

Ultimate NL Board Meeting.- Jan. 19, 2021

Members present: Nick, David, Sarah, Sully, Melissa, Lana, Brandon, Colin, Kurtis, Hilary

Organizational update:

- COVID update: no real updates to the guidelines but the Task Force provided leagues some guidance in terms of recording self-assessments prior to games/ sanctioned activities. It is not mandatory for leagues to use this method, just simply a suggestion for keeping track of information and doing due diligence to ensure sick players aren't showing up.
- Subcommittee update:
 - Storm Committee: Almost full, just missing an athlete from the open team. Documents were circulated to the group for review.
 - D&I: Ran initial EOI period in December but ran it again for a second week in January to solicit extra interest.
- 2021 Programming
 - We have extra field space at the Techniplex that we will not end up using (typically used for Metro League) - may be used for Storm (full field); 4:30-5:30pm
 - 12-2pm at the PowerPlex starting March 14th for youth league
 - Storm will be using time at the PowerPlex 9am-12pm (March to May, half of the facility; May onwards, full facility) —> could potentially be used by Sully for adult clinics
 - Brandon will be league convenor of upcoming youth league
 - Brandon will make Trello card for late winter/ early spring youth league

Youth/ Storm update:

- Tryouts coming up in a month; need to get coaches hired ASAP (David has been putting that information together and will have ready for Lana to post in the next few days)
- High performance camps have started (lower registration than usual - 15 open, 18 women) —> good feedback so far

Upcoming events update:

- HuckFest filled up this year pretty quickly
- COVID rules were adhered to very well
- Gale 4s event being set up in Ultimate Central - April 3, 2021

Sport Development update:

- Dave will be doing online pilot courses and will be provided feedback to Sully to see if this is an option worth pursuing to deliver coaching courses during the pandemic and to account for the geography of NL (easier to reach rural coaches)
- We aren't sure about the uptake for in-person coaching courses this year
- Women's Skills Series coming up in April. Sully is working on revamping the intermediate programming based on feedback from last time (more game-like scenarios).
 - Only one-hour time slots so this will provide some challenges.
 - Looking to provide rules education in another way since we have limited time on the field.
- Free throwing clinic in December had over 50 registrants
- Ran two separate clinics with SOUL in early January

Volunteer update:

- New applications created for the awards (individual form for each award). Questions on the applications are based on criteria for each award.
 - Ideally out by Monday and then two weeks to solicit nominations. One week for committee to review applications (committee: School rep, SWURL MAUL MZU and SOUL rep).
- Considering renting out Elk's Club (end of February or early March, Saturday night), invitations for award winners and +1s.
- Suggestion to live-stream the event. Nick would like to stream it in a better way than Facebook Live.
- Nick explaining Comms role to Lana: will need to send media releases to local news stations.
- In lieu of alcohol tickets for award winners, Kurtis would like to provide rewards to volunteers in some other ways. Perhaps merch? Discounts?
 - Sarah suggests maybe we can reward volunteers with merch after they volunteer for x number of hours.
 - Might be tricky to keep track of hours but also we need to keep in mind that the volunteers we recognize don't volunteer strictly with UNL-related events (e.g. Board members of sanctioned leagues are recognized even if they aren't volunteering at PSO events).
 - Lana suggests getting a volunteer-specific merch item.

Schools update:

- SSNL has picked the dates for the regionals this year in order to accommodate all sports and deal with COVID protocols.
- Ultimate date: March 26-27
- Regions could play on a different date but they'd have to contact Sean @ SSNL directly.

- Hilary will be contacting schools with this updated information (also Storm info).
- Dave could help run a tournament in Central since he will be out that way in a few weeks.
- With regards to UNL provincials, we may not be able to call it 'provincials' because of the inability to host teams from the entire province.
- Do we have SSNL specific guidelines to follow for the tournament? Nick states we have given them our guidelines and asked for them to follow those/ adhere to (Nick has had conversations with SSNL for ultimate-specific rules).
- We have sponsorship money that we didn't lose last year that we can contribute to this years' tournaments.
 - Nick reminds Lana to include VSC in posts about the tournament.

Communications update:

- Lana is considering more consistency with social posts.
- Lana will be reverting logos back to typical-UNL logo and update cover photo.
- Lana would love to put together a video to use to promote ultimate (perhaps as a cover photo on Facebook).
- Lana is looking to put together branding and identity guidelines. Looking for volunteers to assist with that task.
- Discussion surrounding UNL newsletters and when we should send them out. We don't always have enough content for every month but certainly we look to send newsletters out when we have a lot coming up.
 - Current deadline will be Jan. 24
- Melissa will post most recent minutes in an offline-vote in Slack motions tab.

Other business:

League updates:

SWURL

- Parity league starts tonight (47 registrants)
- Recently held AGM in December; new Board elected

SOUL:

- Subleasing time from UNL to run leagues at the PowerPlex (Sunday mornings)
- Planning to go to great grand-masters tournament at some point

MZU:

- Toque league running right now (equal numbers for male matching and female matching players); 6v6 3:3 (75 minute games)
- MZU annual meeting coming up in two nights

- BIY Spring League starts right after toque league ends (registration date TBD)

MAUL:

- Currently running 4v4 winter league
- Spring league begins in March (5v5, 6 teams)