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In attendance:

Andy Bandit- President

Remy Schor- Vice-president

Joy Park- Chair (incoming)

Chris Ludwig-Secretary

Colin Whitman - League Director

Russell Gaskamp Treasurer

Grant Boyd- Youth Director

Chuck Bender- Field Director

Jane Carlen Women's Coordinator

David Adelson

In absentia:

Matthew Colchamiro- Beach Director

Amy Lee - Marketing and Outreach Director

Julia Johnson- College Liaison

Minutes approved from last meeting

President- Andy spoke on how Summer League registration is better than last year and Andy hasn't heard from Pamona so possible tournament at winter league tournament location. We are possibly going to draft men first. The disparity in the baggage is weighted towards men with newer women which makes drafting more difficult if done women first. It will take place on May 31 weds at 7ish pm with the location tba.

VP- Remy spoke to the club teams about field sites. Viva and 7 figs are splitting field sites in August. Teams were happy to have space. Only two of the teams spoken to wanted weeknight practice space. Possibly it is too early to book space for practices in august for some teams. Then new men's team was a no.

Treasurer: Money is going into one account instead of two accounts. Both beach league budgets are finalized. Money going out to those. There is 25k in the bank.

Chairman-

FIELDS- we have Jackie Robinson, Culver High school, Santa Monica 95% one field a week (John Adams airport or Santa Monica high) With culver, we might not pay until after the games because we didn't get an invoice last year until after. There is a possible delay on invoice before we can pay. We will get the permit regardless.

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David adelson tournament report:

Canada, Tiffany, Victor, David are here to talk about a tournament. It would be an LA throwback the same weekend as LAOUT. This came out of a desire to put on something more geared what they want which is an LA community beach ultimate fest. They want a tournament that publishes its budget. As revenue grows they want people to know how and where money is going. They want to have more organizers getting paid a fair stipend. They would like a chunk of proceeds going to help community of ultimate players. It would be something where players could get help with fields etc. Their question is what would LAOUT board have to do with the event organizers. They also want to have things like grandmasters division. They also want players to be able to suggest divisions. They would be open to more elaborate brackets if planned. They have concerns about how much money is going to the organizers. One question was if there is going to be a limited size? Back when David ran tournaments, getting both days out of teams was difficult. With more teams, there should be more coordinators making sub brackets. The party is still an issue that is difficult to figure out due to player size. LAOUT started because there were no tournaments here in LA. It was a group effort to start it out. The goal was to have it become big but still be about fun and community. Some questions: is making it at that point not going to split the community? There are a couple tournaments here already that could be picked up and organized by this group of organizers if they are interested. One issue would be that it is going to be hard to get people to play when everyone else is north of the pier.

Some of the issues they had were:

People are far from Frisbee central, it's not accommodating because of its size. The amount of teams who dropped on Sunday made it almost impossible to get a second day going. It is easy to have 378 teams when it's ultimate because its self-organized. The teams that were left ended up being grouped together. They felt that some possible refund or letter should have been issued for what happened Sunday. For the amount of money that goes into the activity, it seems that this is an option to show that people wanted things changed in regards to how the tournament is run.

The intent of their tournament is to call to the foreground the issue of someone making enough money off one tournament to live for a year while the others involved are helping/volunteering. A concern raised was that publicly outing someone might be more divisive than helping the community. Does this new tournament have to be on the same weekend? Is that a core tenant to the tournament? MLK weekend is a holiday weekend which is good. And their point is to be divisive to some extent. They want more money to go out to the community and rein in the tournament as it is currently.

There are core ideas that might make them amiable to working with Leiout team. Many people in this group have this idea about a tournament and they would go forward even if it was not competing with Leiout. The group is concerned if Leiout is indicative of a shift overall of money going into the sport. This tournament feels like it is not keeping with the spirit of the game and that shouldn't be how Ultimate tournaments are run.

Some of the concerns that were brought up while talking were if Is it possible to talk to the Leiout event runner before going forward to at least see how he feels? Even if it changes nothing, at least the spirit of ultimate and talking things out is preserved regardless of the outcome. There seem to

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be multiple goals on this issue, dividing the community and calling out the person who is responsible for Leiout. The competition with the other tournament is at odds with building community. If Leiout was LAOUT run, these organizers wouldn't have an issue with it because LAOUT is about the community. LAOUT is working on trying to help foster a community and it is difficult to support a tournament that directly goes against another tournament. This community is having issues with what is happening and there are people who want change.

Possibly hurting community

As a group what is best for LA ultimate? Is this letter going to hurt the ultimate community? How does the board feel about it? What can we do to help the community stay strong and together.

Proposed action item: revisit our monetary goals and our mission statement and what it is going forward

Womens beach report: Jane did a survey to get a sense of how it went. 6 teams and attendance was slightly better. Majority said competition was just right. Tryouts got in the way a little bit of the weekends. Could a clinic/pickup situation be better? Not a good response for that. Are there any ideas for making things better? Split by level then play with your team. Possibly play indoors to help beginners. Reversible jerseys were popular. Does the sub list work to turn off? We don't know.

Vp: Remy talked about transgender community and athletes. What does it mean to be a trans athlete? This is something that can affect many people. USAU's stance can be a little bit confusing. As a board do we want to say people can play how they identify. Do we want to support people no matter what stage they are at? Does that sometimes give a competitive advantage to them and how does that weigh in? the sentiment is that it is okay no matter what. These people are living their whole lives in a body feeling that it's the wrong gender. On the mission statement part of the board page maybe there could be an inclusive statement. Does the board need to make a statement publically about it? It needs to be discussed further.

SCYU is going into Las Best this year. Budget has been drafted and grant is sending it out. They want to order discs asap and he wants discs to be ordered for them. LAs best and la 84 is paying for the materials and SCYU is paying for the labor. LA's best is funded by various grants and conditions. Our names on the Frisbee is sponsoring the program.

Russel: aviators have approached LAOUT on how to get turnout better. We need to table it until later because we don't have enough information yet to devote to that. Next season they should approach us earlier.

Next meeting Monday June 19th