

Ultimate NL Meeting – August 15, 2022

Members present:

Nick House

Hilary Walsh

Brandon Kilfoy

Eric Ouelette

Rebecca Mesburis

Kelly Knight

Melissa Wheeler

David Whitney-Brown

Organizational Update:

- A lot of good work has been done this summer; Rebecca has been helping with the youth league/ clinics; Storm teams are travelling for the first time in 3 years! (Lots of work by Nick, Eric, Dave); summer students have been busy working clinics.
- June meeting minutes: motion to approve by Nick, seconded by Hilary. Unanimously approved by UNL Board members in attendance.
- We have had two summer students working with us this summer: Ava Whitten and Ryan Pickard. 29 clinics have been completed (4-5 a week) and they have reached 873 participants (most of the clinics have taken place in July/ August). We were a bit late with getting the students hired so maybe next year we can look to hire a university student to do some admin work for us in May before getting to the instructional period in the summer.
 - o We may be a little short on hours for the students so Nick and Eric will brainstorm some extra work to make up the hours. Kelly suggests they run a clinic for SOUL players (beginners).
- St. John's Pride Parade: was set for July 29 but cancelled due to extreme heat. There has been no rescheduled date shared by the organizers but we are on standby.
 - o Adriana from VC provided us with an 'everyone is welcome here' banner to use in the Parade.

- AGM 2022: Typically held on the first or second week in October at the Elks Club. We will try to book Wednesday, October 26.

- o With the upcoming AGM, we could look to add some amendments to our by-laws. Melissa would like to remove League reps from the Board and instead have a league subcommittee that meets regularly to discuss league-related issues. Instead of League reps, the long-term goal would be to have regional reps on the board instead (to further the goal of becoming a true pan-provincial organization).
- o We would also look to add a Youth Program Director (vs. a Member at Large). After a lot of discussion regarding pros and cons, ultimately, we have decided that it would be useful for organizational growth to have a Board member dedicated exclusively to youth programming (specifically leagues) across the province. Nick put forward a motion to revamp the Board, Brandon seconded. The motion is passed unanimously.

§ Melissa will put forward new wording for the by-laws to review and approve. We need to give 2 weeks' notice prior to the AGM.

- o From the Board restructuring conversation we had a discussion regarding changing the Youth Competitions Director role and possibly finding a student or a part-time employee to take the Storm portion of the role since it takes up a ton of time.

- AOG (Annual Operating Grant): currently being reviewed by TCAR.

2022-23 Programming:

- 8:30-9:30pm on Tuesdays at the Techniplex booked again this year starting September 14, 2022

- Oct. 11 – Oct. Dec. 8: Youth Program

- o Attendance was low for this program last year so we will need to have strategies in place for this year to make it a success. Last year the Storm program went longer than usual and the registration price was higher than previous leagues (possible deterrents).
- o Dave doesn't know if a high school league would be successful and instead recommends focusing on junior high aged participants. Nick thinks we could focus on a junior high league and look for a 40 person minimum. Age 12-15.
- o After a discussion regarding the timeslot (maybe being too late for junior high), maybe we can look to switch the Masters Skills Series timeslots (Wednesday 7-8:30pm? We have decided to stick with Tuesdays 8:30-9:30pm).

- Dec. 13: Free Clinic (TBD – Sport Dev Coordinator will decide)
- Dec. 20: Storm Alumni Game
- Jan. 3 – Mar. 7: Youth Program
- Mar. 14 – May 2: Women's Skills Series
- May 9 & 16: Free Clinics (TBD – Sport Dev Coordinator will decide)
- May 23 – July 25: Storm (practice or league)
- PowerPlex dates (Sundays 10am-12pm):
 - o March 20 & 27 (Storm tryouts), (not April 3), April 10-24, (not May 1), May 8-29
 - o Hilary notes the High School tournament will probably be May 6-7, 2023 (we could cancel that PowerPlex slot).
- There is a new indoor facility in Mount Pearl (sort of like a skinny 4v4 field next to another skinny 4v4 field). Nick visited the facility to consider a space for a youth league and possible practice space for C4UC/ Jr. C4UC teams. Possible timeframe of December to April.
 - o C4UC and Jr. C4UC tournaments happening at the same time in Montreal.
- Discussion re Masters Skills Series:
 - o Sept. 14 – Oct. 19: Masters Skills Series (Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm)
 - o From Kelly: always good to focus on throwing and in-game strategy
 - o Masters Skills Series will take place on Wednesday
- Short-term actions: Nick will make the Ultimate Central event for the junior high league to go to Comms for promo.
- Community Healthy Living Fund: there is a potential to get \$5,000 in funding for various programs we are running. Skills Series usually work here.
 - o Melissa will look into the CHLF grant to see about doing some training, looking into equipment, and youth programming.

Youth/ Schools Update:

- Hilary has been looking into booking time at KGV to get a head-start on outdoor regionals so that teachers/ schools know what is happening as far in advance as possible.

- Nick spoke to Karen Richard, SSNL Executive Director, and she said she would be happy to meet with us prior to the school year. Hilary will reach out to her to have a meeting to discuss the sport calendar.

Storm Update:

- After a summer full of practicing twice a week, CUCs are taking place next week in Brampton, Ontario (Sunday to Wednesday). We are sending two teams: open and women's.
- The shuttles will deliver the athletes to the stadium and they will be transported to the field from there.
- The Storm athletes will arrive Sunday morning in Toronto at 7am.

Sport Development Update:

- Rebecca has been trying to organize some coaching clinics for the fall, however, there are scheduling challenges with our LFs. This may be something the next Sport Development Coordinator picks up after the AGM.

Tournaments Update:

- Brandon will add tournaments to the indoor booking sheet (currently not there) including the school tournaments. Looking to offer the tournaments in similar slots to what we've done in the past.

Other Business:

- Individual funding application: Erin Daly
 - o Erin has submitted a funding request for travel assistance following her participation at Word Ultimate Club Championships in Cincinnati, Ohio. Erin is eligible for \$200 in funding as per our Funding for Individuals Policy.
 - o Melissa puts in motion to approve, Eric seconded. Nick abstains. Passed unanimously.
- MUN women's team application
 - o There hasn't been a MUN women's team in the past. They are asking us to book and pay for field space for practices.
 - o Nick inquired with the City and the field space would be free.
 - o Nick put forward a motion to approve, Rebecca seconded. (Hilary and Melissa are abstaining from the vote due to involvement with the team.) Passed unanimously.

- League Updates:
- MAUL – Cam is now the League Rep for MAUL going forward. MAUL is working on a joint space application with SWURL for the Techniplex. Summer league ended today for MAUL so fall planning is underway. Potential to have a AGM in the early fall.
- SWURL
- MZU – end of summer party planned for Aug. 28.
- SOUL – Nothing is confirmed for SOUL yet for the fall. Nick may get an update from Jim by tomorrow. Nick suggests Kelly reach out to Andrew at the new Mount Pearl location. Kelly said she may also look to play hot box at Benvon's Room. Kelly is also considering adding a grandmasters league under the scope of SOUL (great grandmasters league members look for more of a recreational opportunity).