

March Monthly Meeting Minutes - March 25th, 2020

Google Hangouts

Members present: Nick, Kurtis, Brandon, Luke, Susan, Hilary, Tori, Sully, me, Sarah, Rachael

Schools Update

Schools are likely not opening for the rest of the year

Nick wants to re-book some time and because it's a youth competition it will be given priority

Seems unlikely that we will achieve varsity status in light of the current situation; we will revise goals to get varsity status for next school year

Sport Development Update

C4UC postponed to the fall (likely November)

Luke chimes in to say from a functional point of the view the tournament is ready to go as soon as another venue is confirmed

Michael Walsh (second team) is unimpressed with UC not refunding team fees until the tournament is rescheduled; Nick said his team fees have been refunded

Coaching courses have been cancelled (location is Kenmount Terrace Centre - city has closed all facilities) - community course cancelled for sure, competition course more than likely will also be cancelled

Susan is wondering if it's prudent to cancel them now ahead of time

Nick/ Sully will remove events from Ultimate Central

Women's Skills Series was set to start April 15 - likely won't be able to start by then, but hopefully will be able to get some sessions in May/ later

So far the series hasn't even been promoted yet; no registrants

Nick hoping to push this to May/ early June

Nick is working on securing a coaching opportunity with Alison Fischer for June 6-7 but it is contingent on field space/ room booking from City of St. John's

Policy Update

Appeals Policy/ Dispute Resolution Policy have been voted on in Slack (passed unanimously)

Nick updated Appeals Policy to reflect language and letterhead relevant to Ultimate Newfoundland and Labrador

Nick made a tab in Trello and has tasked Susan with updating the website (replacing discipline and complaints policy with dispute resolution policy); Nick to add Susan to Trello card

Kurtis will add volunteer screening policy to Slack to be voted on in the motions channel

Policy committee: Nick, Luke, Hilary, Susan, me?

Field Update

Let Nick know if you want any field space (Storm field time is in there, Elimin8s, possible high performance coaching opportunity)

Gale 4s is in limbo (likely cancelled)

Nick spoke to Jim (Techniplex) and said we won't be banking time

Nick will handle postponing field space and time with Techniplex for Women's Skills Series

COVID-19 Impact Assessment

Sheet for reference:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ue2Bat9j3KpLEcl18i1Lkjb7yZaR1TPsBDqw-QHagnw/edit>

Ultimate NL General

- Membership purchases may be delayed for 2020-2021
- Delinquent members from MZU may not purchase memberships
- Grant application with CCSD may be reconsidered. Programs impacted.
- Any impact to VSC sponsorship if Storm/provincial tournaments cancelled?

School Ultimate - SSNL and UNL Provincials

- Schools not practicing ultimate
- Teams not able to form if not already existing
- UNL Provincials may not meet minimum team requirements
- All school tournaments could be suspended for the rest of the year

Clinics, Coaching, and Skill Series (Sport Development)

- Coaching courses do not go ahead (Community Initiation Course has been cancelled)
- Skill series does not happen or faces registration issues
- Sportfest may not go ahead
- Elite Coaching session may not go ahead depending on travel advisories

Adult Tournaments

- Gale 4s can't go ahead
- Potentially reschedule tournaments if the situation ends sooner than predictions
- C4UCs rescheduled - potential to not be able to send two teams
- Member leagues (MAUL, SWURL, MZU) may not go ahead for spring, will UNL membership fees need to be refunded for any new members that signed up?
 - Only for leagues or event that did not begin (GGM would be the only one)

STORM Provincial Teams

- Deferred expenses

- CUC could be cancelled. Alternate tournament?

Communications/Social Media

- Channels are slower because little to no news to put out. Risk of losing engaged audiences.

Storm is currently running off sponsorship money that has been deposited

Currently Storm is missing out on weekly two-hour practices at the Techniplex and two one-hour conditioning sessions at Atlantic Pro Sport

Everything that is not going ahead is not incurring any expenses

Next deposit relevant to flights will be due June 1st (currently one deposit has already been put down)

VSC said that whatever we don't this year they will just roll over into next year

Ultimate Canada Competition Committee is meeting in two weeks (April 6-9) and discussions re: CUCs will be a main topic (should know in advance of June 1st deadline)

Hilary asks how late we are willing to wait until we provide a concrete answer on whether or not there will be a Storm season. Luke thinks mid-June (we have to commit to full costs for flights by June 26th) is the latest we could go.

Hilary and Stoyles have been sending players things to keep them thinking of training: the new rules, at home workouts, and videos to work on disc skills.

Sarah says we are sitting on \$16,000 in the bank which would be what we can use to float through events.

Cancelling the youth tournaments leaves us without the opportunity to sell merchandise.

Maybe we could look at running outdoor 7v7 games for schools (an opportunity?)

Social media channels are slow right now for content

Susan toying with the idea of doing a virtual disc toss during isolation times

League Updates

MZU holding a meeting tomorrow night

The Board will be looking to make a decision re: Jim's email (i.e. banking time) tomorrow night.

The Techniplex is in a cash flow bind so asking regular clients to pay for time and then will be credited in the future.

The Board will be looking to reimburse players if/ when possible

Everything is uncertain so no plans for summer at this time

MZU would lose \$18,000 if the season was cancelled right now

SWURL has used one week of a six-week league (Sprinter League) and has postponed the AGM.

SWURL hasn't decided what to do with Jim/ the Techniplex yet because we aren't sure what the credit system would look like.