

Tigers Rugby Football Club, Inc.

General Information Meeting

February 9, 2008

Old Chicago Restaurant (120th & Sheridan)

Those in attendance:

Paul O'Brian, President
Dylan Lewis, Vice President
Steve Sadler, Recording Secretary
Matt O'Brian, Match Secretary

Coaches:

Patty Quinlan
Neil Quinlivan
Eddie Page
Martin Smith

Captains:

Marcus Lucero
Quincy Anderson
Markus Harvey

Players:

Joseph Chappell, Joseph Gonzales, Jacob Gossman, Josef Mack,
Garrett Miller, Rob Nees, Patrick O'Connor, Oliver Smith, Patrick
Sullivan, Stephan Therin, Albert Whitemore, Duncan Yost

Families:

Lenore Howard, Jeff & Joshua Gossman, Charles & Arleen Mack, John
& Cheryl Jordan, Greg & Erin Miller, Peg Nees, Jim & Denise
O'Connor, Steve Sadler, Jill Sargeant, Bill Thunnell

Introduction:

President and Head Coach Paul O'Brian welcomed over forty-five people and introduced the Board of Directors, including Paul O'Brian, President; Dylan Lewis, Vice President; Steve Sadler, Recording Secretary; Matt O'Brian, Match Secretary. Absent: Mike O'Brian, Treasurer.

Paul discussed the establishment of the non-profit corporate status with the legal assistance of Dylan Lewis, Vice-President, over the course of the past year. We will file for recognition and tax exempt status (501c3) in the course of this next year.

Tigers Rugby Football Club, Inc. is independent of Holy Family High School or any other high school. Colorado Youth Rugby (CYR) is the high school-age group that administers the league for Colorado. CYR is an affiliate of Eastern Rockies Football Union (ERRFU), LAU (Local Area Union) and West RFU (TU-Territorial Union).

These organizations operate under the auspices of USARugby. USARugby certifies coaches and referees and administers third party liability insurance for events. USARugby also assigns coaches and

development programs for competitions with select side teams including USA Mens and Rugby National Teams and All Star Teams at Union and Territorial levels.

As a non-profit corporation, Tiger Rugby Football Club, Inc. operates with a Board of Directors and holds annual general meetings in May. At that time elections of officers are held and an awards banquet is fostered. The business section of this general meeting has been waived to allow for greater question and answer opportunities by the new members of the organization and their parents.

Coaches were introduced, including those present: Paul O'Brian, Matt O'Brian, Dylan Lewis, Martin Smith and Pat Quinlan; absent: Assistant Head Coach Nick Samaris, Matt Gabriel and Xavier Therin.

The players introduced themselves, as did the parents and families of the players present. Captains for the 2008 season were presented including Marcus Lucero, Quincy Anderson, Markus Harvey, Justin Sadler and Travis McGee.

Purpose of the Meeting:

This General Information Meeting was called to meet the new Tigers Rugby Community and discuss expectations for attendance and schedules.

General Issues:

1. Tigers Rugby begins its fifth season of play.
2. The club uses its web site, <http://www.tigersrugby.com> to communicate with players and parents and to promote and build a rugby community.
3. In addition, <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/TigersRugby/> is utilized to send group e-mails, solicit feedback, promote discussion, conduct polls, and to disseminate information about schedules and match reminders. If you are not listed in this group, please send an email with your contact information to: contactus@tigersrugby.com or call Coach Paul O'Brian at 303-506-8110.
4. The players, coaches and parents should feel free to call Head Coach Paul O'Brian at 303-506-8110 for the most current information on any topic related to Tigers Rugby.

Forms and Dues:

Forms are due immediately and dues should be paid before the first League match (March 1).

Dues include expenses including rentals for matches, shorts, socks and mouthpieces for each player, balls, tees, field equipment and miscellaneous expenses related to legal and administrative costs.

Total forms collected as of February 9 was 15 out of a total of 26 players who have verbally committed or attended one or more practices. 15 members have paid dues.

Safety and Code of Conduct:

The forms and the content were not adequately discussed at the meeting and so, the following clarification of these issues is described below:

1. Colorado Youth Rugby requires certified coaches at all practices. Tigers Rugby has three certified coaches.
2. A medical kit will be stocked and provided. Paul O'Brian will provide medical assistance at all matches and practices. Paul is a licensed physical therapist and trained in first aid. The contents of the medical kit are required to meet the standard set by the Safety Director of Colorado Youth Rugby.
3. A Code of Conduct is signed by parents and players as well as coaches of Tigers Rugby. In addition to waivers of liability and medical information provided in the registration, the Code of Conduct includes agreement to Colorado Youth Rugby and USA Rugby policies regarding play, sportsmanship and penalties that may be imposed for failure to comply with such agreements. All parents, players and coaches are directed to the web site, where they can download the registration forms, read them and sign them. **All signatures on all lines must be completed before a player can begin the season.**

It is important to the success of this club and to the development of the players and coaches involved to uphold the principles which Tigers Rugby emphasizes including: sportsmanship, grace in defeat and in victory, as well as conduct off the field. Tigers Rugby has won the Team Sportsmanship Award for Colorado Youth Rugby in two of the last four years. Our reputation on and off the field is positive, including

the respect we garner (over the past four years of competition) as an aggressive and attacking club.

Club Schedule:

Practices:

Practices are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday in the month of February at Championship Field in Broomfield Commons Park (13200 Sheridan Blvd).

Beginning in March, Monday and Wednesday practices will continue at 3:15, but will move to Broadlands Park (Aspen Creek Park) at Meadow Mountain Drive and Sheridan Blvd. (two blocks south of 144th and Sheridan). The field is on the east side of Sheridan and is to the east of the baseball diamond immediately adjacent to Sheridan.

Saturday practices in March will be from 10 AM to Noon at the same Broadlands Park (Aspen Creek Park) Field. It is imperative that Tigers Rugby players leave the field at 5:00 PM on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Developmental Soccer has the field after the completion of our practice and we must vacate the premises immediately at 5:00 PM.

Matches:

Maps will be available on the web site as the days approach. Matches are generally played on Wednesdays and Saturdays. A number of tournaments, however, are scheduled on Saturdays. Under 16 (U-16) year old players (freshmen and sophomores) are invited to play at festival events, typically played on Mondays.

The full schedule can be seen at this web page:

<http://tigersrugby.com/2008-tournament-dates/>

Afternoon matches (Mondays and Wednesdays) will begin at 4:00 PM before March 9th (Daylight Saving starts on March 9 this year!) and at 5:00 PM after March 9th.

Saturday matches typically start at 10 or 11 AM for single matches. Tournaments can last through mid-afternoon, and typically start at 10 or 11 AM.

Tournaments are organized by Colorado Youth Rugby and include the following:

February 16 - All Comers Tournament

Pitch Location: Ridgeview Academy in Watkins, Colorado. 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

This event is a festival event in which players and coaches practice with personnel that are not necessarily from their home club.

Players will select the position they want to play and/or learn, and put their "name in the bag" for the position. Coaches (including the three certified Tigers Rugby coaches) will select names from the "bag" and assemble teams randomly.

Coaches will then have an hour of time to prepare their team for a series of matches played over the course of the day.

February 23 - Denver East Invitational

Pitch Location: Denver East - TBD

In this event we play Denver East and Ft. Collins at the invitation of Denver East High School.

Denver East, Ft. Collins and Tigers Rugby have collectively won the Team Sportsmanship awards over the course of the past 5-6 years.

Denver East and Tigers come together traditionally to play each other during this event on a yearly basis.

March 8 - Spring Fling

Pitch Location: Northwest Open Space in Northglenn

In this event Tigers Rugby will enter one or two teams and play three 30-minute matches over the course of the day. The event generally starts around 9:00 AM and finishes by 3:00 PM.

April 5 - Rocky Mountain Classic

This event is a competition with a winner and losers bracket, where teams compete against other Colorado Youth Rugby or out of states teams that travel to the event. Tigers Rugby will enter one team in this

event. The site of this event is tentatively Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

May 3 - State Championship

Begins May 3 and continues through winners and losers brackets including the State Championship crowned on May 17 and the Plate Championship played on the same night (the backside of the loser's bracket after the 3rd round of the playoffs). Tigers Rugby played in the semi-finals and the Plate Championship for four years in a row and last year made their bid for the Plate Championship in the finals against Chaparral, losing 20-8.

May 24 - All Star Match

This match is played by players selected by coaches to represent Tigers Rugby. Last year Travis McKee, Justin Sadler and Peter Solis played in the All Star Match representing Tigers Rugby.

New Business:

New business issues were discussed including the purchase of new jerseys. The consensus reached was the purchase of a double-diamond pattern (purple, black and white color scheme as presented) with long sleeves and traditional collars.

Mr. O'Brian reported that Rugby Imports had provided us a verbal quote of \$48.00 per jersey. Toxic-Sports, Inc. has donated \$500 toward the purchase of the jerseys. Additional fund raising and dues collection will be necessary to meet our expenses including the purchase of the jerseys. We hope to have the jerseys available by April. In the meantime we will play with jerseys we have worn for four years.

(During the State Championship tournament last year, we wore white polos over the Tigers Rugby T-Shirt. These jerseys, donated by Accelerate Physical Therapy, P.C., are not a durable fabric, but were not too expensive. The jerseys provided a novel opportunity for Tigers Rugby to wear short sleeves in the hot months of the state tournament last year.)

Discussion among former players regarding the purchase of the old purple jerseys was raised. The President has asked some former players

to suggest a price to purchase the old jerseys. We will follow up on this process including the possibility of an auction or on-line bidding process for certain numbers that are desired by the ex-players or coaches. The funds raised in selling of the old jerseys may provide the balance of the \$6-700 for the projected cost of new jerseys. The club seeks to purchase between 20 and 24 jerseys. Twenty-two players can play in a rugby match under International Rugby Board laws. This includes 15 players on the pitch and 7 substitutions.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. Additional information is available through the web site. As always, players, parents and coaches are welcome to call Paul O'Brian at 303-506-8110 at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

<signed>	13 February, 2008
Stephen Sadler, Recording Secretary	Date
Tigers Rugby Football Club, Inc.	

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Paul O'Brian, President	Date
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