

## Ultimate NL Meeting - December 4, 2022

### Members Present:

Nick House  
Eric Ouellette  
Shannon Jones  
Cameron Penney  
Melissa Wheeler  
Lana Roestenberg  
Aaron Power

### Organizational Updates:

#### Board Changes:

- Welcome to new Board members, Aaron Power (new Youth Program Coordinator) and Shannon Jones (Events Coordinator).
- Still looking to fill in our Sport Development Coordinator position.

#### Grant Updates:

- Operating grant from TCAR (Government of NL): in the past we have received \$3,000 but now we have received over \$6,100 and we assume this will be our standard contribution going forward.
- We received a travel subsidy for Storm (\$7,800) from GovNL as well. The athletes will be receiving a bit of a refund for this past summer and we will have some of the funding for next year's team as well.
- City of St. John's - last year we received \$3,000 for programming and we are hoping we will get a similar amount.
- Two more grants that Eric will be working on: Active NL (infrastructure and equipment focused) and Canada Summer Jobs (we didn't receive this last year but hopefully this year).

#### Gender Equity Policy:

- A reminder to new Board members that we have a [Gender Equity Policy](#) that we should be adhering to when putting together programming, leagues, volunteer opportunities, etc.

#### Ultimate Canada Conference:

- Nick, Melissa and Hilary attended UCC in Ottawa, November 18-20, 2022
- Nick & Melissa presented a case study on how policy & programming can diversify a community (covered the period of 2017 to present regarding gender equity initiatives)
- Takeaway ideas:
  - Eventually updating language for players. Currently in Ottawa the language used is WN2 and ON2 (women and open non-binary 2-spirited)
    - "Your teammates will find themselves in the language we use"

- Youth tournament at the end of youth leagues to get parents engaged and able to watch
- Board Governance: perhaps adding in self-evaluations, onboarding orientation and onboarding, and minimum year-terms

#### Sport NL AGM:

- Eric attended the Sport NL AGM on Nov. 19, 2022 (Lana was there as well since she works at Sport NL).
- St. John's is hosting the Canada Games in 2025. The Government announced it will build a new turf complex near MUN in the next two years.
  - There are indoor beach volleyball facilities in Paradise so maybe an opportunity for us to do a beach tournament at some point?
- There are some new policies that are going to be required from TCAR by 2024; Sport NL will send templates to the PSOs to help get the policies in place

#### 2022-23 Programming:

- 2023 outlook:
  - Techniplex, Tuesday 7:30-8:30pm:
    - December: Free Clinics (Dec. 13 and 20), HuckFest (Dec. 28)
    - January - March: Youth League (Jan. 3 to Mar. 7)
    - March - May: Women's Skills Series (Mar. 14 to May 9)
    - May: Free Clinics (May 9 and 16)
    - Storm: Begins May 23, 2023
  - MP Strike, Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm:
    - C4UC Junior: Jan. 3 to Apr. 4

#### Youth/ Schools:

- SSNL Regionals (Outdoor) took place October 29, 2022. 9 teams participated and Holy Heart ended up winning the championship game.
- Youth League: offering U12 League for the first time in a long time which is great for the organization to get youth playing ultimate from a younger age
- Program Committee: creation of a mentoring program for youth players to get involved with school coaches.
- SSNL 4s: Hilary will look to add some indoor 4s tournaments within the SSNL calendar.

#### Storm:

- Nick and Dave met about Storm a few times over the Fall. A plan is to re-offer the head coaches their positions for program continuity.
- Storm is currently in its off-season but preparations will begin again in early 2023.

#### Sport Development:

- We are still missing the Sport Development Coordinator on our Board of Directors.
- C4UCs:
  - The tournament will take place in April in Durham, Ontario.

- Junior C4UC is a new offering for this year.
- We will have the opportunity to send one adult team to C4UC in 2023.

#### Tournaments:

- HuckFest is taking place on Dec. 28, 2022. We already have 48 registrations which is well ahead of schedule.
- Shannon Jones has recently been voted in by the Board of Directors to fill the Events Coordinator role.
  - Nick would like to ask Jason Murphy to take the Member at Large role; Jason has already agreed to be Tournament Director for HuckFest this year.

#### Communications:

- Lana is working on a newsletter and hoping to send one out within a week.
  - Lana is wondering if Nick or Melissa can write a little blurb about attending UCC.

#### Other Business:

- Regional Representatives: Melissa asks if they know of anyone who is on the ground in other regions off the Avalon that would be interested in joining our Board of Directors as a regional rep.
  - We can also consider sending out "job ads" on sites similar to Volunteer St. John's to see who might be interested in assisting with our Board.
- Healthy Living Day: We have been asked by Taylor Marsh to send out some volunteers to Clarendville in May 2023 to run mini ultimate clinics for grade 5-6s from 10am-3pm.
  - Shannon and Lana have agreed to assist. We can also keep this in mind if we have summer students in time.