



SUOMEN RUGBYLIITTO
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Spring AGM – Tampere - Hämeenkatu 26 – 9th of April 2016
Time: 13.00

Presence:

Voting rights	Name	Club	Position
2	David Mc Dougall	Espoo	Chairman
2	George Mossford ¹	FRRRA	Chairman
2	Ville Siiskonen	HRC (Helsinki)	Chairperson
2	Mauno Kontila	Jyväskylä	Representative
2	Mika Partanen	Kuopio	Chairman
2	Juho Peljuniemi	Linna	Chairman
2	Jaakko Salo	Pori	Chairman
2	Bro Bannatyne	Porvoo	Vice Chairman
2	Jussi Uosukainen	WRC (Helsinki)	Chairman
1	Hanna Visuri	Tampere	Board Member
1	Teemu Salmi	Tampere	Deputy
0	Rasmus Toompere	Kalev (Estonia)	Chairman
0	Anja Partanen	Kuopio	
0	Jens Willadsen	SRL	Chairman
0	Mathieu Nicodème	SRL	Gen. Secretary

1. Opening of the meeting 13:20

2. Election of a chairman, a secretary and two scrutinizers and if necessary, two vote-counters for the meeting

Chairman of the meeting: Jens Willadsen (SRL)

Secretary: Mathieu Nicodème (SRL)

Scrutinizers: Bro Bannatyne (Porvoo) and George Mossford (FRRRA)

Vote Counters: David Mc Dougall (Espoo) and Jussi Uosukainen (WRC)

3. The regularity and the quorum of the meeting are confirmed

YES, Unanimously

4. The agenda of the meeting is agreed

YES, Unanimously

5. Previous meeting minutes approved

YES, Unanimously

¹ George Mossford is also a SRL board member.





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6. Annual Report 2015 discussion (if needed).

Some of the points opened in the 2015 Annual Report came to a conclusion with the revelation of the final amount granted by OKM (20.000 Euros instead of the 120.000 Euros requested) given this huge difference, the board newly elected had to redistribute the money across the different items presented in the Annual report for 2016.

One of the priorities has been to allow for a full time Technical Director (TD) which meant to dedicate most of our money to support this activity.

The clubs have requested to understand better what was expected from the TD activities and how they could benefit of it. SRL Board will present a detailed job description along with targets and key performance indicators attached to this role.

The clubs have requested for SRL Board to check if the money from OKM could be assigned for the TD activity. SRL Board will check if the OKM money has any restriction on its usage and will communicate the result of their investigations to the clubs.

Having a TD full time will give us plenty of opportunity to organize better our integration within the sport community, Olympic community and political landscape of Finland.

Clubs have asked whether the decision to have a full time TD had been voted upon. The chairman presented the current strategic plan on screen that addressed this issue and there were no further queries from the members.

Annual report 2015 has been already approved; no vote is needed nor requested.

7. Financial information:

7.1. Update from new Treasurer

Given the late decision of OKM for the amount granted (20.000 instead of 120.000) and a few typos, the budget presented at the EGM had to be redefined. In a matter of transparency the new budget taking into account the reality of money available and the priorities set by the clubs is presented to the clubs.

This is a matter of informing the clubs. The budget has already been approved and voted so no vote is needed nor requested.

7.2. Closing of the Accounts 2014

Due to a mistake, the precedent AGM or EGM could not approve the accounts of 2014. The account of 2014 are now approved with an unanimous vote (20 for)

7.2. Closing of the Accounts 2015

The accounts for 2015 have not been yet audited due to the late delivery to the board and the fact that they were not accounted according to Finnish law.

2 Auditors are appointed: Ville Siiskonen (HRC) and Jaakko Salo (Pori)

8. Domestic Season 2016 update



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Division 1 for women is to be added (a four-match series between Pori and Linna)
East Coast Barbarians dropped out from Division 1, leaving four teams in each remaining
Division 1 pool.

A new team is starting in Lahti, but will not compete in the 2016 season.

9. Domestic Season 2017 Planning / Discussion and/or vote on any application to let Kalev
Rugby Club from Estonia

Rasmus Toompere from Kalev is presenting the reasons for his request to join the Finnish
Championship:

The championship in Estonia is very limited. They need games and are keen to join our
competitions. They have secured some advantageous conditions for visiting team to Estonia
(30% discount on the boat trip, hotel night for 30 Euros with Breakfast). They have a good
level of rugby and feel confident they should be offering some challenges and good games
for the clubs of Finland in Championship division. This is confirmed by Espoo who had
already a game against them.

The clubs are coming back with questions:

Women's rugby? Not yet.

How to compensate for clubs coming North Finland? Open question.

When are the fields accessible? From April to November.

Would they accept players from other clubs in Estonia? They have an open door policy, but
would comply with any rules attached to the Finnish competition. George clarified that they
would be able to field any Estonian player registered to them under our competition
regulations, but that this may cause club complaints if Kalev effectively fielding an Estonian
starting XV. Kalev said that this wouldn't be an issue and the clubs didn't push the issue,
effectively agreeing to take the risk if Kalev were to be incorporated into our leagues.

The main concerns from the clubs are:

Cost of transport / Distance

No free ride, Kalev needs to go through the competition via the 1st division.

George is presenting the different structure proposal for 2017

Clubs are voting.

Out of 18 votes, 15 are in favor of Porvoo's seeded pools format. This will be introduced for
2017 and will stay in place for three seasons (unless there is a strong reason to change). The
summary of the proposal is attached.

Out of 18 votes, 11 are in favor of Kalev joining the Finnish Competition, 6 are against and 1
abstains. A vote to see in which division they should enter resulting in 16/18 in favor of
Division 1. Kalev will therefore enter the Finnish Division 1 in 2017.

It was also discussed and voted upon what should happen in the event that the winner of
the 2016 Division 1 would be ineligible or unwilling to be promoted to the Championship in



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2017. In this event, it was agreed that the Championship spot would first be offered to the runner-up of Division 1 and then to Kalev as a third option.

Proposals for 2017 Finals Day hosting

Pori will be hosting 2017 Finals (WRC were the only other tender and they withdrew their application).

9.3 7's tournaments 2017

3 to 4 tournaments desired in the men's competition from January to late April

HRC, Linna, Kuoppio and Porvoo are volunteers to host the events

Women's 7th to be evaluated with the 7^s coordinator (Miina Porkka)

9.4 Finals day hosting 2016 arrangements update.

Linna is hosting 2016 finals:

This is the best pitch of Linna, there are 2.500 seats, a conference room.

It is possible to organize fair and food next to the pitch.

There is a place for dinner and a night club for the 3rd half.

11. Closing of the meeting. 16:50



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