

Ultimate NL Board Meeting

August 9, 2021

Members present:

Nick House

Lana Roestenberg

Melissa Wheeler

Brandon Kilfoy

Hilary Walsh

Sully Sullivan

Sarah Hoddinott

Jason Murphy (MZU rep in place of Colin Martin)

Kelly Knight

David Whitney-Brown (temporarily)

Organizational Updates:

Summer Student Update:

- Jayden and Will Kerr
- Some groups/ camps have not been allowing outside parties to run clinics, however, the students have been travelling around the province to various locations to run clinics instead.
- It is estimated that 500 youth have attended a clinic run by the students.

Jump Start Grant:

- After some emailing re eligibility, it was determined that we meet the criteria for the grants considering we are a not-for-profit organisation.
- The goal of the grant is long term results with significant community impact.
- The grant is funded by Canadian Tire.

Community Events:

- We have a table approved at the St. John's Farmer's Market (August 29) to showcase the sport of ultimate.
 - Mile Zero Ultimate also applied for a table so it would be ideal to be close together.
- We will set up a TV with ultimate highlights and promote our upcoming fall youth leagues and masters skills series.
- \$300 budget for promotional materials and a tablecloth
- Lana will be there, Kelly can volunteer as well, looking for others to do some shifts as well.
- Sully will work with Lana to create a promotional strategy.

Health and Safety Protocols/ Air Quality:

- Ultimate Canada recently adopted a policy like this (broad policy, covers things like lightning/ air quality).
- The Policy Committee (me, Nick, Hilary) will review this policy and we also need a few more people to join the committee.
- Nick is wondering if this is something that the leagues (MZU MAUL SWURL SOUL) may wish to adopt as a league policy.

COVID Protocols:

- We remain in Alert Level 2 but gathering sizes and other COVID protocols continue to be relaxed as vaccination rates improve. Not a huge impact on our playing guidelines although the 30 minute buffer between activities can be removed.

Storm Updates:

- Both teams are running two practices a week and a mixed Storm league on Tuesdays (well attended, stats being attended).
- Apparel order has just arrived (single largest order in BE Ultimate's history).

Events Update:

- Elimin8s registration is now open. No registrants yet.
- The tournament will be Saturday, September 11th, 10am-5pm at Bowring Park.

Late Summer Camp and Youth Programs:

- Camps and leagues have been well attended this summer so we are looking to run some additional clinics/ camps at the end of summer.

Sport Development Updates:

- Masters Skills Series is planned to take place indoors in September and October. The time has not yet been booked at the Techniplex but Nick will confirm with Jim.
- Sully asks Kelly for her opinion on if another clinic series should be run and Kelly agrees this would be the best route and there will likely be lots of interest from SOUL members.
- Women's Skills Series recap: hosting indoors in May/ June did not lead to great attendance and the planning was rushed due to our Return to Sport Plan being approved last minute. These were unforeseen challenges so hopefully will not be issues in the future.
- Nick is working on a proposal for the Techniplex that would include a time slot for ultimate activities from September 1 to June 1 for various activities and leagues. Jim is going to see if other groups can match this, otherwise, this could be a slot we hold long term.
- Salmon Cove Ultimate tournament recap: single largest tournament ever held in NL. 16 teams and over 200 people attended.
- Corner Brook Ultimate: a group in Corner Brook is interested in running a league but is apprehensive and running it as a group so Nick has reached out to the City of Corner Brook to establish a partnership. The City is willing to donate some time if we can donate

equipment and provide expertise. Nick is searching for someone on the ground in Corner Brook to help organize this league but no volunteers so far.

- We may need to spend some money on cones, discs, etc. but this initiative aligns with our plans to extend our reach pan-provincially.

AGM:

- Typically we host the AGM the first Tuesday of October. This would be October 5th, 2021 this year.
- We will need a venue (likely the Elk's Club). Nick will reach out to book the space.
- Nick will send out a new slide deck and last year's slide deck so that we can get to work on our slides right away.
- Nick asks if Board members aren't returning to send an email to the executive. Additionally, promote the Board to members of the community.

Other Business:

- Ultimate Canada Invitational - Oct. 2-3, 2021 in Ottawa
 - Regiment Ultimate has been endorsed as the Open Team from NL.
 - Regiment has put forward a funding request for \$600.
 - Melissa puts forward the motion, Hilary seconds the motion.
 - Sarah mentions that the team must be majority Ultimate NL members in order to qualify. Nick states the roster is 20 Ultimate NL members with the option of picking up 1 out of province player (Keith Krieger, former Ultimate NL member).
 - After voting, all eligible Board members have voted yes (Nick and Brandon abstain due to conflict of interest).
- League Updates:
 - MZU
 - Summer League playoffs start in two weeks with playoff day on Saturday, August 28, 2021.
 - There will be no playoff party this year.
 - Fall Hat League registration will open in the next few days.
 - Fall BIY will be upcoming but no plans are announced yet.
 - Quidi Vidi Reversibles are now on sale for \$26.
 - SWURL
 - Next week is the last week for Summer League.
 - Lots of new players and excellent attendance.
 - No plans for Fall League but the Board will have a meeting soon to discuss.
 - MAUL
 - Next week is the last week for Summer League.
 - MAUL will run its Parity League in the Fall.
 - SOUL
 - Playoffs start next week (two weeks of playoffs).
 - Board meeting upcoming for Fall League planning.

- Last year there were many injuries so SOUL started having a yoga night and established clinics with various specialists (physiotherapist, foot specialist, etc).