

Disc NW Board Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2006

Attendees: Chris Burke, Mike DiGioia, Mike Keran, Barney Ahouse
Start Time 7:13pm

Informally talked about developments in Shoreline, including what Dick Deal is up to at Cromwell.

Celebrated the new website, two toasts all around. We have an ongoing 'features request'.

Discussion of the Magnuson 5th field effort.

Talked about DNW starting a matching effort to match member donations up to 10k match with 5k right off.

Mike D is concerned about a bait & switch kind of development.

Bunny feels this proposition is risky in that if it falls apart, sending back all these checks would be very resource consuming.

We talked about manufacturing a fundraising opportunity as practice.

Unanimously, we agreed that manufacturing a youth event could be more realistic.

We next talked about the deep pockets in the ultimate community and that fewer, larger donors would be a safer way to take our first shot at fundraising.

Chris B agrees to take lead on drafting a proposal.

Reed College Camp Update

The overnight youth camp is back on.

Bunny provided a recap of developments.

also reported some of the detailed events that lead up to the troubles.

In specific, Bunny didn't stay in touch with the various deadlines in the contract. As well, there were yet undefined costs not in the original contract.

Bunny also contextualized this issue as systemic problem in that

Dave D has been closely involved in the project all along.

Now, Skip and Sashi are involved too.

Things are basically back on track, a we should come close to revenue neutrality.

Bunny is headed to Westerns and will market the camp there.

Even though we may lose money this year, there are a number of reasons why we think this is a good idea in the long term.

Bunny contextualized this story to structural shortcomings in our procedures for handling contracts and planning.

We talked about various ideas to bolster our contract oversight capabilities, including models from other processes we've used for other tasks, like our contract w/ Skip.

Dave D has been extremely helpful in responding to the situation.

ED Report 05/15/2006

Finances

- Checking Account balance: \$24,816.80
- Business Premium Account balance: \$25,062.67

ED Admin Stuff

- Ordered more DiscNW logo discs after brisk spring sales.
- Spent a great deal of time working with the web team to get ready for the new site.
- ED will be on vacation from May 20-28.

Web Team

- Launched the new site!!
 - It's out there! It's great! There have been no major problems so far. Are you registered yet?
 - Since we launched while some leagues are still active there have been a few problems with score entry.
 - Manzell and Jonas have been working with users to solve problems and make small fixes to the site.
- We need some new volunteers to take on feature request projects.

Leagues

- Spring Leagues are all in full swing.
 - The first week of MS playoffs concluded this past weekend (A & C divisions). The B divisions will play next week.
 - Spring High School Coed League playoffs are also scheduled for this weekend.
 - Spring HS Single Gender League play has concluded. There were no playoffs.
 - Various Spirit of the Game issues have been raised in several leagues; DiscNW will draft a Code of Conduct.
- Summer Leagues planning is well underway.
 - Fields have been reserved in Seattle, Shoreline, Redmond, Mountlake Terrace.
 - There are only a few holes to fill for our Monday leagues (Women's, Men's, and Master's Hat).
 - Several League Coordinators are in place. We still need folks for Team League and Men's Hat.
 - Websites have been created for all leagues. Registration will open for most leagues later this week.

Tournaments

- Potlatch registration is open! It's full steam ahead.
- Shaykat has expressed interest in the All Tournaments Director Job; we will meet this month to discuss it.
- Portland Ultimate tournament Kleinman is looking for a TD. Does DiscNW want to get involved with this event?

Youth Ultimate

- Planning for the YCC teams is underway

- Head Coaches have been selected for the girls & boys teams. It remains to be seen if we will have a coed team.
- Mike Mullen is serving as the General Manager for both teams. Meredith Tosta is helping in her WA SYC role.
- Tryouts are scheduled for Monday, June 5th. Details will be posted on the website tomorrow.
- WA States completed successfully on April 29-30 in Monroe.
 - This was our biggest State Championship yet with 6 girls and 12 boys teams.
 - The Finals were held on Monday, May 1 at the stadium at Ft. Dent where we used the PA and scoreboard.
- Plans are being made and executed for various summer camps in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, and Tukwila.
 - Registration for Seattle Camps is now open. Over 30 players have already registered.
 - The Portland overnight camp has been resurrected after negotiations with Reed College.
- DiscNW is now looking to hire someone to help manage youth programs. The job description and title are pending.

Other

- The Riot Womens Clinic completed successful on May 6 at Foster High School in Tukwila.
 - There were about 70-80 in attendance.
 - There was a minor problem at the fields site (no running water), but this didn't become a serious problem.
- Practice fields are still hard to find. We only have a few unassigned requests for June remaining on the schedule.