

Meeting Minutes - Rugby Indiana October 19th, 2025

Roll Call of Board Members:

All members joined via online

Remote: Sam Hatlem, Taylor Badal, Joey Hamby, Jay Hinkel, Wayne Eells and David Toth

Bryce Cambell - joined later.

Call to Order 7:12PM

Executive Order Report

Tournament is over for 7's season. We sold merchandise and tickets, but not as many as 2024. Minor issues but nothing major this year. Measurable improvements this year in terms of teams, fans, and volunteers.

Looking for available sponsors in the winter months. Demographics survey coming to board members for review. We'd like to move to a more aggressive approach to sponsorships this year. Help from board members to create an avatar for potential sponsors.

Parent ambassador concept - potentially moving forward with those. Liking and sharing Rugby Indiana posts, helping push rugby in the schools. Someone in the community to help bridge any gaps and create more engagement. One in each community - essentially they would be an extension of Rugby Indiana. Presentations sent to each board member for review.

Executive Session 7:22PM - 7:25PM

- Spring Schedules

Some teams have requested completing their own schedules again. Teams were either completed by Rugby Indiana or completed independently. Open to asking each pool on preference on scheduling. We're waiting to find out information from commissioners to understand their preferences better, but schedules are due on December 1st and the choice will be offered.

- Spring Fees

Went over the 2026 proposed budget to help decide on spring player fees.

The budget this year will be similar to the budget last year. Player fees have not been increased for about 3 years or so.

Motion by Dave Toth and seconded by Sam Hatlem to not increase spring player fees for 2026

Motion carried, all 6 voted to not increase fees.

- 7's Recap.

Sam Hatlem stated that the 7s season went well, but felt as if some of the scheduling and challenges felt like communication was not as quick as normal.

Wayne explained the issues that come with 7s and how all teams affect each other, so there are a lot more challenges that come with it. Short registration windows to season start as well as festival type play.

Sam Hatlem said that he would look into Fort Wayne field potential.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Sam Hatlem motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jay Hinkel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM