DiscNW Board Meeting Minutes
February 19th 2009

- Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm with Adam, Doug, Mike K., Mike D., Janna, Steph, John and Bunny in attendance.

- Yeah Potlatch- cheers to Kong!

- Chris B. plans to leave the board soon and we need a replacement for him as treasurer. Volunteers? Discussions of role of and need for treasurer. Steph kind of volunteers. Consultations with Chris and Bunny will continue.

- Bylaws discussion.
    - Adam suggests a need for a protocol for online motions and discussions. Mike K. suggests we should not use email when any substantial discussion is required. Barney suggests that online voting be limited to urgent, simple matters. **Mike D., Bunny and John will work to put something formal together.**
    - John asks about recent amendment to bylaws regarding advance posting of board meetings. Bunny and Mike D. explain reasoning behind decision and the board's open meeting policy in general.

- Budget discussion.
    - Bunny gives update on minor modifications (Web Team costs and Quick Book entry corrections) since the last meeting.
    - Mike K. suggests that in subsequent years, a view of the budget that showed youth activities "zeroing out" or breaking even for the year may be helpful for the Youth Strategic Committee (YSC) budgetary input. Bunny thinks a different document could do that effectively without changing the format of the budget.
    - Mike D. informs board that a health benefit for staff (100% of employee's premium and 50% for spouse) is feasible and can go into effect as early as next month.

- John moves that Chris's online motion regarding allocations to field and youth development fund (YDF) be formally accepted. Barney seconds. Unanimous approval.

- Mike D. moves to approve budget. Mike K. seconds. Unanimous approval.

- Youth Development Fund discussion
    - Bunny gives background on the circulated document
    - Adam suggests that the board should maintain its willingness to support youth activities from the general fund.
    - Barney suggests a need to clarify the role of the YSC in the budgetary process as described in the circulated document. **Bunny will work on specific language that specifies guidance on the YDF budget** (not to be confused with the general budget).

    - Barney suggests inclusion of a statement as to the board's authority to modify and/or disband the YSC. John notes that legally, the board would have authority over any sub-committee. The topic will be continued online.

- Winter Session Reflections
    - Mike D. notes a stronger than expected concern about budgetary issues toward the end of the meeting.
    - Others note the resolve that came toward the end of the session and concrete actions that will come from it. Bunny sent out a template for action to all sub-committee or group leaders.
    - Bunny will be in contact with board members regarding structure of next winter's meeting in advance.
    - Barney notes that the path to an end of a strategic discussion is not always straight

Break

- Mike D. asks for help with ED review process. Adam's gesture to his son is interpreted as an offer to volunteer.

- ED Report

Fiscal/Administrative Management

Build a Thriving Organization

Budget and Finance

- Chris reconciled the accounts for January
- The second draft of the 2009 budget will be presented at the board meeting on Tuesday
- ED and CB met and paid City and State taxes for 2008

Communication

- Sent 1 announcement to the general interest mailing list

Board

- Met with Barney for monthly check-in meeting
- Will meet with Mike D. soon
- Reserved the Brig on May 31 for the 2009 DiscNW Annual Meeting

Internal Operations

Sustainably Manage DiscNW Activities and Initiatives

Resources

- Shipment of 1000 discs from Discraft will arrived last month

Staff

- ED and DoYO will be out of town this weekend to attend the UPA League Organizer's Conference
- Met with Wynne several times since the last meeting

Volunteers

- Nate Merrill will be the assistant League Coordinator for Spring Adult Team League
- New board members are needed
- A few more volunteers are needed for the new Youth Strategic Committee and various related subcommittees

Committees

- Web team meeting was postponed
- The Fields Advocacy Committee will meet again next week
- The Leagues Committee is still on temporary hiatus, but the ED is working with Christina on various small issues
- The Youth Strategic Committee met last week for the second time

Fundraising

- Nothing to report this month

Organizational Effectiveness

Promote and Support Expansion and Development of the Sport

Tournaments - Adult

- Registration for Slog in the Bog is now closed
    - 18 teams registered, all paid, there are 6 teams on the waitlist
    - Might expand tournament to accommodate the waitlist teams
    - This year there will be a small youth division for club or school based teams
- THAT TDs are having troubles finding a suitable site for the tournament this year
- Potlatch tournament site was secured

Tournaments - Youth

- Spring Reign 2009 registration is now open
    - 26 teams are registered, 6 are paid

    - TDs and staff met earlier this month to create work plan
    - We currently have a strong volunteer base for the 2009 tournament
- Registration for the 2009 HS State Championships is now open
    - Girls division: 6 teams registered, none paid
    - Boys division: 1 team registered, not paid

Leagues - Adult

- Winter League is nearly half over
- Registration for Spring Team League is open
    - There are 12 registered teams (9 are unpaid)
    - Reservations for playoff fields in Shoreline have been confirmed
- Registration for Verns League will open in soon
- There will be a new spring men's hat league at South Park on Fridays this year

Leagues - Youth

- Registration is closed for all Spring Youth Leagues and schedules are posted
    - HS Coed: 22 registered teams, 9 unpaid
    - HS Single Gender: 7 girls teams, 16 open teams, 18 unpaid
    - MS: 52 teams!, 20 unpaid
    - ES: 12 teams, all paid
- There will be a new MS girls league this spring
    - There are 7 teams lined up so far
    - The Seattle Girls School wanted to participate this year, so we contacted other schools about forming a girls team to play in the league
    - The YSC will investigate single gender play in middle school
- Field reservations are being made for spring youth leagues
    - Seattle, Marymoor, Shoreline – fields are booked
    - Shoreline Schools – field reservations not confirmed

Pickup

- Winter pickup is still underway
    - Wednesday games are at Washington Park from 6:30-8:30pm
    - Saturday games are at Georgetown (!) from 1-5pm

- There are no plans to reserve fields for pickup in the spring

Learning

- DiscNW will be subject for ED's school project on Virtual Volunteers
- Received UPA Grant for Leadership Series and Coaching Corps

Fields

- Still no update on the completion of synthetic fields at Kellogg MS in Shoreline

Club Teams

- Riot will be helping with youth field supervision at spring youth leagues

Community Service

Provide Opportunities to Play Ultimate

Youth

- Winter Moho and Mini-Moho practices at Bobby Morris are underway
- There is a new youth division at Slog in the Bog
- ED & DoYO are investigating policy changes regarding youth players at adult events

Women

- There will be a new MS girls league this spring

Men

- Will use fields at South Park on Fridays in the spring for a men's hat league
- Registration for the 2009 Men for All Seasons Tournament will open soon

Support Larger Ultimate Community

Pacific NW

- Nothing to report this month

UPA

- Continued planning the 2009 UPA League Organizers Conference in San Francisco
- Continued working with the board President on the Board Development Committee
- ED attended the UPA Board of Directors Meeting last month
- Received UPA Grant for Leadership Series and Coaching Corps

Promote the Game of Ultimate

Spirit of the Game™

- Nothing to report this month

Field Advocacy

- The February SSAC meeting took place last week
    - ED officially named VP of SSAC board
    - Bill Keller spoke to us about ARC activities
    - There will be some kind of opening of the new turf fields at Magnuson
- The Advocacy Committee will meet next week
- Emailed Dennis Cook in Seattle Parks about scheduling policies for new turf at Magnuson

General Public

- Nothing to report this month

END OF ED REPORT

- Youth/Adult Events
    - Barney (now absent) had asked via email for details regarding ED's investigation of youth participation in adult events, etc. Bunny gives background on need for consideration of topic. Reasons include safety for youth, dissatisfaction on the part of some adult players, liability, level of play standards. Bunny explains that his investigation will include consulting with adults regarding their experience and looking at other leagues/sports.
    - General discussion about youth participation in adult events
    - **Staff will draft language for organization policy with input from YSC and BoD.**
- Bunny announces Magnuson Park's "soft opening" in early April.
- Bunny notes the need to identify Spring as ultimate season for scheduling purposes at Magnuson
- Yeah UPA grant of 750.00!
    - $250 for leadership series
    - $500 dollars for coaching corps

- Next Month - 3rd Thursday Agenda
    - Discussion of annual mtg. in May
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- Mike moves to adjourn. Everyone seconds. 9:04