Disc NW Board Meeting – 15 July, 2008

Attendees: Steff (acting secretary), Mike K, Mike D, Barney, Kong, Adam, Bunny, Janna, Chris (late comer)

Absent: Christina, Doug

Guest: Rob Gala

Start time: 7:09pm

Housekeeping
May minutes approved unanimously
June minutes approved unanimously

Pro Parks Levy Update (Guest: Rob Gala)
An update to the board on the Pro Parks Levy renewal effort. Rob gave introduction. There is a chance they won't put the parks levy on the ballot in 2008. There are politics behind the decision, basically.

If the levy goes to the ballot, DiscNW needs to step up politically to ensure the levy passes.

Mike D: What are you asking for? Money, Time?

Rob put together a memo of what DiscNW and the larger field community could do to support the levy. Could do an assessment of who is willing to step up to both coordinate and volunteer in the effort.

Discussion around Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the various field advocacy groups and how DiscNW can support the effort. Rob discussed looking at our users and comparing it with voter history to determine the best type of campaign to get voters out to the polls. Voter files would cost about $500 to access.

Mike D: We need to determine what we want to do to support the effort.

Is there a downside to supporting the levy? Our most active committee is moving forward on this. General feeling that it is in our better interest to support it – to basically support any bill that gives us our wish list of field advocacy projects.

By next month we should know if the levy will be on the ballot.

Action:
- Agenda item for next month under the Field and Park section.
- Bunny to get the voter file information together.
- Determine a representative for the Green Legacy Coalition from ultimate.

Potlatch 2008 Recap (Hamaker, Bartram, Cheung)
Potlatch – balancing risk and benefit of running Potlatch.

A lot of things went really well at Potlatch – a few things went bad. 100 teams, weather was good, Drop Bull won over Jewbilation. 5 Ultimate was successful as the vendor. Puravita coffee was also a sponsor courtesy of Eric Goetz.

Unsmoothness – need to manage relationships with vendors.

Redhook – More than usual amount of vomiting, peeing, and nakedness. A ceiling tile was broken; someone ripped a tree, and a theft from a break room. Dan Paus is the contact from Redhook. Redhook is tallying damages and sending DiscNW a bill. Went through 38 kegs of beer. Don't know if we can go back to Redhook. There was also a "carrot throwing" incident.

Buses – Behavior was bad waiting for the buses. There was vomiting and general abuse of the bus drivers, but they will have us back.

Redmond Pool Showers - Looting of the lost and found in the first aid room. Co-ed showering. We will get back into the pool though.

60 Acres – During the tourney, fields were not picked up, but fine at the end of tourney. There were noise complaints for late night – 2 am. No damage to fields. There was a fire on the field on Friday night in a charcoal burner. There were antics with the golf carts at night. There was vandalism and theft this year (first time). Don't know if we will be allowed back at the fields.

Security guards at party – Didn't do too much.

Security guards at fields – annoyed with people jumping on carts and throwing Frisbees.

We need to plan as though we will be back at fields and get a party space.

Compared with other Potlatches this was worse.

UPA states that they have had similar issues at other tournaments.

60 acres is the only place we can have really Potlatch. Bunny would strongly resist having Potlatch at Burlington.

Party – Pickering isn't really an option for the future since a remodel. Redhook is likely no welcome us next year. Need to think of other alternatives.

Future – Considering a per player model. More security – busses, showers, camp grounds, party. Shrink the tournament. Restrictions on camping. Camping zones – quiet zone, not so quiet zone. Will need more TD support for next year. Amy is not coming back for party coordination. Ticketing for alcohol.

Consider a security deposit for team. Consider restricting it to an over 21 tournament.

Why Potlatch? Is there still strong support for doing Potlatch? If so, how do we change it to get support?

Is it key to the mission?

Barney: Yes, there is no question that we should continue Potlatch. The uniqueness of the event.

Bunny: 1900 people had the time of the life, but 70 people ruined it.

Barney: Can't we manage the issues?

Rob: Think about refocusing and "apply" for Potlatch.

Chris: At some point it may not be, but we have not reached that point. We need to be open and transparent about the activities and the potential future consequences.

Steff: Need to encourage more self-policing.

Bunny cautions us to not respond to RSD. Our communications should be limited to our DiscNW website. We could so some announcements.

Action:

- Develop a mitigation plan to be a good business partner.
- Need a plan for how we are going to move forward with 2009 planning.
- Kong to look for sponsorship for next year.
- Keep on future agenda.

BREAK

Youth Ultimate (3 Items)

Asa Mercer Grant Request (Waltzer)

Decide on request to fund middle school team's trip to Worlds *(Prep reading: email from Adam and Chris Burke)*.

Adam discussed the proposal. Adding that there is some benefit to providing Sam's team (an up and coming youth supporter) support.

MikeD supports the request. Do we want to do a matching request or provide $1300 donation.

Chris suggests the board contribute personal monies to Youth Fund.

Motion to cover Asa Mercer's $1387.12 for lodging. Mike D motioned, Adam seconded. All agreed.

Youth Summit (All)

Youth Summit
Adam, Bunny, and Wynne to get agenda for youth summit.
Plan on contacting Travis Green for facilitation.
Summit committee is Adam, Wynne, Bunny, and possibly Christina

Adam: Summit is fine in October if it can't have before September.
Action: Board to send agenda concepts to committee.
Chris: concept of having youth as an affiliate.

Early October time frame is the current suggestion for the Youth Summit. Probably weekend.

Adam sent e-mail to old youth guard. Jeff, Joe, and Ma

Youth Camp Ownership (Waltzer, All)
An update from Adam on his conversation Mike M.; determine next steps. *(Prep reading: email strings "mm mtg 6-08" and "Re: Questions for the Board about the Camps")*

Mike M. agreed to not try to get a new organization for at least a year.
Mike sent the 12 questions for the board, and we do need to protect Wynne a bit.
There is the issue of why DiscNW owns the camps. We advertise it, we pay the bills.
There are two more camps for the summer. We pay Mike his salary and then wrap up the budget.
DiscNW has every intention to run summer camps in 2009. We would be pleased to continue to work with Mike M. DiscNW owns the camps.
Next steps: We will go forward with the camps and continue as we as always have.
Keep Mike unless he chooses to leave. We need to relook at the contract as well.
Mike D "Doesn't want to come back to this topic for a very long time".
Action: Settle this year then Bunny to start talking with Mike M about how next year will be run.

Action: Plan summit.

<u>ED Report</u>
Fiscal/Administrative Management
Build a Thriving Organization
<u>Budget and Finance</u>
- Reconciled the books for June
- Will meet with Chris to go over Q2 finances
- IRS waived penalties for late 990 filings for 2002 & 2003

<u>Communication</u>
- Made 5 front page posts, 1 announcement to the mailing list
- Shiney created 1 new group on Facebook

<u>Board</u>
- Nothing to report this month

Internal Operations
Sustainably Manage DiscNW Activities and Initiatives
<u>Resources</u>
- Received more Sprit of the Game™ prize discs from Discraft
- Acquired used recycling containers for use at events
- Set up a storage box at the Sports Meadow at Magnuson

<u>Staff</u>

- Wynne starts as Director of Youth Operations on July 15
- ED will be on vacation between August 20-31

Volunteers

- Contacted Fall 2007 League Coordinators about volunteering this fall
- Outstanding Potlatch 2008 volunteers
    - Emily Biss, Beach Patrol, Genghis Khan Wild, Time Warped, Mike & Mugs, Sandie Hammerly
    - Who am I forgetting?

Committees

- Web team met to discuss current issues on June 30
    - An overhaul of the registration software is the top priority
    - Playoffs/tournament scheduling support is also planned
- The Fields Advocacy Committee has been active in the last month (details below)
- The Leagues Committee is still on temporary hiatus

Fundraising

- The YCC teams raised money at Potlatch using several methods
- We are soliciting contributions to the Youth Development Fund to help pay for costs for Asa Mercer to travel to Vancouver to play an exhibition game at Worlds

Organizational Effectiveness

Promote and Support Expansion and Development of the Sport

Tournaments - Adult

- Fields are booked for Turkey Bowl and Dangle Wrangle at Marymoor later this year.
- Several UPA Fall Series events will take place in Burlington with DiscNW support
    - Open & Women's Regionals will be on October 4-5
    - Mixed, Women's, and Open Sectionals are scheduled for September
- Potlatch
    - 100 teams played in very good weather for 3 days
    - DropBull defeated Jewbilation in the finals on double game point
    - Five Ultimate did a very good job with the merchandise – sales were very good
    - Pura Vida coffee provide free coffee every morning
    - Tournament management was excellent – there were no logistical problems
    - We will have to work hard to manage relationships with various vendors

Tournaments - Youth

- The YCC mini-tournament will take place in Shoreline on July 19
- Plans are on schedule for the YCC team to compete in MN in August

Leagues - Adult

- Registration for fall leagues will open later this month
- Summer Team, Coed Hat, and Corp leagues are about one third completed
- Monday leagues started yesterday
    - Men's Hat: 90 men assigned, 10 cancelled, 47 waitlist
    - Master's Hat: 57 men assigned (5 unpaid), 4 women registered (all paid)

Leagues - Youth

- There are no youth leagues in the summer
- Planning will begin soon for the fall MS league

Pickup

- Women's pickup is still happening on Mondays
- More inquiries to info@discnw.org or pickup@discnw.org about local pickup games

Learning

- Researching ways to add dashboard style information to ED Report
- Summer quarter is underway for the ED
    - Taking classes on Leadership, Staff, Internship

Fields

- Construction is underway at Magnuson on the new turf fields
- Conditions are okay on the Sports Meadow; lines have been repainted
- Field requests for the fall have been submitted

Club Teams

- Practice fields in July and August have been reserved for club teams; still looking for more
- The Seattle Invite completed successfully in Monroe last weekend with support from DiscNW
- Sockeye has scheduled some showcase games in Shoreline with support from DiscNW
- The Riot International Match-up Exhibition at Magnuson will take place on July 26-27

Community Service

Provide Opportunities to Play Ultimate

Youth

- The first week of Seattle Ultimate Camps completed very successfully
- YCC practices are taking place on Mondays
- Moho practices are taking place on Saturdays

Women

- The Riot international tournament will feature Viva, team Canada, and team Australia
- On Saturday, July 25th there a women's hat tournament organized by Riot and Viva
- Chick Flick fields have not been reserved yet

Men

- Men's and masters hat leagues have started
- Planning will start soon for the fall eastside men's hat league

Support Larger Ultimate Community

Pacific NW

- The Kitsap Hat league has one more week of play left
- Talked today with Joe Seidler about growing an ultimate organization
- Started conversations with John Stockman in Bellingham and Kyle Christoph Portland about ways in which DiscNW can partner with ultimate organizations along the I-5 corridor

UPA

- ED attended the UPA BoD meeting on July 3
- Started planning the 2009 UPA League Organizers Conference in San Francisco
- Fall Series tournaments have been scheduled at Burlington
- The DiscNW YCC teams are preparing to travel to MN
- Sandie has offered to help us draft a letter of support regarding lines at Magnuson (see below)

Promote the Game of Ultimate

Spirit of the Game™

- There have been several reports of poor SotG in Summer Team League already
- Still soliciting feedback from Captains about SotG at games

Field Advocacy

- ED attended a Green Legacy Coalition meeting regarding the renewal of the Pro Parks Levy
- The SSAC is on hiatus
- Loren is working with UPA officials to support our case for larger ultimate fields to be lined on the new synthetic fields at Magnuson
- Met with Dennis Cook next week to discuss citywide athletics

General Public

- Working with Cara Brown to organize an ultimate showcase or exhibition at Green Lake as part of the Seattle Healthy Parks program.

End of ED Report

Bunny noted that he will be on vacation from 23 – 31 Aug, 2008. He will have cell phone and be on email occasionally.

(Enter next month) agenda (so far)

Field Advocacy, intro to youth coordinator, Potlatch redux, Asa Mercer update, youth summit committee report, Annual meeting.

Next Month:

Location: Doug's
Date: 19 August 2008 (Steff's Birthday)

Mike D moved to adjourn at 9:28 pm. Janna seconded. Approved by all.

Monthly quote: Mike D "Have you worked on the 'bunny gets hit by the bus file'?"