

Ultimate NL June Meeting

June 7, 2021

Members Present:

Nick House
Melissa Wheeler
Kathleen Sullivan
Lana Roestenberg
Hilary Walsh
David Whitney-Brown
Brandon Kilfoy
Sarah Hoddinott
Colin Martin

Sport Development Update:

- Last session is this upcoming Wednesday, June 9 at the Techniplex
- 25 total registrants (half as many as the last iteration); attendance has been dwindling as weather gets nicer
- First 4 sessions were 1-hour (now 50 minutes with Techniplex COVID-19) and that was a bit of a challenge in terms of getting as much relayed to the participants as possible
- At the MZU Captain's Meeting we advertised that we are able to do clinics for teams that are interested
 - We haven't had any interest yet, but Colin said that Dana (MZU Comms) is willing to do a promotional post
 - We have field space booked for this weekend for these clinics (June 12 and 26 12-4pm at Bowring Park)
 - Nick reminds everyone to encourage teams and remind leagues not to use City of St. John's fields when running impromptu/ unsanctioned practices (that haven't been booked)

Organizational Updates:

- Return to Play Plan update:
 - The Province announced reopening plans last week and part of that included updates on tournaments.
 - We submitted a new section for our Return to Play Plan accounting for 3 tournaments: Salmon Cove Sands (July 10), Elimin8s (
- Summer Student update:
 - We have received government funding for 2 summer students; 30 hours a week for 9 weeks, \$12.50/ hr. Students must be current post-secondary students going back to a post-secondary institution in the fall.
 - Ultimate experience is an asset but not required.
 - Sarah has also applied for funding for a high school student but we haven't received approval yet.

- No applications yet; current applications going to Sarah but Kurtis doesn't mind taking over.
- Nick requested that Lana send out a new newsletter to the full membership to advertise these positions.
 - Kurtis requests sending positions out to coaches/ schools and Nick is interested in pursuing every avenue of advertisement as possible. Lana will post the positions in a few job groups she is in on Facebook.
- Community Events update:
 - St. John's Farmer Market now has a community table for not-for-profit organizations to avail of at weekend markets.
 - Timeline seems tight for us to use this properly before our summer leagues begin.
 - The City of St. John's is offering rentable spaces in its upcoming Downtown Pedestrian Mall for groups to avail of. Groups must perform or run a demonstration for at least two hours.
 - Doesn't seem like a good use of our time to book this space.
- Grants update:
 - Working on an operating grant application for TCAR.
 - Working on a grant for employment assistance from TCAR.
 - We would contribute 50% of the salary and TCAR could contribute the other half.
 - We will be submitting an ad-hoc application to TCAR for funding for the Women's and Masters Skills Series and Discs For Schools program.

Storm Update:

- Storm is underway for the summer starting this week. 2 times a week outdoors and as of June 29th, there will be a third session at the Techniplex for an hour for a Storm-specific league.
 - 49 participants total; 28 women's and 21 open
- Dave is keeping track and payments and only needs to collect 3 more.

Upcoming Events Update:

- In the revised Return to Play Plan, we have allotted time for an Elimin8s tournament in September instead of another iteration of Toilet Bowl.
 - We are considering the second weekend in September (September 11) at Bowring Park.
- Youth Leagues are set to start in about two weeks.
 - We are running: 8-11 League, 12-15 League and Learn to Play Camp (half-day) coming up.
 - Registration numbers for leagues could stand to be increased. Nick has joined some community groups to post/ advertise about these leagues. Nick is looking for any feedback/ ideas for promotion.

- We will need 2-3 coaches to run the Learn to Play half-day camp (June 19, 12-4pm). Kurtis will reach out to some people to see if they are available to run the clinics. We are expecting about 20 participants.

Finance Update:

- 2021-22 budget presented by Sarah.
- Sarah, Nick and Melissa met a few weeks ago to review actual costs from the previous fiscal year (2020-21) to determine what we'd like to budget for the 2021-22 budget.
- Sarah takes us through each line item (available on Trello) accounting for each decision.
- Nick puts forward motion to approve the 2021-22 Ultimate NL budget that is put forward by the Executive of Ultimate NL. Brandon seconds. The vote is passed unanimously.

Communications Update:

- Lana has been focusing on Youth League promotion and honouring sponsorship partnership with VSC.
 - Lana recently compiled a sponsorship report and we passed it along to VSC.
- Lana is planning to attend some of the Storm league games to get some social content and recommends letting her know if we'd like her to come to any other events.
 - Nick reminds Lana we normally do headshots for Storm players but maybe this year 45 minutes of action shots at a Storm game might be more useful. Trevor Wragg is our photographer of choice for these sessions.
- Pride Week is mid-July and Lana will be putting together a post based on whatever virtual events we might be able to take part in.
- Website ideas have been added to the Trello card and Lana will check in with each of us to reconcile the items.

League Updates:

- MAUL update: Summer League starts Monday at Bowring Park; a bit short with registration numbers but looking to run a usual 4-team league run on Monday nights.
- SWURL update: Summer League starting June 28 until August 16 on Monday nights at Kitty Gaul. 5:30-6:45pm and 7:15-8:30pm for game times. Teams and composition will depend on how many sign up.
- SOUL update: no representative at the meeting however playing Monday nights after MAUL at Bowring Park.
- MZU update: Summer League starts tomorrow, Tuesday and Thursday nights. 25 total teams with 382 players (91% paid with Ultimate NL fees). To account for the extra games, teams will have a chance to have two games in one week (usually one game a week). MZU is also trying to run a Masters League on Wednesday nights but it is conditional on registration numbers (not there yet). MZU will send out weekly COVID-19 emails with reminders for self-assessments.

Other Business:

- Summer League registrations coincide with the Ultimate NL membership renewals. We currently have 457 members so far this year (highest ever).

- Sometime towards the end of June we will learn from Ultimate Canada about the status for CUCs. There is more optimism surrounding the event (UC hiring a Tournament Coordinator) so this could potentially happen.
- Salmon Cove Sands is set to take place Saturday, July 10th (with Return to Play plan approval). Back-up date would be early to mid August.
- Nick puts forward motion to approve April 2021 meeting minutes, Brandon seconded. The motion is passed unanimously.
- Nick reminds us that we have an Ultimate NL Zoom account that we can use for official meetings.