



**SUOMEN RUGBYLIITTO**  
**FINNISH RUGBY FEDERATION**

Member of International Rugby Board (IRB)  
Member of European Rugby Federation (FIRA-AER)  
Member of Finnish Olympic Committee (NOC)

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25 January 2021

SRL Extra General Meeting  
Jyväskylä

Meeting opened at 10.19am on 10.10.2010

Present at the meeting were:

Palemia Field (chair)  
Heta Lampinen  
Stephen Whittaker  
Jaakko Vilen  
Markus Helmle  
Laura Hynninen  
Ville Siiskonen  
Heidi Heiska  
Teija Alasalmi  
Henri Tyrväinen (joined at 12.30)  
Lucas O'Callaghan (via Skype)

Proxy votes of Vaasa were held by Jaakko Vilen  
Proxy votes of Turku and Lahti were held by Markus Helmle  
Carlos Leite-Ferraz apologized for his absence

No representatives were present nor proxy votes presented from the following clubs:  
Tampere, Rovaniemi, Oulu,

The quorum of the meeting was confirmed and the agenda was deemed to be accepted.

The secretary for the meeting was nominated by Jaakko Vilen to be Stephen Whittaker: unanimous decision  
Heta Lampinen was proposed to be scrutinizer of the minutes and vote counter: unanimous decision.

### **Budget**

The budget was presented and explained by Treasurer Laura Hynninen. In large part it was similar to the 2010 budget proposal.

The figures allocated to item: IRB grant are to be used purely for development and the amount is instructed by the IRB – the IRB tells us how much the SRL can apply for, a larger sum can be applied for but rarely is approved.

The OPM grant can be used for any activity and is primarily used for NTs, it has seen a financial increase year on year.

FRRA will decide on the club fees to the league at their EGM.

Player License fees have been budgeted at 30€ per player, a 5€ increase on year 2010.



'Admin Costs' are those items that cannot be classified under any other category. Players fee's income from the National Team players (men, women and U20) are not included in the budget, this was done in previous years and created more confusion than clarity. The player fee's are also dependant on the situation (current finance of that team, sponsorship for that game) so cannot be predetermined.

*Votes:*

Acceptance of player license fee to rise from 25€ → 30€

Approve: 9                      Against: 1

Acceptance of NT budget allocation:

Approve: 9                      Against: 1

Acceptance of SRL Budget for 2011

Approve: 9                      Against: 1

### **Action Plan**

A new strategic plan for the period 2011- 2015 has been created as required by the necessary bodies. It was briefly introduced (the whole document consists of 21 pages).

The operational plan was presented and this will be distributed to the club chairman, so that they can distribute to the members of their club.

1 topic within the plan was the idea to make the IRB Rugby Ready programme compulsory for all players within Finland, this could have a huge beneficial impact with the IRB, FIRA-AER and also with Insurance companies

The goals and targets of the SRL were presented, these will be sent to clubs in due course.

*Votes:*

Acceptance of the action plan:

Approve: 9                      Against: 0                      Abstention: 1

### **Resignation of current treasurer and election of replacement.**

After almost 2 years as SRL treasurer, Laura Hynninen has decided to step down so as to focus on real work and playing. The SRL thanked her for her services and the large shoes she has left behind to fill.

Candidates for the position were:

Ville Siiskonen of Helsinki Rugby Club, Ville has previously been treasurer of HRC in the year of 2009 before departing for London.

*Vote:*

Acceptance of Ville Siiskonen as SRL treasurer

Approve: 9                      Against: 1                      Abstention:0

N.B: Ville will need to attend the General Secretaries meeting to familiarize himself with the required protocols, the GS meeting is held on the weekend of Midsummer in Gran Canaria



## **Resignation of Board member and election of replacement.**

Heta Lampinen resigned from the board and from the role of Vice Chairman, she has been on the board for the last 3 years with 2 of those as Chairman.  
The SRL thanked her for her services and Heta informed she will still be lurking in the shadows.

There were no proposals presented for board members.  
Nina Jyrkkä of Rovaniemi was contacted and agreed to stand for a place as board member. The role of Vice Chairman will be filled at the AGM in 2011.

*Vote.*

Acceptance of Nina Jyrkkä as SRL board member

Approve: 9

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

## **Kuopio Rugby Club**

Kuopio Rugby Club was not present at the EGM and it was also noted that Kuopio Krokodiles will not be their official title.

It was warmly welcomed that a new club would be joining the SRL as this falls in line with current strategic plans.

As a newly created club they will be given every assistance in registering themselves (help with PRH, and LV)

They will receive the playing jerseys that were donated by Northampton BBOB as an incentive to get them going.

Club fees will waived for any new clubs starting in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of operations.

It was noted that Kuopio still need to register themselves as an association: George Mossford to advise as he has just done the procedure with FRRA.

Any other clubs that are not officially registered with PRH were advised to do so.

*Vote:*

Acceptance of Kuopio Rugby to the SRL

Approve: 10

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

## **Lucas O'Callaghan update**

It was made clear that LOC is not the Development Officer of the SRL but in fact the Development Manager. LOC gave a brief rundown of the missions he has thus started and achieved, most notably the products which the SRL has to offer to various companies. The big companies are interested in youth, (DHL & Nokia). This ties in with the schools programme that was developed and is currently being trialed by HRC.

Hotel Groups (Restel, Sokos and Scandic) have all been approached. With Restel very keen to get involved.

They have been approached for discounted rates (this applies to travelling teams within the SRL, visiting teams and dignitaries).

The sales director of Restel is a huge rugby fan and very well connected.

Restel will also be the hosts of the SRL Black Tie Dinner (SRL BTS), along with the other partners, Aussie Bar and the British Embassy. The date for the SRL BTS has been rescheduled to 20.11.2010 and will be held at Hotel Seurahuone.



There are also plans to hold a big rugby tag day in Kamppi Square, with the coalition of DHL and Aussie Bar, this would take place the week before the RWC. The NOC were extremely excited about this.

DHL are also very interested and deals are being made as we speak. They have also just received a large shipment of yellow rugby balls, due to their partnership of the RWC.

DHL have offered a pending deal with regards to 'free of charge shipping'. This is a work in progress.

In conjunction with the DHL deal, information is needed from every club on how much they have spent on shipping costs over the past year. (12 calendar months), this has a bearing on the details to the DHL deal.

All figures can be sent to sales@rugby.fi, and if further info is needed, it can also be asked from the same address.

LOC has sent reports to the SRL board and feedback has been slow.

The NOC has been in regular contact and there is a good possibility to secure extra funding from them. And the SLU has been approached to clarify certain issues with regards to the SRL becoming a member of the SLU.

### **Playing Regulations.**

IRB regulations state that for a team to be able to field a squad of 22 players there must be 2 front row specialists in the reserve 7.

Should the SRL adopt this rule, what are the consequences if a team does not fulfil this regulation?

Discussion ensued.

What is a suitably trained front row?

Would a scrum workshop for players and coaches be of any assistance?

It was decided that the status which we use now would continue but by the season of 2012 it would need to see a compliance with the afore mentioned IRB regulation.

### **Fuusio.**

There is talk that Fuusio will revert back to its original HRC and WRC women's teams, George Mossford would like clarification on this.

The issue is as of this moment undecided, but it is the common goal, this would alleviate many factors for both clubs, the men and women could travel on the same day, use the same pitch and even the same referees. It is cost effective and time effective.

It was decided a decision on the future of Fuusio is needed by 15.01.11, this still gives GM enough time to make the league schedule.

### **League Coordinators.**

The women's coordinator: Emmi Laine is now in the UK, so a new women's coordinator and also a junior coordinator are needed. GM does not have the time to cover all 3 positions. Therefore volunteers are needed to help GM



## **League Structure: Feedback.**

Feedback was positive for the league structure of 2010 and the consensus wished for the same in 2011.

JRC noted that their men's team may drop to the Cup, due to lack of players, but on the other hand Lahti are contemplating a jump to the Championship.

This season in the Championship there was only 1 forfeit. And in total over 92% of games were officiated.

WRC brought up the request that for the Championship playoffs, we would revert back to the 1 plays 4 and 2 plays 3 system.

WRC were thanked for hosting a fantastic finals day in which 400 persons witnessed Finland's varied rugby scene being played.

It was reiterated that WRC would not be able to host the finals in 2011, much to the displeasure of WRC.

The weekend of Stockholm 10's will no longer be set as an empty weekend in the league schedule.

## **Domestic 7's**

Lahti wishes to host the 7's tournament again in 2011. RIP are also interested.

15's would be played on grass and 7's on artificial turf, due to the lack of breakdowns in 7's artificial turf is very suitable and thus makes winter hosting even more appealing.

1 tournament every 2 months. Winter 7's helps the women's 7's team as their tournaments internationally are usually in spring.

Hene, via Lauri's proposal presented the idea. Interest was strong.

It was also asked whether the 7's would be a series or tournament winners, GM would put this to the clubs.

## **Email addresses.**

As club heads and board members change frequently, the flow of info can be stuttered, as the clubs have asked for better communication it has been decided that an email address eg. [Vaasa@rugby.fi](mailto:Vaasa@rugby.fi) will be set up for each club, and from then on all missives sent by the SRL will be to that clubs rugby.fi address. Clubs can then decide who will be granted access.

Meeting was closed at 13.01



Heta Lampinen  
Scrutiniser



Paemia Field  
Chairman