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Green Bay Rugby Football Club, Inc.

2010 Board of Directors

New year is upon us. Elections were held at the Watering Hole on Dec 12, 2009. The newly elected board consists of :

- President – Pete Weber
- Vice President – Ed Borowitz
- Treasurer – Matt Goetsch
- PR Secretary – Sean Carmichael
- Match Secretary – Larry Warpinski
- Social Chair – Travis Frank
- Man-at-Large – Brian Tilque

Congratulations to all the board members. We had 18 eligible voters present, which is the most in the last three elections. The entire board appreciated all the ruggers that made it to the meeting.

We must also thank Jeremy Ebner for the past six years as VP. Thank you to JJ Rose for stepping up and then agreeing to help after Skinny lost and then found himself. JJ if you are confused, that is all of us. Thank you to Nick Karcz (and that's the TRUTH) for being our match secretary for thewhat seems to be a decade with all the messed up travel plans you endured. Hey, TL, you will need to be a cheerleader to get these guys on the trips you plan. Here is some motivation!

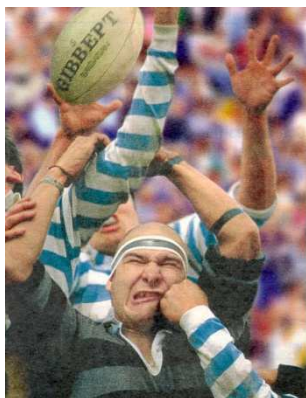


Rugger volume on the rise!

If you have not had time to spend time with loved ones....I am talking about our rugby family, then you don't know about how many ruggers we have at practice. I have been enjoying watching the young men at practice this past fall. While we did not post a playoff season, we did eclipse practice number records consistently. I recall seeing 25 to 32 players at each practice. Many young men. This is great because in the past many high school grads felt like the Men's side of rugby was too dangerous or just too intimidating. The latest group of graduates from NEW YOUTH Rugby are not afraid. They are not hesitant. The coaches of the high school teams need to proud of the fact that 100% of our team is consisting of high school rugby experience players (unless Skinny does come out and play once again). Note that I am not counting Ofa or Peterson who are both retired (did that in case the wives see this newsletter).

There is still room for more. If you are a young rugger and are thinking about playing men's rugby. Hesistate no longer. We welcome you. No hazing to all that actually do show up for practice.

*A friend is someone who
is always there when he
needs you."*



Pete Weber – GBRFC President makes crazy 2010 Resolution

Madness hits old man! I have decided to reach back into the past as we move into the future. I watched the Matrix after Six Starbucks coffees and Vroom Vroom the promise of sleepless nights leaves me typing and deleting and begging for input from others. I would hope all and any of you will be wishing to send me one or two paragraph articles. Each article submitted will be evaluated by the Buzz Committee and the Buzz Committee has all rights to any intellectual property submitted for publication. Winston Churchill once said that the most effective committees are made of two members when one does not show up....so the Buzz Committee is me. Just me. I hope to have concesus on all Buzz publications. If there is ever a situation where I can not agree with myself, then I will consult Skinny. As a fellow skitzo, I think two former props can make sense of almost any piece of art work. Yes the Buzz is art like no other. A gift. To all of you from GBRFC rugby. Past, present and future. So go forth in 2010 and set your own resolutions but don't forget about this one. The 2010 Buzz! The Buzz is back!

WI Rugby Football Union – Winter AGM

Winter AGM 2009 was Dec 5th at the University of Madison-Wisconsin. UW Madison Rugby has sponsored the AGM the past few years. This year President Pete Weber went with Ruggers Ed Borowitz and Cody Kuxmann. These roadtrips are often long days. I appreciate it when I can have someone to go with. Thanks to these two good men for stepping up.

Nothing huge to report. As President, I spoke up a few times. In the end no change in the budget. The only way dues should increase drastically is if the Midwest Rugby Union votes to increase spending. I did my part to shoot down any increases in spending. For instance, we discussed the entire union pitching in for 100 rule books to be distributed to each team. Not cool. We as teams, many of us non-profit, should supply our own rule books to our sirs, touch judges and coaches. The dues should not go up for each player to support colleges sides to get a number of rules books while Men's teams have to purchase on-top-of paying higher dues.

The Midwest meeting was in IL again. Jan 8 & 9. Tom Schmidt, of Milwaukee, will no longer be the Midwest Treasurer. An Ohio rep will take over. Thanks to Tom of WI for stepping up and representing.

The Midwest AGM & Competition Committee Meeting were held this past weekend. Here are a few highlights:

1. The Midwest Men's Division 2 & Division 3 playoffs will be hosted by the Fox Valley Maoris in St. Charles, IL.
2. The Men's Senior LAU event will be held on 8/7 & 8/8.
3. USA Rugby has mandated that all clubs will have a certified and cipp registered coach by the 2011 competitive season.
4. Any club that forfeits a league match will not be eligible for the playoffs.
5. Adrian Gannon, Kurt Weaver and Jeremiah Johnson were elected to represent the Midwest Territory at the USA Rugby Congress.
6. Graeme Leask will continue in the Midwest VP of Competition position.
7. Midwest Referee fees are going up.

From Bill, President MWRFU. No idea how much dues will go up. Info emailed Jan 11, 2010 and added late to Jan 2010 BUZZ.

GBRFC ruggers gather Thursdays at Watering Hole

Not all on the team are 21. We all understand that much of being a young team. We also know we have to get together and stay friends and be a strong team. Many of our players put together a Thursday gathering at the Watering Hole on Velp Avenue. This is our home pitch and favorite pub and family gathering location. There is much to do there and our team can gather and have a great time. From Dodge Ball tournaments to Polar Plunge activities (quarry is right there), we have endless ideas for getting together. Not related but important to know is that Ed Borowitz, our recently elected VP, is asking for Paint Ball players. The team can create a team and play paint ball during the off-season. As President, I appreciate this kind of activity happening on our team. All together, we have a strong team with many young players and we need the team to start a new future each fall season. This can only happen with old boy help and with the young team being active and staying together. We have come along way with this team. We have grown as an organization. This is a reflection of the work from old boys and the most recent work by the young men. As we work on reuniting all the old boys and introducing them to our young team, don't let the actions of the young men get lost. These men have a great vision for keeping the team together and it shows in our past year of meetings. Thanks to all the ruggers that keep us all together. Keep it up, it is addictive to all of us!



The gravesite of
William Webb Ellis

"You've got to get your first tackle in early, even if it's late."
Ray Gravell, ruggie

Past President's Coffee Shop Talk

My name is Jeff LeCaptain. Some of you might know who I am, others not. I played a vital role in the early history of The Green Bay Celtics RFC. Some would say, if you are reading this club newsletter, it is because of what I did during my time as club president. When I heard that "The Buzz" was making a comeback, it brought back many, many memories; long nights of caffeine fueled writing marathons; monthly deadlines; great articles; funny articles (ask me about The Society of Cosmic Beer Guzzlers & Comet Gazers); not so funny articles; really shitty articles; clip art **and more coffee.**

I started "The Buzz" (how it got its name is another story) as a means of communicating to club members past and present. Remember, this was before computers and cell phones! Snail mail was as good as it got! So for the price of a first class stamp I could keep everyone informed during the offseason, regarding upcoming events, contact info and anything else I damned well pleased. Without the aid of any publishing software programs, the monthly Buzz was a slow and tedious process. **A FRESH POT OF COFFEE** A typewriter was my only modern convenience. After typing the articles, they had to be pasted onto the master copy so they fit on a 8.5 X 11 piece of paper. Any pictures had to be attached by glue to the master again and hope that they show up after they are run through the copier. Clip art was a whole other story. **MORE COFFEE** But eventually it would be completed and the final product was treated like a very rare manuscript, like the Dead Sea Scrolls, until I was able to convince someone into letting me use their (company's) copy machine. From there, it was addressing 50+ envelopes (again, this was before computers and address labels) **ANOTHER CUP OF JOE** Finally, the easy part. Collating and folding the pages, stuffing and licking the envelopes and stamping each one (no such thing as self-adhesive stamps back then) **ANOTHER POT OF COFFEE** And then to the post office. Done! Unfortunately, no time to rest. I had to start preparing for the next Buzz. **WHERE'S THAT COFFEE POT?**

When Rockin' Pete told me of his plans to resurrect "the Buzz," I was excited. When Paulie K wrote the last issue during the late 90's, "The Buzz was the longest running rugby club newsletter in the state. I wish this edition of "The Buzz" a long and prosperous life. But please don't take it for granted. It takes a lot of time and sweat to put a newsletter together. And it is a club newsletter. That means it should be of the club and for the club. Anyone who ever wanted to write, here is your opportunity to scratch that itch. Be a contributing writer. Have a beef. Instead of posting it on the bulletin board, put it in "The Buzz." Give Pete a hand (not a fifth of a hand) and write some articles for him. Got a favorite fishing spot, recipe, sexual position or pick up line? Let the club know by writing about it.

Anyone who knows me personally and has read this Buzz to this point, can understand why I am the way I am. If you don't like it, hey, screw you! Sorry that's just the caffeine high talking. Anybody get a little green and orange pill? Oh well, there's just enough for **one more cup!**

"Reportedly, in 1800 The population of the world is about one billion. Who counted?"

"William Webb Ellis dies a bachelor in Menton, France (see 1959). Leaving all his money to charity."

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