

Ultimate NL Board Meeting - March 18th, 2021
Zoom

Members present:

Nick House
Brandon Kilfoy
Kurtis Thornhil
David Whitney-Brown
Sarah Hoddinott
Kathleen Sullivan
Hilary Walsh
Melissa Wheeler

- All agenda topics will be surrounding the lens of COVID-19 and the impact that the new alert levels have on our scheduled programs/ events
- We have a number of time slots at the PowerPlex and Techniplex and depending on how things go, we may be able to offer one-off clinics instead of our scheduled programming

Events:

- Gale 4s:
 - Looking to cancel this meeting due to the fact that we are unable to host tournaments (and unsure when we would be able to gather in larger groups again)
- Women's Skills Series:
 - Instead of canceling this event, it seems more likely we will look to modify this event (although we aren't yet sure how we can modify - waiting to hear more about the incoming alert levels)
 - If we are able to get back to skills & drills by April 10 (the absolute earliest we could possibly be in alert level two), we may look to re-arrange the dates of the series (there are some other bookings at the Techniplex on Wednesdays we would have to work around) or we may just remove a week
- Storm:
 - Coaches are not fussy on hosting tryouts anytime soon due to the uncertainty surrounding indoor sport activities and large gatherings
- Youth Leagues:
 - Depending on guidelines, we may look to run something in the timeslots we have at the PowerPlex until the end of May (possibly skills & drills)

Schools:

- Nick spoke to Sean Connelly at SSNL this week and Sean feels that it is highly unlikely that there will be any school sports for the remainder of the year

- Our provincials will be greatly impacted by schools' inability to field sports, not to mention we may not even be able to host tournaments by the proposed dates (May/ June)
 - Seems mostly likely that we will end up cancelling these events unless we can find another alternative within the guidelines
 - Kurtis wonders if we might be able to ask the teams that played in the outdoor tournament (from the fall) if they might reconvene to play in this tournament in a more recreational style (again this is dependent on if we can get together in larger groups/ can play competitions)
 - Hilary mentions it will likely be difficult for teachers to get teams together/ organize teams logistically (especially high school students that are still doing online learning)
 - Another suggestion would be to use it for another purpose/ many other purposes
 - Nick says we would have to do many different things as opposed to giving all the bookings to Storm (a lot of costs for Storm to absorb)
 - Nick asks Hilary if it's worth it to poll the coaches to judge how they're feeling. Hilary agrees to do it with a short-turnaround (ideally have it out tomorrow).

Upcoming Events:

- Nick is meeting with the City of St. John's next week to discuss field bookings so asks everyone to consider what time slots they may need and to let Nick know
- The UNL COVID-19 Task Force will likely meet again next week as we have to update our return to play guidelines for Sport NL
- Kurtis and Lana worked with the Award winners to get pictures (at Quidi Vidi); Lana has a press release ready to go for media

SWURL Update:

- Looking to do refunds for the Parity League
- Originally had time booked for a Spring League but seems unlikely to take place

MAUL Update:

- Currently issuing refunds for the Spring League
- Hoping to be able to run its next indoor league starting April 15

MZU Update:

- Colin is not on the call but the last correspondence we received indicated they would be giving refunds to Toque League players

Finance Update:

- Sarah reminds Board members that she needs to be made aware of things we have agreed to pay for ahead of time

- She reminds us that in the by-laws it states that expenses need to be voted on before advertised/ promoted
 - Sarah recommends that every event/ program should have a budget prepared and run by her
 - Nick asks Sarah what the best method for sharing the budgets would be (e.g. Excel sheets) but Sarah says she'd like some time to think about and will provide alternatives at the next meeting
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- Before the meeting concludes, Nick asks us to consider what we could be doing with our down-time as we wait for more information from public health
 - Kurtis mentions it would be nice to have parts of the website updated