



RUGBY REFEREE SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

Annual General Meeting

August 31, 2026

Attendees: Ian Hughson, Elvy Asonye, Patrick Benner, Missy Tysinger Magaw, Chris Davis, Angela Sorrentino, Justin Smith, Stuart Willis, Alex Cattermole, David Chapman, Connor Smith, Aaron Painter, Megan Winnie

Minutes

- 1) Welcome / Quorum achieved as per bylaws / Agenda
- 2) President's Report (Ian Hughson)
 - a) Noted new members – Quin Byrd (5/26), Dylan Brewster (5/26), Ben Drake (2/26), Jay Molina (9/25), Mikhala Dougher, Andrew Spencer, Joe Peteras
 - b) Noted that the registered members for the year counted as follows: pure RRSV – 35 (15 to 20 are active), 5 – Potomac/RRSV, 1 – Utah/RRSV, 1 – MidSouth/RRSV
 - c) Noted that new kit was provided for referees in the form of a voucher on Steamroller. The higher the game count, the higher the voucher amount.
 - d) Noted that one new radio set (4 radios) was purchased this last year. We are not looking to purchase more radios in the year ahead. Noted that Benner has an old and non-functioning radio set that Ian will take.
 - e) Noted that some proper function was re-established into the MARR organization and there is hope that this will drive some opportunities for those that higher aspirations.
 - f) Reminder that USA Rugby registrations on RX are important as this confirm that you are still compliant in terms of education and insurance.
 - g) Noted that insurance coverage through USA Rugby does not cover NCR games and the society pays NASO for that coverage. Noted that inactive referees are not covered under NASO. Reminder that both insurances are secondary insurance that comes into effect when your own liability insurance is exhausted.
 - h) Reminder on Referee Abuse. It must be reported as soon as possible. Noted that referee abuse occurred at a tournament in Virginia to a Potomac referee and RRSV was generally not aware of the incident. RugbyVA dealt with the offenders.
 - i) Reminder about Red Card and Yellow Card protocols. Noted that reports must be logged with the respective leagues as a priority. Red Cards must be within 24 hours. Reports must also be logged in RefUp for visibility to the Board. While this adds a layer of administration, it is useful information to see trends with players and teams.
 - j) Noted that Benner is taking on the mantle of Laws owner to generate more discussion on law interpretation and law amendments.
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Missy Tysinger Magaw)
 - a) FY26 Financial Statement (September 2025 to August 2026)
 - b) FY27 Forecast (September 2026 to August 2027).
 - c) Statement inserted below.
- 4) RDO's Report (Elvy Asonye)
 - a) Summary of Active Development Plans. Noted that if you want coaching and development plan then it is entirely in your hands.
 - b) Endorsed Coaches
 - c) The following promotions were announced:

- i) C4/10 to C3/8 – Quin Byrd, Mikhala Dougher, Ben Drake, Brian Ongoti, and Connor Smith
 - ii) C3/8 to C2/7 – Angela Sorrentino, Missy Tysinger Magaw, Paul Rowane
- 5) Discussion on proposed updates to the Society Bylaws. The summary of the key changes are captured below. No specific questions on the changes. Changes passed with no objection. Dave Chapman will update the website.
- 6) Election of the 2026/2027 Board positions.
 - a) Nominations for President: Ian Hughson – all in favor / elected
 - b) Nominations for Treasurer: Angela Sorrentino – all in favor / elected
 - c) Nominations for Secretary: Chris Davis – all in favor / elected
 - d) Nominations for Allocator: Patrick Benner – all in favor / elected
 - e) Nominations for Referee Development Officer: Elvy Asonye – all in favor / elected
- 7) Any other business.
 - a) Proposal that every club has a registered ref and certified AR. Discussed and generally agreed. Benner to create the parameters of how this would work and then the Board will endorse and communicate.
 - b) Proposal that we enforce that every club must submit games at least two weeks in advance to get a Referee. Discussed and generally agreed.
 - c) Proposal that if you have not officiated a game in 2 seasons you get dropped from ref up. Agreed that RefUp needs to match what is in RX. If people aren't registered then they should not be officiating.

Financial Statement

Rugby Referee Society of Virginia - Financial Statement August 31, 2026									
INCOME	Forecast	Actuals	Actuals						
	2026-27	2025-26	2024-25						
15's Games	\$6,426	\$6,273	\$6,540	Events considered from Jun 1 - May 31 of listed years Income for 2026-27 estimated based on previous year's events					
Tournaments	\$5,450	\$5,450	\$2,487						
Total Income	\$11,876	\$11,723	\$9,027						
EXPENSES	Forecast	Actuals	Actuals						
	2026-27	2025-26	2024-25						
NASO Registration	\$2,200	\$2,093	\$2,213						
Legal Fee	\$250	\$250	\$250						
VA SCC Fee	\$25	\$25	\$25						
Website Hosting	\$180	\$180	\$180						
Zoom	\$84	\$84	\$84						
Socials/Snacks	\$250	\$167	\$360						
Development		\$742	\$2,997						
L1 Courses		\$298	\$211						
Referee Kit	\$2,300	\$2,328							
Equipment		\$2,108							
MARR Dues									
Total Expense	\$5,289	\$8,275	\$6,320						
Net Income	\$6,587	\$3,448	\$2,707						
ASSETS		2025-26							
Current Account Balance		\$4,705							
Current Savings Balance		\$6,363							
Outstanding Invoices / Accounts Receivable		\$6,122							
Property & Equipment		\$1,200		Radios (20% depreciation)					
Investments		\$0							
Contributions / Sponsorships Receivable		\$0							
Total Assets		\$18,390							
LIABILITIES		2025-26							
Accounts Payable		\$0							
Loans		\$0							
		\$0							
TOTAL		\$18,390							



Summary of changes to the bylaws:

The following changes to the RRSV bylaws were put forward to the voting members of the RRSV for endorsement in the 2026 AGM:

- 1) Addition of Clause 1 detailing our Purpose and Values as a society. Usually the first clause in a not-for-profit bylaws document.
- 2) Addition of Clause 2 defining who leads the society. Added to compliment following clauses that call out “the Board” without prior definition of what “the Board” means.
- 3) Amendments to Clause 3 (previously Clause 1) Membership:
 - a) Recording Secretary to Secretary. While the definition of the role of Recording Secretary exists in the bylaws, no such role exists in reality. The intention is to have this role formalized as the Society’s Secretary and include other responsibilities into that role. The role of Secretary is common in not-for-profit organizations.
 - b) Addition of a requirement for the Secretary to keep a list of the Honorary Members and for the Board to endorse this list in the month prior to the AGM.
- 4) Amendments to Clause 4 (previously Clause 2) Meetings of Members:
 - a) Proxy votes are now allowed.
 - b) Change in responsible person for notice and agenda from Recording Secretary to Secretary.
- 5) Amendments to Clause 5 (previously Clause 3) Board of Directors:
 - a) Elected officers now include a Secretary.
 - b) Removal of the Recruiting Officer role as an elected official (see below). These responsibilities will be included into the role of the Secretary.
 - c) Change in role title of the elected officer Allocations Secretary to Allocator.
 - d) Minor changes to the Allocator responsibilities to align to reality.
 - e) Removal of the role of Recruiting Officer with a transfer of those duties to all members of the Board.
 - f) The renaming of the Recording Secretary to Secretary and the realignment of the duties to better fit the needs of the society in today’s world.
 - g) Added one paragraph on the General Duties of All Board Members.
 - h) Amendment to the promotion process from Referee Coaches and the Board voting for promotions to just the Board voting based on input from Referee Coaches.
 - i) Amendments to the Removal clause to allow for a fair and consistent approach. The prior approach did not allow for the Officer in question to provide any sort of defense.
- 6) Amendments to Clause 6 (previously Clause 4) to be clear that proxy votes are not allowed when bylaw changes are being voted upon.
- 7) Changes require endorsement from at least 2/3 of the registered members at the AGM or special meeting.



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