

Disc NW Board Meeting – Monday, July 16, 2007

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

Absent: None

Start time: 7:25 pm

June Minutes

Chris motioned to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Mike D. The motion was unanimously approved. Barney, Anne and Mike K. abstained since they were not in attendance.

Women in Ultimate

Anne presented her survey results regarding women in Ultimate. Christina suggested that these results could be categorized as operational, cultural and “unexplored territory”. Some questions raised during the discussion were:

- What is the consequence of starting a coed master’s league in regards to our regular hat leagues? Some further research is needed on this item.
- How do women with children fit in to this category?
- Steff talked to some women as well and her findings confirm the idea of women taking longer to learn the sport than men.
- Try some other things in Vern’s League to make it more fun.
- Chris still believes that the strongest entity is the team itself. To expand further...
 - Our team leagues are large, getting larger, and quite strong. This is because existing teams take on a life of their own and keep themselves going, much more so than hat league teams.
 - The discussion seems to be mainly about a dearth of women in the hat leagues. In general any shrinking of hat leagues appears to be more than counterbalanced by increasing numbers of team league teams, and this is probably a good thing.
 - The hat leagues are the main entry point of new players and should be structured and managed with this in mind.
 - More social events, clinics, and practices are good ideas. Note that the top team in any given hat league usually manages to stay together as a team league team in subsequent seasons.
- What about some hybrids...like being able to play summer hat league with the Vern’s team that you played with in the spring, etc.?

Action Items:

- **William and Christina to bring some of these operational ideas to the Leagues Committee level. They will start by getting some social events established as many feel that this would be time well spent.**
- **A breakout group would be a good thing to start for the topic of Women’s Ultimate.**

- **We need to get a report from the Youth Committee on the current state of girl's junior ultimate. Is it growing, not, etc.?**
- **William will be coordinating beginner clinics before Vern's League.**
- **More brainstorming on clinics would be a good thing to do...some of the things that Wilma was interested in like promoting Ultimate outside of the "normal" realm (Parks Dept., community centers, yoga workshops, etc.) should be pursued.**

Barney feels that if a few Board members (or not Board members) do not take charge of the topic of women in Ultimate, that it will fall by the wayside. One person needs to be the "leader" of this committee. Take charge!

Board Meeting Feedback

Barney will be e-mailing questions in the next 24 hours. Feedback on these questions in the next few days would be great.

Georgetown De-Brief

Mike de-briefed on the writing and status of the Georgetown grant. He learned a lot from this experience. Some of these things include giving yourself as much time as possible and being very diligent in the organization of it all. Mike likes to write and he would like to do more grant writing if the opportunity presents itself. We should definitely pick and chose as to what grants we apply for. Construction grants are probably less time consuming in the long-term than other grants due to the reporting required, etc. with those types of grants. How do we explore the grants out there that would be beneficial for our goals and us? Can possible grants be tied to our goals in the scorecard? We will know at the end of the year what the outcome of the Georgetown grant is.

Skip Sewell

Chris sent him an e-mail today. We will await his response. Hopefully no further action will be required. We need to make sure that he received the e-mail.

Storage Locker

William would like to add a locker to the Stone Way/Wallingford area. He is proposing to use the money that was allocated in the budget for the office towards another storage unit. Does it make sense to combine the storage with an office at the price of around \$5000.00/year?

Action Item: Bunny to research the costs of something like an Active Space for an office plus storage space. Regardless, Bunny will get some additional storage that is closer to his house. The Board approved spending this money without vote since it was already budgeted for 2007. We should keep our ears open for other sports related (or non-related) non-profits that might want to share office space.

Ultimate Revolution

Doug would like to propose to the UPA that DiscNW be used as a test-pilot model of sorts. William has some good ideas on this: running leagues, etc. Many question how DiscNW benefits by being associated with the UPA? William thinks we should get involved in the UPA and the Revolution since we are a leader in the sport. There are things that we can get out of such a relationship that benefit us but that we do not want to do or pay for ourselves.

Potlatch Update

Potlatch was good. CLIF bar was happy. William has not yet received a check from them however. We don't know the final merchandise numbers or the final cost of the fields. Diadora and LWYS are swapping weekends next year. Hopefully LWYS will be as upset with setting up on the 4th of July as Diadora was. Let's put down the deposit necessary to do what we can to try and get the fields when we want them. Janna and William are on top of this. To ensure continued quality of merchandise and to protect this vital part of the Potlatch budget, part of the merchandising bid next year will include mock-ups.

Staff Update

William will be scheduling a meeting with Frank to have an informal 6 month review to talk about the work that he has done, how it has gone, hours put in and what his workload will look like for the next 6-18 months. The job description was very thorough when we hired him and the description may be shrinking. William will provide a 6-month review summary at the August meeting. We need to find out what Frank wants to do: operations, outreach, etc.

ED Report

Finances

- Checking Account balance: \$125,717.19
- Business Premium Account balance: \$25,828.96
- CD Accounts balance: \$47,707.93

Admin

- I broke a bone in my hand, thus, the brevity.
- We need another locker.
- NWSource People's Picks
- Seattle Metropolitan mag
- UPA Summit was a success.

Leagues

- Summer Team, Corp, and Coed Hat Leagues are all in full swing with no big problems.
- Women's hat has stated.
 - Low numbers.
 - Needs more attention, but still hopeful about format.
- Men's Hat and Masters Hat leagues have started play with 6 & 4 teams respectively.
- Friday Men's League was cancelled.

Tournaments

- Potlatch completed successfully..

- Next up: Tacoma one-day hat on July 21.
- Spawnfest.planning is underway.
- Sockeye is looking for fields for an exhibition game with Buzz.

Youth Ultimate

- YCC on track: uniforms, travel, rooms all booked.
- Overnight Camp.
- Day camps are running well.

Volunteers & Staff Update

- Check out the Volunteer section of the website to view current DiscNW volunteers info. Of note we are looking for...
Tournament Directors for fall events.

End of ED Report

August (8/16) agenda (so far)

Absent: Christina, Doug, and Chris

Payment policy review

Potlatch final report

Communications Report

Frank's review summary

Website update

Location: Janna or Mike K.

September

What do we want from the UPA?

Location: Doug

Steff moved to adjourn at Mike D. 9:29 pm. Seconded by Christina.