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I would be honored to be able to serve the USQRA for one more term as Commissioner. As the sport has grown, the Commissioner's job has grown, and Commissioner will be my only rugby administrative responsibility during this term. The Commissioner's job requires difficult decisions. My legal training and seven years work experience working for a judge have taught me to carefully weigh the consequences of my decisions, including potential consequences. These decisions must be unbiased, and I have tried to be careful not to make decisions based upon an initial quick reaction that may need to be reversed after gathering more information or consultation with the Board. My decision style has helped to maintain a level playing field within the rules for the top teams while new teams can grow and develop.

When I first became Commissioner, my main goals were growth of the league and the sport, stability in the player transfer process and development of a training program for potential national team players. Today we have 1/3 more teams, when player transfer issues arise they are generally covered within the rules, and the first team USQRA has placed several players past the first cut for the next team USA. I have also kept the Board well informed and involved in my decisions so that as Board positions have evolved in areas like marketing and fund raising, it is clear why those areas are evolving.

My main goals for the next two years as Commissioner are to address issues in our playoff process so that it will serve the sport for the next decade and to develop the Commissioner's Corner so that it becomes a comprehensive source for questions about how our sport operates.

Respectfully,

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