

Present:

Joy park, Chair
Andy bandit, President
Chuck bender, Field Director
Remy, Vice President
Russell, Treasurer
Grant Boyd, Youth Director
Colin, League Director
Chris Ludwig, Secretary
Jane, Women's Coordinator

Absent:

Matthew Colchamiro, Beach Director
Julia Johnson: college Liaison

Reports:

President:

Newsletter went out. League Director is starting winter league preparation. There was positive feedback on the newsletter.

Vice president:

Habitat conversation: Dates for January and February: Saturdays open, get 20-25 people January 20th might be a good weekend or February 3rd 10th and 17th as options. They prefer for groups to raise 5k. Don't stress about hitting the goal. Anything above 2.5k is good. It is a large project and needs to be organized before a date is picked. Each person probably needs to raise around 100-200 dollars. Possible website tracking the money contributions. Maybe a pickup tie-in on the day of to engage contributors.

Field director:

Winter league will have a south bay turf field which is by the 110/405 area. It might be on Fridays. TD is deciding format that works best for the many locations. At Rancho, a new application is being filled out. Money for the fields will be cheaper there and its Tuesdays/Thursdays. Santa Monica said they will open up the dates in January on October 30th. He is going to apply to all the possible santa monica fields. Culver city asked to check in for about now and field director is waiting to hear back. Eastside has a google map with eastside options. Chuck is checking in with fields. West Adams Loyola, Robinson stadium, Occidental.

Business:

- a) Regionals- The tournament went well and the teams enjoyed it. It ran very smoothly but communication before the event ended up being one issue. The field space is great and nationals will be there the next two years. Locals in the area did have issue with noise. AYSO is beating USAU to booking the fields and fields will need to be booked earlier in the year. Grant is going to be looking to book regionals for the next year soon. The stay to play idea was big this year. Booking agency was there to help but it was not clear if using them was mandatory or not. The stay to play concept is growing between fields and hotels. The needs were hit with the hotels and that allowed the committee to get observers their rooms and cut down on costs in other areas.
- b) Sandshark- The tournament was successful. The teams were balanced, and the turnout was good with 6 teams of about 8-9 apiece. Some people had to leave partway through and that created some issues later. Many players in the area were not players who do LAOUT tournaments. These charity tournaments can get new players interested who might not know the LAOUT scene. The schedule was possibly too demanding for new players. Registration system issue: every tournament gives members the 5\$ discount and that seems to be unavoidable. There was a miscommunication about LAOUT paying out for the membership discounts that members received. In the future, potentially more members will join because of the discount. Someone will need to talk to ultimate central about fixing the tournaments in the future to only apply the membership discount to certain tournaments. The board wants to make sure the membership model is clear on what advantages it is giving to incentive people to join. There was discussion about adding information on the tournaments results on the newsletter.
- c) Morrisfest- went successfully but putting it on a different weekend might raise attendance.
- d) St pats hat- The TD of St pats were concerned about funding for the tournament. There seemed to be a discrepancy between what the TD's remembered was spent and made vs what there was documentation for. LAOUT donated scoreboards and cones were community sourced. We need to clarify the expectations of a tournament sponsored by LAOUT and what that means. They requested 2-2.4k upfront for startup on the tournament. That would be recouped on registration and jerseys. The tournament was requested to be run at Sherman oaks again because there is a grandfathering in at a low rate if it continues to be run there. The board will fund needed event money for fields, discs, jerseys, etc. These items need to be requested and the board is ready to help with that. When asked for the budget, the board did not receive a breakdown from the TDs. The board discussed different options for payment for the coordinators for the tournament going into the future. The board discussed making a budget template for tournaments and use that going forward to help TDs organize them. There was discussion about donating some of the proceeds to **all girl everything project**. The board discussed how the main goal of the tournament is to promote Ultimate in Los Angeles and how it is important to make sure that stays the case. There were also some people who wanted to get more involved in different parts of building the community: The female clinics

and female youth. They need to put forth a budget and show that they need the numbers to back up what they need.

e) Newsletter- We are trying to get it out in December. We want to do another spotlight. Birth/wedding announcements can be added. Possibly add who's new to LA and who's leaving. It went out to 849 people and 431 opened it. LAOUT awards will be later. End of club season write-ups SCYU donation push. Push out by December 11th. Membership savings amount in it. Writeups need to be ready for November board meeting. Put notice on open positions for the board. Possibly have community outreach on there

f) Board accountability part 2-

The board discussed the difficulties facing the current board and what needs to be done in regards to tasks the board sets itself. Different ideas were suggested for keeping track of duties and member accountability. The importance of clear roles within the board was discussed to help cement the different roles within the board. We also talked about the different opportunities that are open on the board that we need to fill. The possibility of changing some of the roles and responsibilities was talked about but nothing final was decided.

Next meeting we will review the membership model.

November 13th next board meeting.