

SRL Annual General Meeting (AGM)

27.02.2011

Held at Hotel Cumulus, Jyväskylä

Meeting commenced at 10.05.

The following persons were present;

Palemia Field (SRL)

Jaakko Vilen (WRC)

Stephen Whittaker (HRC / SRL)

Risto Karjalainen (SISU)

Niilo Nahari (SISU)

Thierry Demoulin (HRC)

Ville Siiskonen (SRL)

Markus Helmle (RIP) - arrived at 11.11

Eagles Rugby (vote held by Jaakko Vilen)

Roy Casey (attendance via Skype)

NOT PRESENT:

Tampere Rugby Club

Jyväskylä Rugby Club

Oulu Rugby Club

Kuopio Rugby Club

Vaasa Rugby Club

Rovaniemi Rugby Club

Kajaani Rugby Club (?)

Election of Chairman:

Palemia Field proposed himself to run as Chairman for the meeting, which was unanimously approved

Election of Secretary:

Jaakko Vilen proposed Stephen Whittaker to be the secretary, which was unanimously approved.

Election of Scrutinizers (2)

Risto & Niilo were proposed to be the scrutinizers of the minutes by Stephen Whittaker, the gesture was unanimously approved.

Proposal of Agenda:

The proposed agenda was agreed upon

Comment:

Member clubs present commented on how disappointed they were that despite most clubs being present at the previous day's snow rugby tournament, their non compliance with attending the SRL AGM was frustrating and sad.

Minutes of EGM:

the minutes of the EGM were presented and unanimously approved

Financial Statement for 2010:

This was presented by the current treasurer; Ville Siiskonen, all relevant queries were answered and fulfilled.

More clarity was asked in the financial breakdown when it came to topics *Others* and * Lucas O'Callaghan (LOC)*

Auditors Report:

The auditors report was presented, by Ville Siiskonen, questions raised by the auditors about certain missing receipts were clarified on the spot.

The agreement with LOC needs to be clarified, by definition of what can be deemed and expense and what is a luxury.

The accounts for 2010 and the auditors report were approved by all those present, therefore releasing the 2010 board of any financial liabilities.

Annual Report 2010:

The annual report was presented by the Chairman. (see appendix)

Points of note;

- A Sports Education Seminaar was held in Helsinki, over 30 attendees from various schools were present. The schools were from all over Finland. Relevant details regarding the contacts for these schools will be sent out to the clubs in due course.

- Women's Academy: There needs to be a concrete description / definition of what the Women's Academy really is. If the academy consists of many current NT players then this can have an adverse affect on funding for the Academy (IRB grant money cannot be used to finance elite level team [National Teams]).

- The SRL has now gained support membership to the SLU. For full membership to be gained the SRL must have 1000 members and 20 clubs: it must be noted that a member, by definition from the SLU is not just a player but also supporters of the club and back room staff.

_ Insurance is now a viable option through the SLU, the SRL secretary has been in touch with the SLU and is waiting for a reply. Currently the info to hand is that an insurance will cost 300€ for an adult plus a 3€ handling fee. The insurance could be taken by the player direct through the SLU, easing the workload on the clubs. More info will come in due course.

No queries were raised about the annual report and as such was approved.

WRC raised the question of a Men's National 7's team and why we did not have one?

- Currently men's 7's rugby is not being played enough to justify a NT. Which is why the Women's 15's funding was cut. There is an option to create a Finland Baba's team which could then be used to gauge the current level of the 7's set up in Finland. This would most likely not receive funding from the SRL.

Proposal of Auditors (2) for 2011:

Risto Karjalainen and Niilo Nahari of Lahti SISU were proposed and unanimously approved.

Other Issues:

- The League Manager sent his regards along with his frustrations. All proposals for games were taken into account before creating the League Structure, but then once the structure was released several complaints about incompatibilities arose.

- Rauma noted that they may not have the required amount of players to field a team but have looked into the possibility of partnering with Eagles. At the end of last season their squad size was 6, At present it is 12.

- The 7's tournaments and Finnish Cup tournaments have been highly appreciated throughout the clubs.

- More referee's needed in the North, it can be quite expensive to send a referee to adjudicate in the North.

- A clarification was asked for on the rules to the amount of players a team can field, if agreed beforehand in the Finnish Cup.

SLU Cooperation

Discussed earlier

Insurance & Licenses

Insurances were covered earlier, Licenses can also be handled via the SLU. again, more info to follow once the SRL rep has met the SLU rep.

Coach Development

Henry Tyrväinen raised the issue of coach development and what can be done to ensure that coaches stick with the game for a longer period, rather than a season or 2. What incentives can be offered, practical training, resources etc.

Here's text to be attached to the minutes

All agreed but it was also decided that this is a long term vision and not a place where we are right now.

Meeting was concluded at 12.4



Secretary _____

Scrutiniser _____

Scrutiniser _____

Risto Korpunen
Niko Kahkonen