

LAOUT Board Meeting - March 21, 2016

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Previous LAOUT Board Meeting: Feb. 22, 2016

Issues Discussed:

- [Membership Fee Model

Tonight's Meeting Agenda:

- [Use of "elite"
- [Minimum age requirement for leagues
- [By-laws

In Attendance:

Andy Bandit, President
Remy Schor, Vice President
Samantha Pittman, Chair
Russell Gaskamp, Treasurer, Web Liaison
Joy Park-Thomas, Secretary, Women's Director
Chuck Bender, Fields Director, Pickup Liaison
Grant Boyd, Youth Director
Julia Johnson, Marketing, Sponsorship & Social Director
Alison Regan, Beach Director
Helen Yuan, Outreach Director, College Liaison
Seth Gillum, League Director

Absent:

Jane Carlen, Women's Coordinator

Start of meeting 8:22 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Review of Action Items to be moved to end of meeting.

Calendar:

Women's League starts April 2nd

St. Pat's Hat this weekend

Conflict with other events may have decreased attendance for Orin's clinic.

Combined club tryouts at Field of Dreams, \$5/person for use of LAOUT insurance.

Don, may use Field of Dreams on June 11th for youth tryouts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion Item 1: Use of the term "elite" to describe the highest group of play & titles.

Motion to replace the term "elite" with something else, such as "competitive" or "Club Level."

Motion passed. "Elite/Club Liaison" title is now "Club Liaison."

Tangential discussion on the appropriateness of any community member's desire to post their ultimate-related event on the LAOUT.org web site. Issues involved include responsibility for correctness or appropriateness of content or exclusivity of the event.

Discussion Item 2: Minimum age of players for League.

Consensus that leagues are intended for adults but if a player has a teen who is interested in an event should contact the TD to discuss/assess the appropriateness of that teen's participation for the event in question.

Motion to create a minimum age of 14 before the event in question, and under-age player's acceptance is subject to TD's approval. Motion passed.

Discussion Item 3: By-laws.

Discussion of whether the public at large should be able to vote on all Board positions, including the Core Directors. Core Directors are voted on by the public. Directors will be appointed by the Core Directors.

Motion to create an announcement during an "open-application" window toward the end of a board member's 2-year term to accept applications – if there are multiple applicants to a core director position, a vote will be public. Uncontested positions remain with the current board member, even if that member wishes to step down, in order to ensure board positions remain occupied.

Discussion of a quarterly "open floor" meetings where the public can discuss issues with the board.

Motion for each board member to send a head shot and brief position-related bio to Web Liaison. Motion passed.

Motion: Open monthly board meetings to the public, subject to space, rsvp and Chair's approval. Public may speak on an issue for five minutes, subject to prior approval by the Chair. Chair to ask board if members wish to close a meeting if content of the agenda item to be discussed is sensitive. Motion passed.

Discussion of the next election for Core Directors to happen at the end of Summer League (August) 2017, to take office at the beginning of the following calendar year, January 2018.

Motion to table picking an exact date for elections until later due to potential calendar conflicts. Motion passed.

Discussion of how to address a time-sensitive decision concerning money when a quorum can't be reached by phone or email. Eg. Price-setting for players use of LAOUT insurance for the combined club tryouts. Discretion of the board member is approved.

Discussion Item #4: Leaves of Absence.

Outreach Director needs to take a month off for personal reasons. Likewise, Treasurer will be

out of the country for a month.

Motions to move the April 2, 2016 meeting to May 2, 2016 and the following meeting to the May 23, 2016. Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting is on the east side, at Desano Pizza Bakery.
4959 Santa Monica Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90029
323-913-7000

League Meeting at Cha Cha Cha tentatively set for Thursday March 31st at 8 pm.

ROUND TABLE SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

JOY ON WOMEN'S UPDATE:

Sent women's survey to Spike.

GRANT ON YOUTH UPDATE:

"SCYU" has been ratified as the new youth name. Don to look into making it a 501c3. He is also working on the travel league including costs. \$300 of registration fee to Don as TD.

Desano Pizza Bakery sponsoring youth league in exchange for their logo on youth shirts. Cliff Towne to meet with LA's Best After School Enrichment to add youth ultimate into elementary schools.

CHUCK ON FIELDS:

There's a field in Carson that is comparable to Field of Dreams that has lights and fits five games, as a possibility for league. Limiting league nights to two days a week rather than three or four may offset the obstacle of distance for north/east players.

Motions to review action items from previous meeting over email and adjourn passed.

Close of meeting: 10:15 pm.