Previous LAOUT Board Meeting: Jan. 25, 2016

#### Issues Discussed:

- Formation of a 501(c)(3) subcommittee
- Defined a quorum
- Reviewed upcoming events
- Division updates
- Winter league issues and overall registration issues
- Gas reimbursement
- St. Pat's Hat registration and forming a league subcommittee
- Web site issues and access

## Tonight's Meeting Agenda:

- Administrative items
- Subcommittee/liaison reports
- Membership fee model presentation
- LAOUT registration discussion

## 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
Jane Carlen, Women's Coordinator
Seth Gillum, League Director

#### Absent:

Alison Regan, Beach Director Helen Yuan, Outreach Director, College Liaison

#### <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS</u>

#### **REVIEW OF CALENDAR:**

Andy updated it. Discussion on how to make the calendar more prominent so that users know to check it for upcoming events.

### SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

#### JANE ON WOMEN'S UPDATE:

Organized a three-session strength-training clinic aimed at beginners to strength training. Location: Cross fit in Eagle Rock, led by Lauren Hill & Maggie Jackson. 10-15 people max. 8 or 8:30 pm. Three one-hour sessions, Tuesdays or Wednesdays starting March 15, 22, 29

OR 16, 23, 30. \$30 for all three combined.

#### **GRANT ON YOUTH UPDATE:**

ScycChat tournament coming up. Run by Ben Brin.

March 12 Beach Westerns. Hat Tournament along side the tournament, with a showcase game after.

Don held a video conference organizing for the travel league, brainstorming YUFO name change (may have conflict with the word "frisbee." Maybe "SoCal Youth Ultimate" instead).

#### SPIKE ON OUTREACH:

Spike set up a <a href="mailto:newsletter@laoutorg">newsletter@laoutorg</a> for Sparta's newsletter. Spike can set up similar for any of our divisions, including a <a href="mailto:board@laout.org">board@laout.org</a> that would go to Samantha.

#### CHUCK ON FIELDS:

Permit for St. Pat's acquired. Winter league permit is MIA.

He talked to Santa Monica fields rep in charge of adult leagues about ultimate as a low-impact sport. That rep is looking into getting ultimate reclassified. Chuck also suggested that if we were able to use a low-impact grass field, it would decrease competition for high-impact grass and turf fields used by soccer and football.

Pilot period during which reps would observe how "low impact" we are in actual games TBD, possibly at Clover Park, Memorial Park, Marine Park.

# **GRANT'S PRESENTATION ON LAOUT MEMBERSHIP MODEL**

Although there are currently funds in the account, all funds are already committed for various permits etc. League directors have been fronting field/permit money. Discussion on how much margin is enough money so that fields/permits can be paid up front with no individual having to front personal funds for leagues. Possibly \$10,000.

Discussion of a membership fee model. Among pros of a membership fee model include establishing a concrete number of "core members" to determine strength of ultimate in Los Angeles, bolstered by additional number of "participants" to argue for our sport's need for field space and for 501(c)(3) status, possible discount of league fees, and swag. Among cons of a membership fee model include prohibitive cost that may deter players from joining, marginal benefits of membership that rely on a player's desire to "buy in." Potential conflict between two main objectives: need to increase funds to run LAOUT and need to increase registration across all leagues and tournaments.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING: 11 pm**