

## **Disc NW Board Meeting – Monday, October 15, 2006**

Attendees: Mike D, Christina, Mike K, William (ED), Barney, Doug, Chris, Dave, Loren Hill (guest)

Start time: 7:14 pm

### **Magnuson/Sand Point update: Loren**

- Phase 1: Sports meadow will open in the spring!
- Phase 2: Paid for by the Pro Parks Levy; currently blocked in council by the Friends of Magnuson Park since they want more amenities (bathrooms, removal of inner parking lot and 65<sup>th</sup> St. improvements).
- Loren, Ed D'Alessandro, Warren Perkins and Bill Farmer have been meeting with City Council members and Parks Dept. to discuss the issue at Magnuson and the 5<sup>th</sup> field campaign.
- There is an additional \$800,000 from the Pro Parks Levy (money gained on interest from projects that came in under budget). Parks is advocating for this money to go towards the 5<sup>th</sup> field.
- The majority of the City Council is under the impression that this project is moving forward. They are unaware of the possible hold-up due to FOMP.
- If each of us were to write letters to Council that would be a big effort.
- Two issues: one to support the Mayor's budget and increase the money for fields...and one to support the Magnuson campaign (lift the proviso and support the 5<sup>th</sup> field as part of Phase 2).
- Mike K: Important to keep this active on the front page of the website.
- Mike D: Create a fields bulletin that outlines the issues, how it impacts DiscNW, and what action can be taken.
- Face to face contact with City Council is best; then phone calls; then personal e-mails or letters and then form e-mails/letters.
- Loren and Bunny to connect on website material provided by Loren.
- There are different Council aids that are assigned to different projects. Best to ask to talk to the assigned aid.
- Do we want to reconsider contributing money to the 5<sup>th</sup> field?
- Barney: Interaction with neighborhoods; would it be helpful for us to attend neighborhood meetings and "check-in" with these groups?
- Put it on our list of goals to connect with neighborhood groups more in the future (Delridge, Woodland Park for sure). Lots of these ideas sound great to council members but they don't want neighborhood group opposition in mass.
- Doug: What is the worst outcome? Nothing will happen on Phase 2 (no turf fields...no nothing).
- Doug is going to connect with the parents and get them in to the action.
- Loren is burning out. He would like some more support on the administration side of things. Maybe a UW intern?

### **Youth Coordinator hiring update: William**

- 5 applications received initially. Recently conducted interviews with 3 of the applicants. William, Mike K and Chris did these 3 interviews.
- One applicant withdrew his name due to finding full-time employment.
- One applicant has not been able to schedule interview time yet.
- Next plan is to schedule follow-up interviews.
- Decision to hopefully be made at November meeting.
- There will be discussion over e-mail if required over the next month.

### **Annual Meeting update: Christina**

- Shoreline Senior Center reserved from 7:00-10:00 pm on Saturday, November 18. Cost is \$60/hr plus \$250 security deposit. Beer and food is ok.

- 2006 budget line item of \$750.00 for 2006 Annual Meeting. This is just a line item, not a restricted fund.
- Shoreline Stadium reserved from 1:30-5:30 pm for hat league finals. Shoreline A and B reserved from 5:30-7:30 pm for team league playoffs. You can play in both league playoffs AND come to the meeting!
- Christina would like suggestions on agenda items. Are there any further ideas on the possible agenda items discussed last meeting (advance survey, etc.)?
- Barney recommends flexibility be a major component of the meeting; 15 people is a lot different from 70 people
- Barney would like to spend money on eye candy – use Bil Elsinger’s images? Finding a volunteer to work the slideshow, etc.
- Accomplishments: Sand Point, website, Youth Coordinator
- Print outs on the wall with open volunteer positions

### **Board Recruitment: Mike D.**

- Doug: What is the ideal number of members for the Board? We range from 9-13. We are currently at 8.
- The Board voted (8-0) to accept Steffran Neff to be a member of the Board.
- Two more additional interviews will be taking place tomorrow (10/16) evening.
- Mike D’s board document will be part of the new board member intro. “packet”.

### **Budget update: Chris**

- Account for administrative overhead is a little bit better.
- Chris is proposing that the admin. fees be raised across the board (to 25%). This is not a rise in fees, but rather an internal accounting goal.
- Barney is in support of applying admin expenses to each budget so that in total they cover the expenses.
- Doug: The costs to run all of this stuff is about 25% more than the way we now account for tournament, leagues and youth activities.
- Impacts: tournaments number will look worse than they already do.
- Mike K: When people are writing grants for non-profits, they look at the admin expenses. The 20% mark is a cut-off point for most grant monies.
- Mike K: largest single expense is Bunny; make the admin. number become really small
- Chris to work on separating program costs from admin costs in the accounts.
- Part A: Raising the prices across the board. Raise youth fees because they are so cheap right now. We will increase the publicity of scholarships and discount to under-privileged kids.
- Mike K: Do the proper PR release on raising fees.
- Bunny: potlatch discussion should be tabled. We can raise fees on tournaments a little.
- Chris would like to put a line item in the 2007 budget for a major field contribution.
- Dave: Put some real projects (ex. Sand Point) with this line item. Mike D: let’s not limit ourselves.
- Keep \$3,000 in the grants and donations fund in case something does come up and to make it known to groups (Advocacy, etc.) that this money is available.

### **ED Report: William**

#### Finances

- Checking Account balance: \$64,838.70
- Business Premium Account balance: \$25,257.85
- CD Accounts balance: \$46,150.50+++

#### ED Admin Stuff

- Field advocacy notes have been posted about recent developments with Sand Point/Magnuson reconstruction.
- Met with Barney and Mike K to discuss DiscNW business and the upcoming Board meeting.

#### Web Team

- The web team will meet tomorrow to discuss current projects and future plans.
  - We will focus on implementing RosterManager features into the All Leagues Engine (ALE).
  - The pros and cons of leaving Speakeasy for a more flexible hosting solution will be evaluated.
  - Volunteer management and recruiting is also on the agenda.
- Some problems with personalized schedules have been fixed.
- The file upload tool for minutes and financials is still in beta testing/development.

#### Leagues

- Fall Leagues are all underway.
  - Playoff fields have been booked for Fall Team and Geographic Hat Leagues.
  - One team has dropped out of Fall Team League half-way through.
  - King County Parks sent a letter about litter at Marymoor and have warned teams to keep the area clean.
  - Tacoma Hat League is underway with 57 men & 25 women (only two players still unpaid).
  - Fall MS League is underway with 24 teams.
    - Plans for playoffs have started. All games including playoffs are played at Ingraham High School.
    - DiscNW will pay for prizes and refreshments for the playoffs.
- Winter League is twelve weeks away.
  - Fields have been requested in Seattle, Shoreline, and Marymoor.
  - 2006 League Coordinators have been contacted about helping out again.

#### Tournaments

- Tournament Directors, websites, and some volunteers are in place for Chick Flick, Dangle Wrangle, and Turkey Bowl.
- WA Sectional NW Regional UPA Fall Series have completed successfully at Skagit River Park (Burlington).
  - We have not yet received a final fields bill, but we should turn a small profit on each of the four events.
  - A total of 74 teams participated between September 16 and October 8.
  - Burlington Parks reported problems with garbage on the fields following the Open & Women's Regionals. Also, some players urinated on the fields close to the houses during the tournament. Letters of apology have been sent to the Parks Department and to the Homeowner's Association. Measures were taken to eliminate this problem the following weekend at Mixed & Masters Regionals.
  - Burlington Parks let use the new building for storage between events.

#### Youth Ultimate

- The Edmonds Ultimate Frisbee Jambalaya completed successfully with games, a freestyle demo, prizes and more.
- Interviews for a DiscNW Youth Coordinator have started.
  - Three interviews were done last week from the first five applications. Two will do a second interview.
  - One of the initial applicants withdrew his name. Another has not responded to schedule an interview.
  - One new application was received last week. Another person has expressed interest in the job and may apply.

#### Volunteers

- Check out the Volunteer section of the website to view current DiscNW volunteers, job openings, and job perks.
- Other disc jobs: UPA just hired a new National College Director – this is a volunteer position with some stipend.
- Our summer leagues are staffed with volunteers, but we are still on the lookout for more help
  - Website Project Developers
  - All Tournaments Coordinator
  - New Board Members
  - Youth Coordinator
  - Disc Designers

## **End of ED Report**

### **November agenda (so far):**

#### **Meeting is in the 13<sup>th</sup>, not the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

- “Homegrown” wiki on DiscNW website?
- Risk Management Plan update: Doug?
- 5<sup>th</sup> field fundraising: funding our funds (Dec)
- Communication plan update: Mike D. ?
- Adding content to the website
- Stipend employee discussion
- Potlatch sponsorship discussion: Janna
- Salary, legality report: Doug

Move to adjourn by Dave at 9:46 pm. Seconded by Mike K.