

Disc NW Board Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2007

Attendees: William (ED), Janna, Chris, Doug, Barney, Anne, Mike K.

Absent: Christina, Dave, Mike D.

Start time: 6:48 pm

Board Member update

Barney relayed a message from Dave D. that he would resign **from** the board after some of the upcoming org changes are complete. (Dave has served for over 3 years.)

October Minutes

Barney voted to approve October minutes, Chris seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Review

Barney proposed to change bylaws to "I'll drink to that" when a motion was unanimously approved. Change enacted for remainder of meeting.

Mike K wanted to know when we would review the new ED work plan. Barney proposed a post-meeting discussion.

Fields Advocacy Committee Update: Mike K.

Election Results: Burgess won. We received responses from most of the candidates on our Parks & Rec issues survey which is good, especially since we did it last minute. The fact it came from FAF made a difference because the incumbents knew FAF. Jean Godden had an impressive response. We have **her** on record supporting the Sandpoint/Magnuson plan.

School Board: Sent limited scope questionnaire. School turf fields are more expensive types of fields---our questionnaire was about why. Answer: They rent for 95/hour and if it's in a stadium it costs more for a janitor to unlock. Most candidates say they'd look into the pricing, and only one person came out against looking into it. They weren't willing to say the previous board made a mistake.

Tim Gallagher is the new Parks Superintendent. He will be holding meetings all over the city, and we are encouraging Ultimate players to go to the community centers near them to lobby.

Reservoir caps: Planned for Jefferson park, Myrtle Edwards, and Maple Leaf. Jefferson is under construction now. Part of **reactions to** 911. They're building fields on these with federal \$. No lights. Seattle Parks is paying for existing lighting **repairs**.

Georgetown: Submitted the bid for the "L" addition to the field but because the financing needed to be finalized in 07 and our grant money wouldn't be available until January, the bid failed. However, the exercise was good experience for future bids like Delridge where we will apply for grants to convert to turf with 4 Ultimate fields. Dave D. as been in contact with Parks on this.

Washington Park: Was supposed to have plan in place by summer, but with flooding it had been delayed.

Expiring levy: Decided FAF should take the lead on this. Bill Farmer is our contact.

Treasurer's Report: Chris B.

On target to do better than original budget forecast in January.

Loss of 6400 as planned.

Skip paid \$1000, remaining owed \$840.

Riot fund had \$4000, we paid for some fields, now \$3000

UW Club team wants to have the same type of agreement as Riot with us. The UW Men's Alumni will start by donating \$5000. Chris will send a scope paper to the board.

Discussion:

- Legal risk to DiscNW and who can contribute to the fund. "Donors can't be benefactors."
- Overhead fee. We charge interest but some orgs charge 20-40%

Youth Development Fund

Bunny spent \$200 for Sundodger Tournament fees for MOHO. Should we do something else with the fund?

Outstanding

We owe Mike K. 4800. Mike will follow up with what he will accept and what he will donate back to the org.

Youth Org: Barney

Continued discussion about Youth Camp and Youth Leagues from previous meeting as follow up from Mike Mullen presentation.

- Youth has grown tremendously but has opportunity to grow more.
- Youth has become disconnected from board.

Action items:

- Engage Youth Committee in long-term planning for Youth rather than just logistics
- Engaging Mike Mullen in leadership around camps
- Expand leadership involvement in camps.
- Increase communication between board and youth committee:
 - Youth committee member on board.
 - Quarterly update from youth committee to the board

Break: 7:55pm

Topic: Unfortunate names for kids.

Organization Update: Barney

Need to recruit more board members. We are running under capacity and are expecting changes.

Barney proposed electing Mike D. as Vice President. Mike would take over duties of facilitating meetings and setting agenda. Mike K. seconded. Unanimous approval

Board Recruit Committee Update: Barney

Have not met. Need 2-3 new members. Also want a newer board member to join committee. Janna volunteered.

Bunny suggested person to recruit to board.

Strategic Planning Retreat Update

Board retreat will be Sunday, February 3rd. Mike D. and Christina to help Barney plan the meeting. Barney will find facilitator. Christina will find location.

Barney wants to schedule time with all board members to discuss personal goals before the retreat.

Annual Meeting Review: Anne

Biggest AGM yet with approximately 150 attendees (132 raffle tickets distributed). (Attendance was boosted by 4 games and board members circulating fields to invite players to meeting.)

Costs:

Item	Cost	Amount
Pizza	800	40
Beverages	280	200 beer 40 non
Room Rental	200	3 hours
Total	1280	

The budget was \$2500. Remaining funds will be used for the Board Retreat. We could have had 5 additional pizzas and twice as many non-alcoholic drinks. More beer might have kept the event going longer, but we were able to clean up by 9:30. Room was reserved until 10.

Content:

Format was brief introduction by Bunny with awards. Followed by “speed dating” where board members circulated among tables to discuss their topics. Speed dating format thought to be successful.

Women topic--Anne: intimidation was thought to be main reason for lack of women, suggestions to recruit at soccer, also to be more visible in general, better transition from Vern's to what's next was also seen as crucial.

Fields topic—Bunny: got 4 people to sign up for email list. People were interested in issues. Fields moves into leagues discussion quickly. People agreed to go to community center meetings near their houses.

Tournaments and potlatch---Janna. They liked that we put on tournaments. They want more of them in the dead time. Spring to May needs more tournaments. One person wanted another summer to hit the non elite players. Between Potlatch and Spawnfest.

Would pay more to have more pick-up games. Pay an extra \$5 to have it sponsor pick up.

Volunteers—Barney: 3 volunteer coaches for Frank.

Web--Mike people liked what we're working on and what needs improvement is stuff that we're fixing. We need non-technical designer types—got the word out.

AV:

We had projector with slides, and music which added to atmosphere. The microphone provided by the facility was hard to hear, and we should rent one next year.

Off topic: (Aside: it's time to raise our fees, if we show an extra benefit. Aside: need assistant league and tournament coordinators.)

Web Team Update

RSVP in time for Winter, fully integrated for spring. Not sure about how to handle for youth: parents or kids for the notifications/RSVP (decided not implement for youth immediately).

Shiney Joseph will roll in the rest of Roster Manager features over the winter.

New email servers, not with speakeasy anymore. Spam filtering on aliases. Can now post, minutes, financials, and other admin. Everyone should make sure they are in the board group. New permissions just finished so you can assign users better permissions. For example, you could previously get into other leagues. Board members can only view the admin docs.

Barney said "Wunnerful, wunnerful" just like Lawrence Welk.

Non-Profit Governance Conference

Barney attended. DiscNW is in the Adolescent stage of development.

ED Report

Everyone but Barney read the ED report. Trying to get it out earlier.

Administration:

- Met with 5 Ultimate. Talked about possibilities for doing business. Women's ultimate. We can get nice shirts for Vern's cheap or free on some discontinued fabric.
- Working with Chinook Book again. Talked with Jill again about advertise the deal that sign up first for spring team league. You can buy them at Captain's meeting. Since we're non-profit we can get \$10/book. Few thousand dollars profit. Could we do this as a

fundraiser for teams. Winter and spring are good opportunities. New web sales feature where they do the fulfillment

Leagues:

- One team was disqualified from fall league playoffs for using pickups. Bunny talked to the team about the transgression but encouraged them to come back.
- Looking for tournament director for Dangle Wrangle. Conflicts with Lucky Sevens.

Youth:

- Fall middle school was great. Did some games on Friday afternoon. Used Interbay on Friday. Weather was good. Connie Thomas, DRC, Ben Goldfarb were worker bees.
- Cliff Bar is going to sponsor Spring Reign. Give us product called Z-Bar and another food and drink product. Target market is 13 and under. They will put up a banner and give out stuff.
- Barney: do we have one with Jones Soda. We should get Colin on this.
- Volunteers and staff: bunch of meetings happened and they were all great.
- Turkey bowl: Chris burke on locker, Kong is on top of registration, should be fine. Expecting day of for women registration which is low.

End of ED Report

December (12/17) agenda (so far)

- New budget items
- Raising fees
- BRC update
- January meeting date (needs to move due to conflict with UPA board meeting) and whether we need to reschedule from Mondays.

December Location:

Doug or Mike.

Doug move to adjourn at 8:56. Mike seconded. All: I'll drink to that.

January meeting will need to be rescheduled due to conflict with UPA board meeting for Bunny.

