

## In attendance:

Andy Bandit, President  
Remy Schor, Vice President  
Samantha Pittman, Chair  
Russell Gaskamp, Treasurer, Web Liaison  
Seth Gillum, League Director  
Joy Park-Thomas, Secretary, Women's Director  
Alison Regan, Beach Director  
Chuck Bender, Fields Director, Pickup Liaison  
Grant Boyd, Youth Director

## Absent:

Helen Yuan, Outreach Director, College Liaison – No longer in LA  
Julia Johnson, Marketing, Sponsorship & Social Director  
Jane Carlen, Women's Coordinator

East side Location: Desano's Pizzeria  
Meeting opened: 8:08 PM

## Agenda Items for discussion:

- Filling Chair position
- Filling Outreach Director, College Liaison position, starting newsletter
- Julia can't make Monday meetings now that school has started and will have other school conflicts the other days of the week.
- Winter League

## FILLING OUTREACH DIRECTOR, COLLEGE LIAISON POSITION - Samantha

Should the College Liaison be a student, or would a coach have the same outreach and impact as a college student? Meghan Kemp-Gee, Alex Korb, Dan Ottenger are suggestions of non-college candidates who could possibly fill the position. An under-30 viewpoint would round out the point of view on the board, given all other members are over 30.

Social Media/Marketing position – discussion of nominations. The five positions of the board could be taken on by different members than currently have those positions, so the new member need not specifically become Chair.

Motion to offer Julia the College Liaison position, which does not need to attend meetings, accepted unanimously. The Marketing, Sponsorship & Social Director position and the Chairperson position remain to be filled. Action Item: Andy to reach out to Julia with the offer.  
\* Update: 8/24/16 Julia accepted the College Liaison position.

According to our bylaws, there are 15 days from the time the Board posts a core position for nomination to the time the community begins to vote. Nominations will then be open for two weeks in which the community can lobby and vote. People may nominate themselves or

someone else, but all applicants must submit a statement. Board can send Andy questions for a questionnaire.

#### DISCUSSION ON AN INTERIM CHAIR – Samantha

Would opening the positions to the public create an image of the board being shaky? Some disagree, since many know Helen and Samantha's departure from the board is due to moving out of Los Angeles, and it's not a reflection on how well the board is working. Motion for Remy to run the next meeting ie, take on Chair duties for the next meeting passed by majority vote.

#### WINTER LEAGUE DISCUSSION – Seth Gillum

Seth raises the question of which events are LAOUT events? If Goat wants to change the format of Beach League, must he go through the board for something that was previously his domain?

Russell handout of Leagues and Tourneys that are run or supported by LAOUT. Discussion of sectionals bids, which must be submitted (does not automatically rotate). Debate on how readily community members can be found to willingly run a league or tournament for pay. Discussion tabled to continue the winter league discussion.

Can volunteers be found to help Andy with running winter league?

Discussion of why more progress hasn't been made in recruiting and keeping new players in leagues. Unknown factors include more venues in which the community at large has to play without necessarily relying on LAOUT leagues to fill that need, including more club teams, longer club season, more pickup games across the city of all levels, more ultimate in every state so not as many people may want/need to travel from out of town. etc.

Side discussion of pickup games, in relation to getting pickup players into winter league. Pickup is unregulated both in temperament and inclusion of women. But when those players play league, they need to play in a more regulated manner, and many don't want to.

Side discussion of how to remove the stigma of "beginner," in relation to getting more beginners to join beginner-league or tournaments in order to grow a new group of skilled players. There are many lower-level / less competitive / recreational players who are neither beginner nor competitive. Where do they fit? Does summer league need to have a clinic at the top of each game? Beginner clinics before league starts? How can we address the fact that some players won't throw to their own beginner teammates as well as regulate how competitive players play against beginners?

Motion to give Chuck \$50 to send a thank you gift to the Santa Clarita field coordinator who helped Chuck procure the Summer League Tournament field passed without all members voting. Action Item – Chuck or Seth to send that gift.

\* Update: Julie at Santa Clarita is unable to accept gifts. Board will send a letter on LAOUT letterhead from the board to the city manager and copying Julie saying what a great experience we had there.

Seth has a meeting set up via Aaron Gross with the Los Angeles Parks & Rec. coordinator for fields.

For beach, Goat has instituted roster cap of 14, excepting teams that grandfathered teams of larger than 14 already. Andy suggests that winter league can do the same. If teams with more than 14 players drops a player, they can't replace players until they dip under 14 players. This may be a gradual transition into more equal teams.

Side discussion of who can be paid, in relation to giving Andy assistance in running winter league. TD? League directors? Chuck points out if those people get paid, is it fair that the he is doing all the work of field procurement and relationship-building but not get compensated, so why should a TD or LD who would be responsible for much less work? Discussion tabled for another time.

Side discussion of field procurement, in relation to booking fields for this coming winter league. Suggestion that Chuck have a blanket green light to book the first two fields that fit winter league requirements without waiting for a board meeting or confirmation by the board before booking it generally approved.

#### ALEX CAREY'S APPROVAL-ONLY LEAGUE PROPOSAL - Russell

Alex Carey wants to run a league in Santa Monica and use the insurance. He wants to create an exclusive invite-only league subject to his personal approval. Discussion tabled for later. Further discussion over email because of time constraint to obtain fields.

#### ORIN MOORE'S PROPOSAL TO HAVE LAOUT RUN A BEACH TOURNAMENT OVER MLK WEEKEND – Russell

(This is the group that took Lei Out's traditional tournament date in an effort to take over Lei Out.). He still needs insurance, and would like to procure it through LAOUT. Brian Calle is ok with that. Discussion of whether LAOUT should even support Orin when he pretended to be a representative of Lei Out in order to procure the permit from the city.

“Lay In” is the name on Orin's permit. Motion to grant him the permit denied (8 to 1).

Grant suggests running a “Lei Out Youth” tournament under SCYCU. Board is ok with that.

#### USAU APPROACHED RUSSELL TO RUN A TOURNAMENT - Russell

Motion to grant Spike use of LAOUT insurance to run It's the 4 v. 4 beach tourney on Nov. 4 and 5 to which Goat also wants to add a division, in exchange for 5% of the revenue, passed by majority vote. Santa Monica beach field permit has already been procured.

#### WOMEN'S BEACH LEAGUE UPDATE – Samantha

Adair Johnson and Drea Rosas agreed to co-TD women's beach league.

Meeting closed 10 pm.

Next meeting: September 19, 2016, on the west side.