

MidSouth Rugby Union – Minutes

8/30/09

Meeting called to order by Pres. Peter Steyn.

Roll Call

Clubs not represented

Freed-Hardeman	\$100
Harding U	\$100
Murray State	\$100

Proxies

Huntsville sent proxy to Outlaws	\$10	
Bowling Green sent proxy to WKU men	\$10	
U. Memphis Men sent proxy to Peter Steyn	\$10	paid
Sewanee Men sent proxy to Peter Steyn	\$10	

Clubs represented in person

ASU	Maryville	TTU m
Bryan	Memphis Blues	WKU men
Chatt men	Memphis w	UT men
Grizzlies	MTSU m	UT women
Hopkinsville/Ft Campbell	MTSU w	UT Martin
Johnson City	Nash/Knox Women	VU
Knox Men	Outlaws	WKU w
Lee	Sewanee m	
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Minutes from January 2009 meeting distributed.

Motion to accept minutes made and seconded – passed.

Treasurer's report distributed

Bryan Col. Made a correction to the report regarding dues owed.

Motion to accept treasurers report made and seconded - passed.

Collegiate Report

Bryan Stinger has retired as collegiate coordinator. Did a great job.

Peter Steyn announced Marty Bradley will serve as collegiate director for USAR-South.

Competition schedules – Peter Steyn.

Marty Bradley is moving to reorganize creating more regional competition and reduce travel expenses. Don McDuffy sets up collegiate schedule.

Noted: ASU missing from men's list.

TTU not in good standing to compete.

Collegiate Women have tourney in Oct.

CIPP registration now due – get that done. Carries through to August 2010.

Need new MidSouth Collegiate Director to replace Brian. Send recommendations to Peter Steyn.

Jim Brennen will be coach Sept 27 camp tryout for U-23 women at MTSU or VU

Oct 11 scrimmage MTSU or VU location TBD

Nov 14 tourney Knoxville

No report on youth/ HS

Ref report

Dave Haines – schedules going out

Some teams seem to be double booked. Clear this up with Haines ASAP.

No scheds from: BG, JC, UT Martin, Lee M, Sew W, Harding, Freed, Ft C

Scheds due Aug 1, Jan 1 every year.

Seasons are expanding.

Dues – all active clubs paid or arrangements made.
Even when playing in Matrix all clubs still send scheds to ref soc.
Send both home and away matches – helps other teams pick up games.

New Business

Pete Steyn – Johnson City senior men rep. by Todd Hubbard applied for reinstatement. Club has been restructured, picked up players. Failed when old boys dropped out all at once. Prepared to stick to sched and pay dues etc. Motion to readmit - seconded – Passed.

Hopkinsville/ft Campbell – playing together. Weakened by deployments. Ready to play again. Div III. Will play B'ham etc. Motion to readmit - seconded – passed

Bowling Green – trying to get a full side together. Hope to be up in spring. Proxy to come.

Bryan Col. Men had a severe car accident involving 6 players last fall. Took them off play list last spring. Now ready to come back. 2009 dues waived while team rebuilt.

Lee men report they should be ready to play fall schedule.

Dave Glasgow raised question of how to help emerging teams
VU – let teams apply for assistance for coaches. H.S. coach Clinic Jan 23/24 at VU.

Mark Williams in charge – email regarding this

Set up form to apply for assistance on www – to be reviewed by board

Won't interfere with matrix

VU made motion to allow officers to set up a system for helping coaches of emerging teams – seconded - passed

VU raised – also help cover costs of new and emerging clubs to send rep to ref clinic. Next one in Nov in Memphis. Ref society will contribute some funds as well. Fee is \$50, which goes to USAR. Ref Soc absorbs the rest of the cost.
Motion made – seconded – passed.

Steyn reported - Some bylaw changes coming for front row play. Requiring roster of front row players at start of match and cert that front row players have experience to play. Applies to collegiate teams.

MTSU – players clinic with Frank Bonce of All Blacks and Australia, in Memphis April 8, MTSU April 10 2 sessions. Sunday 11 for clubs, Knox 13. \$50/player.

Q - 7s rugby may be added to Olympics, will South/MidSouth be helping fund USAR team? Steyn reported MS budgets set, so probably not.

Sept 12/13 tourney at VU. Collegiate men only. Not too late to join in. About 20 teams coming so far. \$150 fee.

Eastern Illinois women – operate as an NCA club – outside USAR. Men's is not operated the same. They use their own refs. The women are now conforming to USAR, so teams may play them now. Any team playing them report to Pete Steyn prior to playing.

Motion to adjourn – seconded - passed.