

Mid-America AGM Sunday June 12th, 2022
Stoney Creek Inn , Independence, MO
(via ZOOM 12-3pm)

11:30 - 12:00 pm Club Check in — (Nichole Reiske)

Teams in attendance: Andy Stewart KU Men's Rugby Men's College, Ryley Menhusen K-State Men's College, Bill Sexton Truman State College, Tjaart Krueger Creighton Men's College, Darrin Barner Wayne Men's College, Joshua Napora University of Nebraska Omaha Men's College, Brian Cichello KCRFC Men's DII, Omaha Goats Men's DII, Alex Antal Columbia Outlaws Men's DIII, Daniel Moore Springfield Men's DIII, Patrick Boylan St. Louis Hornets Men's DIII, Samuel Fazholz St Louis Royal Ramblers Men's DIII and DIV, Adam Weaver St Louis Bombers Men's DIII, Andy Wenger Sunday Morning Men's DIII, Rob Massey Belleville Rowdies Men's DIII, Kegan Anderson Mercenaries Men's DIII, Jackson Sanders Nodaway Men's DIII, Hadley Taggert Benedictine Women's College, Katie Scott Drury Women's College, Nichole Reiske University of Kansas Women's College, Katie Scott Queen City Chaos Women's DIII, Michelle Myers KC Jazz Women's DII, Nichole Reiske Kansas Bison Women's DIII, Mandy Smith St Louis Sabers Women's DII, Jasmine Kovacs Omaha Women's DIII, Chloe Brackeen Wichita Valkyries Women's DIII, Kasie Whitney Tulsa Women's DIII, Rob Massey Rowdies Women's DIII, Darrin Barner Women's College, Katie Scott Drury College Men

Teams in attendance via zoom: Niko Waqalaivi University of Nebraska Men's College, Jordan Carter Oklahoma State Men's College, Warren Fyfe University of Arkansas Men's College, Brent Zluticky Wichita Barbarians Men's DII, Adam Ruppert St Louis Crusader Men's DIV, Dustin Nagle Lincoln City Men's DIV, Doug McCauley KU Men Men's DIV, Madison Genge University of Missouri Women's College, Aspen Mohr UCM Women's College, Allison Hayes University of Arkansas Women's College, Truman State Women's College, Dan Jones McKendree University Women's College, University of Nebraska Women's College, Lorelai Donaldson Columbia Black Sheep Women's DIII, Allison Sims Fayetteville Women's DIII, Kasey Noss Washington University Women's College, Daniel Jones McKendree University Men

Not in attendance: Nodaway Women, Kansas State Women, Pitt State Women, Maryville Women, Tulsa Men, Little Rock Men, Arkansas Gryphons Men, Topeka Men, Northland Men, Springfield Celts Men, University of Missouri Men, Benedictine Men, Northwest Missouri State Men,

-----Attendees may grab a boxed lunch and drinks as they enter the conference area -----

12:00 -12:10 pm Welcome and Introduction of officers (Andy Wenger)

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2021 AGM made by Darrin Barner Wayne State
Seconded by Brain Chicello KCRFC

No amendments or objections

Minutes passed as written

12:10- 12:20 pm Membership Vote on addition of new teams (Nichole Reiske)

Rob Massey Spoke on behalf of Rowdies Women

Quinn spoke on behalf of Omaha Goats

Dan Jones spoke on behalf of McKendree Men and Women

Motion to accept all teams into the Mid America Union for the 2022-2023 season made

by Darrin Barner Wayne State
Seconded by Kegan Anderson Mercenaries
No objections
Motion passed

12:20 - 12:30 pm Synopsis : 2021-2022 Seasons (Sean Cox) (see power point)

12:30 12:35 pm DE & I - Introduction of Robert Fischer
Please contact Robert if you have any DE&I questions or concerns

12:35 - 12:45 pm USAR Senior Club Council (Sean Cox - SCC Rep)
If you are interested in participating on any committee they will be asking for nominees here shortly.

12:45 - 12:55 pm College Club Council (Bill Sexton - College Council Rep) (see power point)

12:55- 1:05 pm NCR / GU College Membership -
There is a structure through NCR that you can pay per player to be covered if a USA rugby team plays an NCR team.

1:05 - 1:20 pm Referee Presentation and Discipline (MARRS) (see power point)

1:20 - 1:35 pm Treasurers Report - Budget 2022-2023 (Andy Wenger - KJ Abel Ruch - in California as U23 Coach)
Motion to vote electronically within 24 hours made by Andy Wenger Sunday Morning,
Seconded by Rob Massey Rowdies
Discussion: If you have questions then please submit via voting form in the time frame allotted.
Motion passed

1:35 - 1:45 pm Union By-laws Revisions - discussion and vote (Alex Antal & Nichole Reiske)
Motion to approve all By-law Revisions was made by Quinn Rochford Omaha Goats Mens
Seconded by Daniel Moore from Springfield,
No questions or opposition,
Motion passed

1:45 -2:00 pm GU Policy Discussion / Competitions Policies - (see power point)

Active Referee Compliance Discussion:

- Have not included College teams in the past
- Active is defined as 2 game assignments per month
- Must give all clubs time to find a referee if we are going to enforce the policy establishment of a minimum number of active players to require a referee

Non-Contiguous Competitions Policy Discussion:

- Why was this decision made- the betterment of our clubs,
- What metrix drove it- Transparency between Unions, players floating between DIII and DI, Shouldn't we change the eligibility rule- Can reapply for the waiver as

- often as possible, that is at the Senior Club Level and is being reviewed
- **Why not playoffs- If they want playoffs then they need to go to DII**

Super Regionals Discussion:

- **DII and DIII will be hard for retention and commitment**
- **To big of a gap between super regional in November until nationals in May**

**Motion for Mid-America to play all League matches in the fall made by Sean Cox
Columbia Outlaws
No second
Motion died**

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**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sean Cox Columbia Outlaws
Seconded by Darrin Barner, Wayne State
No objections or discussion
Motion passed**

GU Officers 2022-2023

President- Sean Cox

Vice President- Andy Wenger

Secretary- Nichole Reiske

Treasurer- KJ Abel Ruch

Women's Club Director- Mandy Smith St Louis Sabers DII,

DII Mandy Smith St Louis Sabers

DIII Jody Lawrence Queen city Chaos

Men's Club Director- Alex Antal Columbia Outlaws DIII,

DII Ted Hughes KCRFC,

DIII Alex Antal Columbia Outlaws

DIV Dustin Nagel Lincoln City

At- Large - Matt Finney

College Men - Doug McCauley

College Women - Katie Scott

Referee Society President - Joe Rothermich

Diversity Equity & Inclusion - Robert Fischer

Education Coordinator - Luke Mathews

GU Admin - Lucas Wenger

Senior Club Council 2022

SCC Representative - Sean Cox

SCC Governance Chair - KJ Abel Ruch

SCC Committees will be forming soon. Please keep an eye out for an email from Nichole if you, or someone you know would be interested in being a committee member at the national club level.