past regarding travel. The Commissioner reassured the membership that commitment to the schedule is essential. Inglis also addressed Georgia Tech's progress over the last 5 years to be on the upward swing; player commitment and logistics.
- Donald Binns (AU) seconded Georgia Tech's commitment, as they always give Auburn a strong early season scrimmage
- Marty Bradley (SCRC) motioned to close the floor of further discussion and accept both applications by unanimous approval
- Jim Farrar (SCRC) seconded the motion
- With no objections, the University of Memphis and the Georgia Institute of Technology were added to the SCRC as Full Members. Commissioner Bradley will follow up with both programs.

2019 Fall 15s Season Proposal

- Two 6 team tiers, with the top 2 from each tier advancing to divisional SCRC Championships
- Tier 1 Winner advances to DIAA Nationals / Tier 2 Winner advances to DII Nationals
- System for promotion & relegation to be provided
- Allows for 3 home, 3 away, 1 crossover, & friendlies
- Tier 1: Alabama, Georgia, Kennesaw State, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee
- Tier 2: Auburn, Georgia Tech, Memphis, Middle Tennessee State, Mississippi, Mississippi State
- Survey for dates to be delivered before May – ONLY ONE submission per team

2019 Spring 7s Season Update

- SCRC Championship next week (April 13) in Columbia, SC
 - Winner → USA Rugby National Tournament (Tucson, AZ)
 - If winner defers, finalist may apply for an At-Large bid
 - Highest finishing SEC team → Collegiate Rugby Championship (Philadelphia, PA)
 - The growth of the conference may require this to be a two-day event next year
- Two 5 team pools – every team plays 5 matches total
- Place in your pool and then play your counterpart in the opposing pool to finish
- All matches held on one field from 9 AM to 5 PM -- Brackets to be released Monday, April 8th

Financial Report

- **2018-2019 Fiscal Season**
 - Beginning Balance = \$19,200
 - Revenue = **\$11,000**
 - 10 member teams @ \$1,100 each
 - Expenses = **\$9,300**
 - \$3,400 -- 15's Playoffs & Championship
 - \$5,400 -- 7's Championship
 - \$500 -- Administrative
 - \$0 -- All Star Competition
 - Ending Balance = \$20,900 (The lack of an All-Star event created a \$1,700 surplus for the year)
- **2019-2020 Fiscal Proposal**
 - Jim Farrar (SCRC) recommended maintaining current commitments and dues structure
 - Beginning Balance = \$20,900
 - Revenue = **\$13,200**
 - 12 member teams @ \$1,100 each
 - Expenses = **\$13,500**
 - \$3,500 -- 15's Playoffs & Championship
 - \$5,500 -- 7's Championship
 - \$3,500 -- High Performance
 - \$1,000 -- Administrative
 - Ending Balance = \$20,600

- Marty Bradley (SCRC) motioned to accept the Treasurer's recommendation by unanimous consent
- Thomas Lane (TN) seconded the motion
- With no objections, the budget and dues structure passed

Other Business

- **High Performance**

- Following the cancellation of this year's All-Star team due to a lack of participation, the Commissioner has requested a complete review of the current structure to determine viability going forward. Only 5 of the 39 All-Conference players were committed to competing this year. Many have expressed conflicts in the season (spring is for 7s), the intended weekend (spring break), and the lack of similarly comprised teams (vs other All-Stars).
- USAR has expressed a desire to facilitate an All-Star competition, pitting conferences of similar division against one another, though the recent organizational shake-up may affect those plans
- Instituting local development camps comprised of member coaches and/or guest coaches could be an alternative to the All-Star structure. Would allow for greater flexibility and participation.
- Member coaches who wish to contribute towards the planning, development, or execution of High Performance are asked to contact the Commissioner
- 'All-Star' funding will be reallocated as 'High Performance' in the meantime

- **Contacts**

- The [conference website](#) has been updated to highlight member contacts and our expanding social media presence. Teams are encouraged to send their information to the Commissioner by the end of this week so that all updates may be reflected.

Being no further business before the group, the meeting was closed at 8:40 PM EST.