

LAOUT Board Meeting  
August 20, 2018  
8pm - 10pm

**Attendees:**

Andy Bandit, Chuck Bender, Grant Boyd, Sonja Roden, Remy Schor, Chris Ludwig, Tyler Kotovsky, Lauren Hill

Absent: Joanna Whitney

Meeting was called to order at 8:06pm

**Motions**

1. Motion to implement the WFDF Dangerous Play Policy immediately as shared via email by Remy - **motion approved**
2. Approve July Board meeting minutes - **motion approved**
3. Motion to post information about Throwback on LAOUT's Facebook page by Andy - **motion approved**
4. Motion to implement the Communication Protocol with the condition that a timeline is added created by Tyler - **motion approved**
5. Motion to approve the Vision Statement Remy wrote with the addition of "all" and "educational" - **motion approved**

**Continuing action items**

1. Andy will look into insurance at Belmont High School and whether or not minors can participate - **complete**
2. Andy will contact Dan about a private school field we may be able to use for Winter League - **complete** (Dan will run Winter League but the field he had a lead on is not going to be available)
3. Andy will contact Goat via phone about the Fall Beach league proposal - **complete** (Andy had a good conversation with Goat but it's too late for this year to start a new league in the Fall)
4. Remy will send WFDF Dangerous Play Policy to vote on its approval for LAOUT Leagues in the future - **complete**
5. Andy will add a Gender Equity Committee report to the Reports section of the agenda - **complete**
6. Tyler will email the Board with a request for the website bios and photos - **complete**
7. Lauren will email Board members with pre-work for the 8/12 Retreat - **complete**
8. Andy will send a pre-tournament email to the community and include a PSA about SL being a beginner-friendly league etiquette - **complete**
9. Tyler is going to look into the functionality of all [laout.org](mailto:laout.org) email addresses - **in action**
10. Andy will start the process for the LAOUT Hall of Fame to be associated to the end of year awards event and come up with a date for the even in early February - **complete**
11. Spike will add the LAOUT archives to the website - **complete**

**Reports**

Secretary (approval of last month's meeting minutes)

- Approved

President's report

- Remy had an email conversation with a former Board member regarding community feedback prior to the Board Retreat. They said that part of the reason they left was because they were tired of fighting for their ideas that they felt weren't implemented. Please speak up (in person or via email) if you are a Board member who feels you aren't being heard.

VP report

- Committee structure formed after the retreat. A Board member or liaison needs to be present at each meeting. The head of the committee needs to be a LAOUT member. In general, votes need a majority for actions, 2/3 majority for leadership change or purchases greater than \$400 (if LAOUT approves budgets for committees). Have to meet either monthly or bi-monthly which can include a Town Hall event.

- Grant will send financial information to Joanna and then schedule a meeting with Remy, Joanna, and Ellen Lin to start the budget process

#### Update on Fields

- Application sent for Sepulveda fields; Culver City has the application for both fields - waiting on responses for these applications
- LAUSD and Rancho might require cupcakes to sweeten the application process; Chuck will contact LAUSD for additional fields
- Feedback from SL participants that Belmont High School was too hard so we won't use that field again
- Chuck would like to follow-up with the Burbank Board of Education to ask them about fees for their fields which appear to be far too high (3x more than other areas)

#### Update on SCYU

- City of Santa Monica issued a permit for Fridays from 5-7pm as well as an Elementary school one night a week from 6pm to sunset.
- SCYU will start 2-3 new leagues in the Santa Monica community with the intention of bailing on the permits if less than 20 kids sign up to play
- Girls clinic at Westridge Prep got moved to September 5th from 3:30-5pm with high schoolers
- All SCYU events will be sanctioned USAU events in the future which includes insurance, training for coaches, and other benefits.

#### Update on Leagues

- Summer League made a small profit this year. The party cost more and we had to spend \$800 more on insurance for the high schools and spent some of the budget on the draft party; made some money off extra field space, specifically from Mini Tournament registration
- Goat is amenable to move Spring and Fall Beach Leagues to LAOUT with someone else being the TD of each in the future
- Dan will run Winter League again in 2019
- Andy thinking about 6v6 for next Summer League and dividing into two leagues again (men & mixed)
- Mini Tournament running tonight and next Monday with extra SL fields paid for

#### Update on GE

- Women's pick-up was last week 8/16 at Rancho, using fields SL had paid for. About 35 women showed up and played 7s for 2 hours
- Education idea brought up by Chris Mazur last week at the GE meeting - we don't yet know logistics, date, costs, etc.

#### **Business**

##### Andy -

- Sharing Throwback's post on Facebook & Lei Out posted at the same time about the two tournaments. Throwback posted about LeiOut on their page - can we do the same for them?
- Discussion on goals and spending of revenue of the Throwback tournament

##### Lauren -

- Vision statement for LAOUT  
*LAOUT's vision is to create an inclusive, fun, and empowering community for all Ultimate players in Los Angeles, to turn LA into an Ultimate destination as we give back to our community at large, and to offer athletic, social, and educational opportunities with and for people who are as diverse as the city in which we play.*
- Alternative: *LAOUT's vision is to make LA a destination for Ultimate where we create an inclusive, fun, education, and empowering community for people who are as diverse as the city in which we play.*

##### Tyler - Communications Protocol

- Set of standards so that every event and piece of news gets the same attention

- Tyler gave all Board members access to posting on the website - he's happy to help train folks who want to see/know more

#### **Action Items**

1. Remy will reach out to Dan about 6v6 for Winter League
2. Remy & Tyler will work together to communicate the implementation of the WFDF Dangerous Play Rule to the LAOUT community
3. Tyler will follow up with Joanna & Sonja regarding website bios
4. Tyler is going to look into the functionality of all [laout.org](mailto:laout.org) email addresses - **in action**
5. Andy & Remy to decide what trophy to do for the Hall of Fame
6. Grant to share the Financial documents with Joanna
7. Sonja will contact her friend in Burbank who may still be on the School Board to ask about field costs and connect Chuck
8. Remy will check in with Alison Regan regarding help with Burbank fields
9. Lauren will connect Bacon and Chuck to find a field for women's pick-up
10. Lauren will follow-up with Chris Mazur tomorrow to determine details for GE event
11. Tyler will add a timeline to the Communication Protocol
12. Website intro for the top of the Board of Directors page needs to be updated - Sonja will take a crack at it
13. Newsletter content is due to Tyler by September 10th - ALL
14. Lauren will send an email about Objectives

**Next meeting:** September 17th

Meeting adjourned at 10:04pm



