

## **Disc NW Board Meeting – Monday, February 19, 2007**

Attendees: Mike D, Christina, Mike K, William (ED), Barney, Dave, Steff, Janna, Anne, Chris

Start time: 7:18 pm

### **Magnuson/Sand Point Spring Reservation**

- William is concerned about our relationship with John Bates in regards to going over his head in the way we approach this.
- Formal letter to John Bates from DiscNW to be written by William. Anne and Mike D. will help with this.
- Ask Loren to represent DiscNW at the 2/21 SRC meeting.
- How fields are assigned as outlined in the Historical Use Policy, gender equity and youth criteria will be our main topic of the letter. We should also point out our active role in Advocacy for Seattle Parks.
- We want a reconsideration of the field allotment for spring.
- The Board should be taking the risk (instead of William) when we jeopardize our relationship with John Bates.
- How was the Historical Use Policy applied in this instance?
- If we do not like John Bates' response, then the Board will take it to John's superiors.
- William to talk via phone with Loren about his role at the SRC meeting in regards to approaching this issue.
- As a long-term goal, Dave would like there to be more transparency on the side of Seattle Parks in regards to how fields are assigned and reserved. This would better serve all sports leagues that utilize Seattle Parks.

### **Minutes Approval/Consent Agenda/Online Norms: Barney**

- We need to be prepared to approve items at the meeting that are not ideal for online approval.
- Minutes will be sent out a week before the meeting for comments. Comments will be incorporated and highlighted in to a final draft that will be sent out 2 days before the meeting. Minutes to be approved at Board meetings.
- Chris motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the minutes from October and November. Barney seconded. Approved 10-0.

### **Scorecard System Update (Steff)**

- Steff presented a first draft of the balance scorecard sheet.
- The categories for the DiscNW balance scorecard are: community service, organizational effectiveness, internal operations and fiscal/administrative management.
- Mike K: Fundraising is missing from this list.
- Anne: There needs to be aspirations associated with the Goals.
- The bigger picture is so we can know the answer as to WHY we're doing something instead of just doing something.

### **Organizational Goals: Barney**

- We identified 10 DiscNW organizational goals:
  - Diversify our membership
  - Create opportunities to play
  - Get ultimate taught in PE classes
  - Financial stability
  - Expand operations in to new geographical areas
  - Create transparency

- Increase volunteerism/staff
- Balance gender
- Support fun
- Build community
- We know what we do...but it is less clear as to why we are doing it.
- Tying our personal goals to the organizational goals and the balance scorecard sheet are two methods that we will use to help us evaluate, track and revise our progress on the goals.
- Reviewing our goals every few months is a good idea.
- When you think about your personal goals for the year, reflect on the organizational goals as part of this.

## **ED Report: William**

### Finances

- Checking Account balance: \$47,100.63
- Business Premium Account balance: \$25,497.95
- CD Accounts balance: \$46,978.00

### ED Admin Stuff

- Attended the UPA League Organizers Conference last weekend in Philadelphia, PA
  - Gave two presentations: Importance of Youth Coaching, Middle School Fall League Profile
  - Participated in strategic planning exercise. Will continue work with Kristen Dailey and Troy Frever on this project.
  - Answered a lot of questions about youth ultimate and paid employees
  - Got a few good ideas from each presentation. There were twelve sessions and 21 presentations.
- Still searching for practice fields for the spring season for several club teams

### Web Team

- Web team met last week to discuss admin feature requests and project updates. Next meeting is March 13.
- The server transition was completed successfully. New features will be rolled out soon.
- Jeff Dairiki is on the job as the DiscNW sysadmin. He receives a monthly stipend and works about 10-15 hrs/mo.

### Leagues

- Winter Team League is nearly over. All 24 teams have paid!
- Tacoma Indoor League is underway. 29 men (28 paid) and 10 women (9 paid) have registered.
- The Leagues Committee met last month to discuss project updates.
  - All DiscNW leagues will use the newly approved UPA 11<sup>th</sup> Edition Rules for Ultimate starting this spring.
  - The player self-ratings system was revamped.
  - Eric Goetz has prepared some materials to be used for captains training that we'll implement this spring.
- Spring Leagues planning is underway.
  - Fields have been reserved in Seattle and Marymoor.
  - Registration is open for Spring League. Verns registration will open tomorrow!
  - 34 teams have registered for Spring League so far, and seventeen have paid.
- Kitsap ultimate updates
  - DiscNW will subsidize the final session of an indoor league that is being played at the Zone Sportsplex.
  - Plans are underway for a small hat league for the spring and/or summer season.
- Working with Ryan Scott in Spokane to partner with them to run their summer team league.

### Tournaments

- Seattle\_Goalty is teaming up with Good Times! to increase the disc fun on the day before Spring League starts.
  - Registration is open for Slog in the Bog. Thirteen teams have registered, and six have paid.
  - Barney is organizing a small goaltimate tournament for the same day. Registration will open soon.
- Potlatch is scheduled for June 30 – July 1.
- Registration is open for the college tournament in Yakima. Event planning is on schedule.
- Working with Ray Birks to run T.H.A.T. in Wenatchee on May 12-13.

### Youth Ultimate

- 2007 eligibility rules and policies were drafted and approved. Committee members to rule on cases are still needed.
- The Youth Committee met last month to complete plans for the spring season.
- Spring Youth Leagues planning is well underway.
  - Fields have been reserved in Seattle, Shoreline, and Redmond.
  - Registration is open for all leagues except the single gender league. HS SG registration will open this week.
  - Elementary School: 3 registrations, 2 paid; Middle School: 13, 3; High School Coed: 10, 1
- Spring youth tournament planning is well underway.
  - Spring Reign registration will open this week. We have lots of staff already and are slightly ahead of schedule.
  - Registration is open for the Monroe Invitational tournament for coed high school teams on March 10.
  - Bunny & Frank had a phone meeting with Will about UPA HS Westerns to discuss the budget.
  - Bunny & Dave will work with Will to complete the proposed changes to the Westerns contract
  - Rusty will run Single Gender & Coed State Championship tournaments. Fields issues are holding up plans.
- The Level I UPA Coaching Clinic completed successfully on February 10. Level II clinic is rescheduled for March 10.
- Summer Camps planning is just underway.
  - Fields have been reserved for the Seattle camps at Magnuson, Maplewood, Genessee, and Summit.
  - Frank is working with PLU to schedule the summer overnight camp in Tacoma. Staffing plans were completed.
  - Registration for all camps is scheduled to open by early April

### Volunteers & Staff Update

- Check out the Volunteer section of the website to view current DiscNW volunteers info. Of note we are looking for...
  - Assistant League Coordinator for Spring League
  - A lawyer for the Board
- Held a staff meeting last week with Barney, Mike Schwindeller, and Frank Nam

### **End of ED Report**

### **March (3/19) agenda (so far): Not a holiday!**

- ED review presentation: Christina and Steff
- Chris is hosting

Move to adjourn by Mike K at 9:53 pm. Seconded by Mike DG.