



Season Kick Off Board Meeting

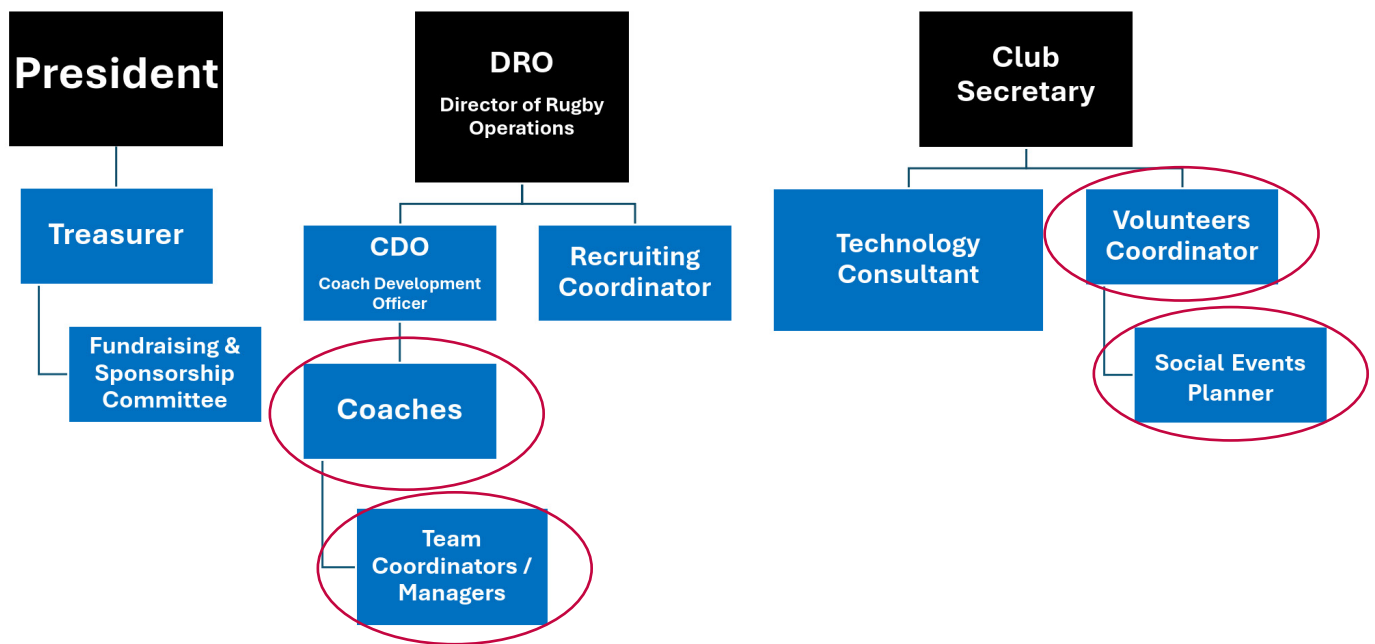
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Rick Marshall, President • Ryan Marshall, Director of Rugby Operations
Michelle Cordle, Secretary • Brett Jones, Technology Consultant

- **INCORPORATION & 5013C**

- In progress and being filed, at cost, by Bill Hester.
- Three officers will be listed and updated yearly or as needed.

- **UPDATED ORGANIZATION CHART**



- Circled positions require volunteers.
- Ryan Marshall will fill the CDO & Recruiting Coordinator roles until permanent appointments are made.
- Coaches, particularly for younger teams, are needed.
- Alumni coordinator will be added this year



• **REGISTRATION**

- Opening on club website within the week.
- Rugby Texas has implemented the following changes:
 - Head-shot photo required during registration, similar to a passport photo.
 - Youth players must upload birth certificates.
 - High School players must upload current school ID.
 - Full team rosters must be entered into Rugby RX and updated before each match. Coaches or managers can drag and drop names into the match day roster.
 - Team Binders must be created and kept up-to-date, including all players' names, rugby ID numbers, birth certificates for youth players, and school IDs for high school players.
- Club dues will remain the same as last season.

• **KIT**

- 175 kits were ordered last year.
- Searching for a kit sponsor.
- A few kits from last season remain and will be handed out to new participants at Give Rugby a Try events.
- Youth teams will receive new kits, including practice shirts.
- High School Girls will use last year's jerseys and receive new shorts, socks, and practice shirts.
- High School Boys D1 will have new all-black game jerseys, financed by Coach Eric, and receive new shorts, socks, and practice shirts.
- High School Boys D2 will use last season's black and white game jerseys and receive new shorts, socks, and practice shirts.
- High School Boys JV team will use last season's blue game jerseys and receive new shorts, socks, and practice shirts.

• **GIVE RUGBY A TRY EVENTS**

- Scheduled for Sunday, November 17, and Saturday, December 7, from 2 PM to 4 PM. Location TBD (testing whether Saturday or Sunday attracts more players).
- New and returning players are welcome.
- 107 players attended the first event last season, and 130 attended the second.
- SaberCats will be guest coaches again.



- **HOME FIELD**

- Seeking training and game fields with lights; any assistance is appreciated.
- BISH is an option for matches only; they do not want the club on their grass fields.
- Discussions are ongoing with St. John's for match day field use.
- Coach Eric is leading the effort to build a home facility.

- **RECONNECT WITH LAST SEASON'S COACHES**

- Brett will provide Ryan with coaches' contact information.
- Determine which coaches are returning and their assigned age groups.
- Reach out to the Barbarians' community for additional volunteer coaches.

- **SCHEDULES**

- Rugby Texas has released the season schedules.
- Brett will add the matches to the club calendar.
- Links to schedules will be posted on the Rugby Texas website.
- High School teams will start practice on Saturday, December 7.
- Youth teams will start practice on Tuesday, December 10.
- There will be three weeks of pre-season.
- The High School Boys D1 team will play out of state during Spring Break to qualify for Nationals, with Florida and Colorado as potential options.
- The High School Boys D2 team will host two out-of-state teams over Spring Break.

- **FORMATION OF ALUMNI GROUP**

- Collect former Barbarians contact information to create a directory
- Add information, news, highlights, and history for the website
- Looking for volunteers to help support the group and create social events

- **IMPORTANT DATES**

- A social event is in the works for High School girls to help recruit new players and support those returning.
- Meeting with all youth teams hosted by Regis, date TBD.
- SaberCats will hold an end of season tournament, date TBD.

- **MARKETING ITEMS**

- Bandit signs to promote rugby, the club, and registration: #100
- Club stickers: #200
- Updating GRT information sheets.

- **BIG ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Coming in the next several days.

- **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Shared with Club via newsletter and website.