San Antonio Rugby Board Meeting

Wednesday 20 September 2023. 7PM - 9PM

Virtual Meeting

In Attendance

Marcus Leming - President

Rob Walker - Communications

Del Salinas - Director

Sam Hartley - Secretary

Arnal Prasad - Director

Michael Villalobos - Director

Jesse Alvarado - Director

Apologies:

Dennis Leahy -Treasurer

**Orders of Business:**

**Treasurer: Dennis Leahy**

Accounts:

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 **Communications**: Rob Walker

* + Team Photos: Date to be determined in October for Individual photos.
	+ Social Media: Rob presented Data from our pages. Club continues to grow viewership through these platforms. This is hugely important for attracting sponsors and players.

**Events/Merchandise**: Marcus Leming & Michael Villalobos

* + Holiday Ole Market Event. Club has an opportunity to sell merchandise. Club president has kindly donated the money to pay for the booth.
	+ $5500 for T Shirts, Hoodies, Warm Up Shirts, Keychains Etc.
		- Ticket price for event TBD (Assigned to Marcus)
	+ WAG's Brunch: Idea is to have it the same day as the Holiday Market.
	+ Scrimmage game: November 11th vs Dallas Quins.

**Recruitment: Jesse Alvarado**

* New Players. 6 have been to the 3 trainings so far. Attendance has been good. Board discussed 'Buddy System" to keep guys turning up to training so we do not drop numbers.

 **Youth / High School Rugby: Presented by Del Salinas**

* October 10th, start date for youth. Del is seeking more help with coaching. The youth goal is to run touch tournaments and get more girls involved.

**Sponsors: Rob Walker & Arnal Prasad**

* Beth Walker Photography $600 towards sponsorship. In return will receive logo of the business on the back of the warm up t-shirts.
* Jay Arbizu Real Estate $700 towards sponsorship for custom rugby balls. (Delivery in January 2024- 75 training balls, 25 match balls) In return will receive logo of business on SARFC branded rugby balls. Half of these balls will be used for training and games. The other half will net $1500 dollars profit for the club.
* Booshie. Clothing Supplier, $1800 to come back to the club as a Rebate.
* Dr Brian Kantz: SA Orthopedics. Is willing to sponsor $5000 in return for referrals to his clinic.
	+ Company will be on front of jersey, we will repurpose last years set and cost $250 to print over Legent logo.
* Veterans United: Are willing to sponsor $3000 to $5000. Details to be finalized. (Kyle Rutkoski point of contact)
* Texas Deck Pros: $2500 sponsorship. Owner has been a longtime supporter and player of the club
* MBA Mortgage: $2500 sponsorship. Still waiting for finalization.

**Field Situation**:

* + 3 weeks free for St Marys fields due to the club not being able to use Flex field.
		- St Marys: Scrum sled not able to be stored on site. Del is working on alternatives.
	+ Board discussed in depth options for other fields if we continue to have issues at St Marys. We will look at all options including using Wheatley heights, the biggest issue is finding pitches with Lights.
	+ Marcus is currently working with the city to confirm dates for the games pitches for the upcoming season at the Wheatley Fields.
	+ Field Preparation: Pando and Vena are stepping back from field maintenance. The club will need to have people step up to assist this role. Board spoke about players who want to decrease dues, can assist in this area. Mike Nolan will be contacted for his involvement.