

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
Julia Johnson, Marketing, Sponsorship & Social Director
Jane Carlen, Women's Coordinator
Grant Boyd, Youth Director
Seth Gillum, League Director
Alison Regan, Beach Director

Absent:

Helen Yuan, Outreach Director, College Liaison – No longer in LA

Meeting opened: 8:11 PM

AGENDA TOPIC: Priority of Board Meetings vs. LAOUT Leagues

Does LAOUT serve paying members' needs above the needs of non-paying players? LAOUT runs leagues; the leagues don't exist without the organization. Club teams may exist separate from the LAOUT organization; it is not dependent on or governed by LAOUT. What does "support" of club teams constitute? General agreement that LAOUT supports ultimate in all levels of play but leagues have some priority because it could not exist without the organization.

Motion to accept the Mission Statement as currently written on the web site passed unanimously.

AGENDA TOPIC: Field conditions at Balboa Sports Complex

On 6/21/16, Andy Bandit sent an email to summer league members to take photos of the gopher holes and send complaints to park maintenance (details in the email) in order to raise their awareness of the severity of the issue. According to the field coordinator with whom Andy has corresponded, PETA has threatened legal action against the park for unethical treatment of the gophers if they attempt to fumigate, poison, or otherwise remove the gophers that are tearing up the field.

Subtopic: **alternative fields timeline**

Oct. 1st 2016 would be the deadline for booking winter league fields. Discussion of alternative fields, including the option to hold regional divisions (North/South) that come together for the tournament, if a suitable central location can't be found in time.

Subtopic: **lights for alternative fields that don't have lights**

Andrew McRae had been in charge of a set of portable lights: four lights per field, mounted on tripods. \$300/light. \$300-400 per field side for the generator. While it would entail a one-time cost for acquisition, plus bulb maintenance and generator fuel, the question of how well those "Home Depot" style lights actually illuminate the field remains unknown.

Subtopic: **Chuck's update on the search for an alternative field**
Santa Monica to send Chuck specs on a 7-acre field.

Subtopic: **Use of Chuck's efforts and relationship with various cities and coordinators to obtain fields**

Chuck assisted Annie Ngo in obtaining insurance for women's club sectionals, although she is in San Diego. Annie approached Chuck directly in order to use his pull to find and obtain fields, including filling out insurance forms and obtaining money orders etc, for the San Diego sections to be held in LA. She offered to compensate him for gas/etc. The larger question is whether she should have requested his services through the LAOUT board, and should there be a fee involved? Or should LAOUT then run the tournament (sectionals etc) instead, so that we may collect profit for providing the work, permit, insurance etc. We could collect a percentage, say 20% of profits, however not every tournament makes a profit. Would a per-player fee model be fair? Previous regionals have been run in Oxnard.

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM: Disciplinary Action

Seth emailed Brian Kuhn addressing his inappropriate behavior at St. Pat's Hat, to which Seth has received no reply. Seth will follow up with him.

Discussion of Alison's draft of the Code of Conduct, emailed to the board previously. Russell suggests that a standard form be created and used to submit formal complaints. TD of LAOUT tournaments to generally double as the ADA, with an education component on the implementation of the Code of Conduct, or else appoint a ADA. Code of Conduct could be posted on the laout.org web site, and link included on registration pages. **Motion to accept Alison's code of conduct with the sole change of the board having 10 days from the first meeting after the complain is filed to respond. Motion passed unanimously.**

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM: Takeover over the Lei Out fields and date by a rival group

Andy reports that while yes, the dissenters did book the Lei Out field on that weekend date, he is confident that Brian Calle's relationship with the city will give Brian the pull to eventually get the field/date. Calle is not concerned because he believes teams will go wherever/whenever he decides the to host it.

UPDATE ON EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: Sportpress software

The \$100 investment in Sportpress has allowed Andy to post information on the laout.org site considerably easier, proving a good investment. Plus it makes him happy and when Andy's happy, we're happy.

UPDATE ON EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: SCYU coaches

Grant reports that the SCYU youth tournament was a success. Use of \$250 to train 36 youth organizers to do outreach for LA'S BEST was also a success and they raised an additional \$500.

UPDATE ON EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: women for summer league

In the week following the previous meeting, \$350 covered enough women's registrations to meet the quota for 6 women per team for summer league.

ITEM RAISED AT MEETING: replacement of the College Liaison position

Discussion of approaching Linda Venema for the position only versus soliciting from the community. General agreement to post the position openly with Linda in consideration. The board has final say.

ITEM RAISED AT MEETING: Town Hall

Discussion of when to hold a LAOUT town hall.

Next Meeting, Thursday July 21st. West side location TBD.

Meeting closed: 10 pm.