

Ultimate NL Monthly Meeting - February 26, 2020

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Volunteer Update

- Kurtis still putting receipts from Volunteer Party together
- Jess Wade (Ultimate NL member) contacted Kurtis to ask about the Lifetime Achievement Award and why there wasn't an award because she had nominated two individuals. It was determined that the nomination did not include enough information.
- Suggestions for next year:
 - Create application forms for each award nominee so the appropriate information can be collected (criteria and character limits for example);
 - Have a longer timeline between awards deadline, voting, and party;
 - Removal of gendered language in awards where it does not matter;
 - Create a new voting process that has some ranking components;
 - At the Awards ceremony: as the award winner is walking up and getting pictures taken, emcee should read a profile of the individual or a summary of the nomination;
 - Put a bigger push on promoting the awards pan-provincially;
 - Give Reuben a gift card for DJing;
 - Ensure the Lifetime Achievement Award is given to someone who has been an impactful volunteer for 10+ years.
- Game Facilitator funding: a number of people have completed the training so far. It is run by Ultimate Canada and costs \$20.
- Kurtis is asking for \$200 to be able to reimburse those that have completed the course. After discussion, it was decided that individuals will be refunded once they actually facilitate some actual games.
- Volunteer Week Reception at Government House: April 24, 3pm. Idea to ask award winners if they'd be interested in attending on behalf of Ultimate NL.

Storm Update:

- 83 athletes are signed up for tryouts (44 for women's, 39 for open)
- Storm women's team will take a pool of 32 and cut to 28 on May 1; open will take 24
- Brainstorming is ongoing for what will happen with remaining players that get cut
- Development camp is complete and was successful (cost \$3,000 to run, had enough athletes registered to make \$4,000 - \$1,000 extra)
 - Unfortunately, two sessions were canceled due to poor weather/ Snowmageddon (we were not required to pay the Techniplex)
 - Summer field bookings will be Bowring and Ayres
- Storm athletes will be able to take advantage of 8 weeks of conditioning at Atlantic Pro Sports
- Player cost will be \$1,600 (includes flights, hotel and conditioning)

- Update on coach's contract: coaches will be paid on certain dates (once will be after CUCs and expenses must be submitted)

Ultimate Canada Competition Committee Update:

- Luke attended meetings Feb. 7-9 in Toronto and completed 16 hours of meetings
- There will be a new mandate released in relation to CU tournaments
- Atlantic bid can be given to anyone who wants to go to CUUC and seems likely there will be an alumni tournament added
- C4UC: new ruleset voted on today (all teams will need matching shirts with numbers and maybe shorts as well). Currently each province gets two bids.
 - Seems likely Junior C4UC will be happening soon so we will need to have tryouts/ establish coaches by November/ December

Schools Update:

- St. John's Regional was last weekend (St. Bon's won)
- Hilary is going to ask Michael Walsh and Laurel Penney for Tournament Director feedback
- Lots of parent volunteers from Waterford Valley High; level of ultimate was competitive
- Hosts confirmed for 3 additional regionals: Avalon, Central East, Northern Peninsula)
 - 4 teams total but need a minimum of 5
- Trying to get other regions to sort out dates and commitment (e.g. Burin, Avalon West and Central)
- Discs for School program: 39 requests, 16 completed and delivered (Hilary doing deliveries, SSNL doing some for us as well)
 - Reminder from Susan that schools must send pics to us of the team with the discs (especially with the sponsor's logo featured)

Provincial Tournaments:

- Feedback recap: extra volunteers required/ we may want to consider charging admission
- Storm may wish to use these tournaments as fundraising opportunities
- Registration prices should go up this year. Prices haven't gone up in a number of years - currently sits at \$300.
- Discussion surrounding tiers to separate participants based on skill level. Hilary will reach out to coaches for input.
- Rosters will need min/ max numbers.
- The tournament ratio will be 3:3, 6v6
- All events are live on Ultimate Central right now

Sport Development Update:

- Coaching courses: all courses are on Ultimate Central right now (\$40 registration cost; courses taking place at CNA and Kenmount Terrace Community Centre)
- Discussion surrounding if we should make these courses mandatory for ultimate coaches and if the price should be reimbursed to participants. Nick asks Sully to do up a

budget for the courses to determine if we can afford to not reimburse individuals and still cover venue rental/ lunches.

- Susan will create Facebook events for the courses. Sport NL will likely give us a feature and Ultimate Canada should as well.
- Logy Bay Middle Cove Outer Cove is looking to include ultimate in community camps and the Killick Coast games.
- Nick provides an update on an opportunity for an elite coach to come to St. John's and provide a course: we will need space, field, back-up space and a date before we can confirm coach availability but it seems it could take place at the end of May/ June or last weekend in July.
- Women's Skills Series: Ultimate Central event created for April 15-May 27. Sully will let Susan know the registration cost for social media promotion.
 - Volunteers: looking to use the same volunteers for Women's Skills Series and Masters Skills Series for continuity. We are hoping to get some of our best leaders and skilled players to volunteer these sessions.
- Master's Skills Series: no space booked yet; aiming for after-summer.
- C4UC: 2 bids confirmed. Sully is receiving the rosters from both teams and each team needs to register itself with Ultimate Canada.
 - Overall, tryouts went well, evaluations had some feedback.
 - Feedback: should everyone have to attend tryouts? Should out of province players be considered? We should update our wording to give preference to local players.
 - The 2nd NL team ultimately became a BIY team and went outside of the tryout process in order to get enough players.
 - There are rumours there is a third team being created. Ultimate Canada said we could send the team if we wanted. Ultimate NL will not be sanctioning this team as it was formed outside the established tryout process that we agreed to adhere to.
 - Sully suggests C4UC be the responsibility of another board member next year.

Policies Update:

- Appeals & Dispute Resolution Policy: we are looking at adapt Ultimate Canada's policies
- Need to post new policies on Slack and have the board vote for approval
- Policy Subcommittee: Hilary, Luke, Nick, Susan, Melissa
 - Do we need outside representation? May need to spend some money on legal counsel.
 - May need to use some of our budgeted money in administration for this task (Sarah will review)

Sport NL Awards:

- Awards Gala is May 9
- We have nominated 3 individuals:
 - Volunteer of the Year - Aaron Power

- Executive of the Year - Nick House
- Female Athlete of the Year - Erin Daly

League Update:

Mile Zero Ultimate

- 3 leagues wrapped up last week: 4v4, 6v6, and Masters. All leagues received positive feedback.
- Upcoming league: BIY
- MZU will be having a board meeting in March
- By default, MZU has adapted new rules and will be posting rules update on its website
 - SWURL and MAUL planning to do the same

MAUL

- Spring League and GGM League registrations are open

SWURL

- Sprinter League registration is open
- 4-week Winter Clinic Series just wrapped up - great success! Focused on 4v4 strategies.