

## **DiscNW Board meeting notes: 20 Aug., 2007**

Meeting opened at 7:25pm.

Attending: Mike D., Janna, Dave, Mike K., Steff, Anne, William.

Mike D. ran the meeting. Mike K took notes.

Previous month's minutes were not approved pending adjustments.

### **Announcements:**

- Barney announced via email he will be leaving the board in the near future (4 - 6 months).

### **President's report (MikeD):**

- Annual meeting:
  - To be run by Anne. Need to recruit another volunteer to help in planning. Steff and Dave to help out day-of.
  - Date: 17 Nov., 2007. Location: TBD. Budget set at \$1k.

### **Budget report:**

- Discussion tabled until next month as Chris was not at the meeting.

### **Women in ultimate update (William/Anne):**

- Women's hat: recruited some women that were interested in leadership roles.
- League Committee: interest exists in pre-season practices for Verns.
  - Working with captains to ensure all players participate and 4:3 ratio is maintained.
  - Suggested we have low-key leagues, somewhat like structured pickup, year-round. Best field option was South Park on Sundays, though that conflicts with hat league.
  - League Comm. met before Anne's suggestion of allowing players on multiple rosters was raised.
- Discussion:
  - Add a New Player Day once a month to pickup games
  - Bring-a-friend day combined with nearby social event.

- Additional captain's training to help teams include women.
- Vern's is our best asset for women's recruitment. We should use Fall and Winter leagues to experiment so that we have our programs worked out by the time Verns' comes around.
- Mentor system where experienced players mentor/work with newer players. We would need to have additional volunteers to coordinate.
- Consider providing prizes at the half-way point of the league to encourage retention.
- Reshuffle teams half way through the league.

## **ED Report**

### Finances

- See Chris Burke's Treasurer's Report for complete details
- We should discuss hiring Chris as our Accountant.

### Admin

- We got another locker: 10x15 at Stone Way Public Storage.
- My hand is still not fully operational, work is still progressing slowly.
- Practice fields have been booked in Shoreline and Ft. Dent.

### Leagues

- Summer Team, Corp, Men's, Masters, and Coed Hat Leagues are nearly completed with playoffs.
- Women's hat has completed.
  - There are plans to start women's pickup if there's field space – current best option is South Park on Sundays.
  - Several women from the league have contacted DiscNW about helping to promote women's ultimate.
- Registration is open for most fall leagues. Registration for Olympia and Tacoma Hat Leagues will open soon.
- The Leagues Committee met to discuss payment policy, coed masters, women's ultimate, and recruiting volunteers.
- Payment Policy update....

### Tournaments

- Tacoma one-day hat tournament completed successfully on July 21.
- Spawnfest took place last weekend.
- UPA Fall Series in WA: Open, Women's, Mixed Sectionals; Mixed Regionals.
- Turkey Bowl, Dangle Wrangle, and Chick Flick are next.

### Youth Ultimate

- Seattle teams did extremely well at the Youth Club Championships in MN winning 2 gold medals.
- Fall MS League planning is underway. Connie Thomas will be working with Frank, D'Arcy, and Ben Goldfarb.
- Fields are reserved for Moho practices this fall at Hamlin Park and Ft. Dent.
- The Youth Committee met earlier this month to plan for the fall and to recap the YCC experience.

### Volunteers & Staff Update

- Met with Frank to discuss reorganizing his position.
  - The Youth Coordinator work will be more operational based and will not do as much outreach.
  - Frank will work 10-12 hours per week, but will put in more hours in the spring around important events.
  - Clear expectations will be set for Youth Coordinator projects by the Executive Director.
- There will be a meeting of youth organizers this week to plan for the upcoming Fall MS League.
- The Youth Committee will meet again in August to discuss fall ultimate, the Washington games, and more.
- The web team will meet tomorrow to discuss the future of email & DiscNW.
- The Leagues Committee will meet again in early September to discuss women's ultimate, league sponsorship.
- The Fields Advocacy Group will meet sometime in August to discuss current issues.

### **End of ED Report**

Discussed potential hiring of an accountant as originally suggested by Chris Burke in email. Chris noted his intention to step down after his current terms has expired.

- Dave motioned to hire Chris Burke as an accountant starting 1 Jan., 2008 at \$10/hr with an expectation of 10 hours/month. Standard at-will contract, IRS 1099 tax status. Seconded: Steff. Approved unanimously.

Sponsorship discussion (all):

- Jones sodas as potential sponsor for youth leagues.
- Georgetown Brewing for major adult league spirit awards.

Move to close by MikeK at 9:04pm. Second: MikeD. Approved unanimously.

Planning for Sept:

- Ideas for the annual meeting.
- Do we want to add an adult league coordinator position for 10 hours/week?
- How to deal with Youth Coordinator position. (Youth Committee rep needed at the next meeting.
- UPA discussion.

