

June Meeting Minutes - Ultimate NL Board Meeting
June 12, 2022
Zoom

Members present:

Nick House
Brandon Kilfoy
Cam Penney
Eric Ouellette
Melissa Wheeler
Hilary Walsh
Lana Roestenberg
Rebecca Mesburis
Sarah Hoddinott
David Whitney-Brown

Organizational Updates:

- Budget:
 - June 1, 2022 is the start of a new fiscal year for UNL.
 - Eric presents the operating budget for 2022-23 to the Board of Directors to vote on for approval.
 - Since we didn't have dedicated expenses for the Small Business Assistance Program (COVID-19) grant we received, we are looking to use this (which contributed to a surplus last year) to pay for 1 summer student (we received funding for 1 but have hired 2 students).
 - Nick puts forward a motion to pass the budget for Ultimate NL's 2022-23 fiscal year. Eric seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
- Summer Students:
 - We had 12 applicants and have hired 2 students: Jeremy Pike and Ava Whitten.
 - Nick asks Lana to put out a social post to promote the students for this summer and the outreach opportunities.
 - If anyone needs help with anything in the summer, we could potentially look to use the students for some tasks/ duties.
- SportFest (June 18, 2022)
 - Volunteers are required so we can operate our booth from 10am-5pm at the Jack Byrne Arena.
 - Nick will look for our disc/ demo equipment that we typically use at this event.
 - Lana has a lot of the logistics set up from the Farmer's Market book we had last August. She suggests we do a disc draw like we did at that event.
 - We will see about getting our summer students to occupy the booth for that day. Hilary and Lana will assist.
 - Lana will put together a presentation to have playing at the booth.

2022-23 Programming:

- Summer programming will solely be the youth programming we have at Kitty Gaul field.
- Nick encourages everyone to consider what we should do about programming once we get back indoors.
- Rebecca would like to run an indoor youth league coming off the momentum of the summer season. Dave speaks up to remind us that the youth fall league was poorly attended last year and is worried kids may wish to take a break after the Storm season. Hilary also is wondering if the cost to that league was a barrier to participation.
- There's a potential to host a (mixed) prospect camp for U24 in the early fall slots. Nick would like to have at least 40 participants.
- We also typically host skills series in the fall indoor season.
- Nick would like us to consider a Youth Programming Coordinator/ look to work with the Board to have better focus on our youth programming as it sometimes gets lost in the other roles. Maybe we could look to get funding for co-op students.
- The next tournament will take place in September (either Toilet Bowl or Elimin8s). Brandon will have this determined by our next meeting.

Youth/ Schools Update:

- We are coming off the successful completion of our first school tournaments since 2019. Big congrats to Hilary for overseeing these tournaments!
- Kathleen Sullivan was the TD for the Senior High tournament, Rachael Fitkowski was the TD for the Junior High Tournament.
- Lessons learned:
 - There were some forfeits in the Senior High Tournament (due to low roster numbers/ COVID) and there wasn't a rule outlined for how that impacts spirit scores. Something to add to the rules for next year.
 - Some of the Junior High games got a little testy due to a lack of rules knowledge so maybe we could consider adding more interventions for game facilitators in these games.
- There were 10 teams in the Senior High tournament and 9 teams in the Junior High tournament. We were unable to run the Elementary tournament due to a lack of registered teams.
- After the tournaments, some schools reached out and asked if they would be able to volunteer on a 'schools committee.' Hilary may look to establish this although she wants to ensure we are not creating a scenario where schools continue to rely on Ultimate NL any time they want to run a tournament.
- Mentorship Program idea:
 - After brainstorming with Michael Walsh, Hilary has come up with an idea to partner Storm players/ students with coaching opportunities.
 - Nick would like Hilary to work up this idea for this next meeting and thinks there is an opportunity to promote this in conjunction with our fall offerings of the coaching courses.

Sport Development Update:

- Busy last few weeks: finishing up the Women's Skills Series, offered the leadership clinic (May 26) and free advanced throwing clinic (May 31), and the Art Hawkins game (June 11).
- We had 111 unique participants sign up in our skills series in this previous fiscal year.
- Rebecca is working on coaching courses for the fall; checking times with Erin and Paolo and maybe has a venue booked as well.

Storm Update:

- Storm players are finishing up their last week of strength and conditioning.
- Logistically, everything is going to plan in terms of having things arranged for travel to Brampton in August.
- Jerseys are on the way and will arrive in a few weeks. Nick would like to arrange for Storm headshots once the jerseys arrive.

Volunteer Update:

- Cam had a busy few weeks finding volunteers for the school tournaments.
- Cam is now working with Storm coaches and summer students to get their vulnerable checks completed.

Communications Update:

- Lana is still being kept busy posting provincial tournament content. Lana continues to receive photos from Trevor Wragg and has been posting them appropriately.
- Lana is putting up a post for healthy eating tomorrow to highlight the healthy eating grant we received Sport NL.
- Lana will be away August 5 to 21 to do comms for the Canada Games.

Other Business:

- SWURL update: Summer League starts on June 20, 5:30pm or 7:15pm games at Kitty Gaul. They are looking for at least 9 additional players to run the league as intended.
- MAUL update: Summer League starts on June 20 but numbers are low so the Board is getting together tomorrow night to brainstorm on registration ideas. 5:30pm games (with SOUL to follow at 7pm).