

DiscNS Annual General Meeting

May 27, 2019

Canada Games Centre, 26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax, NS

Board attendance: Todd MacAulay, Shelby Hewitt, James McKenna, Joan McNeil-Delehanty, Mike McAllister, Mike Corbett

Member attendance count: 27

Begin: 7:45pm (following the Halifax Ultimate AGM)

Consideration of 2018-2019 Annual Report and Consideration of 2019-2020 Business Plan

- Shelby presented the summary of activities over the last year.
- Key points
 - o Governance
 - Two elected Board members resigned through the year (Kandace Terris and Greg VanSlyke). The Board appointed Joan McNeil-Delehanty and Brent Wallace in their place, with Todd MacAulay as acting president (from his role as vice-president)
 - A junior committee was established, with active participation from volunteers, particularly from the competition teams.
 - We applied for funding for a summer youth program in March. We are still awaiting the decision on funding.
 - Upcoming this year:
 - Consider changes in DiscNS fees (more later)
 - Complete the migration in Zuluru to allow for affiliate groups
 - Provide additional structure to the junior committee (already done by the AGM time)
 - Improve the infrastructure to ensure that tournaments are offered and advertised in a timely manner

Consideration of 2018-2019 Financial Statements

- Mike M. reviewed the financials
 - o Overall, ended the year with a surplus. Used \$2000 to replenish the junior fund that was tapped into in the previous year. The remaining surplus offset the loss in the previous year. The surplus came from some programming like NS4UC that didn't happen this year
 - o Membership fee invoices to Halifax Ultimate and Pictou Ultimate were late. These appear as receivables for the year.
 - o The balance sheet is showing HST receivables. DiscNS did some flow-through of funds for the Blues participation at Nationals for hotels and jerseys. Before finalizing on HST receivables, we want to double-check that the HST has been properly accounted for when the funds came in from the players.

We can't not claim HST from the players yet also claim an HST rebate on the hotel and jerseys.

- We show a budget for \$1000 in player and team grants for last year, but no expenditures. We have one outstanding request for funding that arrived at the end of the year and will be considered in the next year.
- The financial statement doesn't break down the expenses for the U19 provincial program in the statement. The accounting categories didn't break the figures down that way. We opted to represent the total cost for the program.
- The expenses for the U19 provincial program is offset both by fees collected from those players and from revenue from the high school tournaments.
- In the budget for next year, revenue and expenses often come matched. For example, we plan for \$20,000 revenue in grants for summer students, which pays for the \$16,500 in salary and most of the \$4,000 in Discover overhead. If we don't get the grant then we don't incur the corresponding expenses.

Approval of the Budget for 2019-2020

- Josh MacDonald moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Maria Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed with no votes against and no abstentions.
- Josh MacDonald moved that DiscNS not appoint auditors for this year. Lara Best seconded the motion. Motion passed with no votes against and no abstentions.

Consideration of 2018-2019 Annual Report and Consideration of 2019-2020 Business Plan (continued)

- Disc Golf
 - New courses in Bridgewater and Windsor
 - Part of the organization for the MDGA to host the Canadian Nationals in PEI (biggest disc golf event in Canadian history) that drew several touring professionals
 - Will be hosting the tournament in PEI again this year and we are part of contributing to that organization.
- Coaching
 - No sport-specific coaching courses offered in the year
 - 2 coaches attended the pilot competition development course
 - Coordinated an all-ultimate NCCP offering of the ethics and plan a practice courses for Competition Introduction trained coaches
 - Upcoming this year:
 - Proposing to send 2 individuals to be LFs for the competition development stream. Offering to be done in the fall of 2019
 - Plan to offer 2 coaching courses this year (competition introduction and either competition development or community)

- Will be doing a check-in with currently-trained competition introduction coaches to promote additional training for them and ultimately reach certified status
 - Competition
 - Reported on achievements at the national and world levels
 - Sanctioned 11 tournaments under the DiscNS umbrella in the province over the year
 - Juniors
 - Sent the NS Blues to Nationals, included weekly practices, local tournaments
 - Hosted the high school indoor tournament
 - 10 schools participated with 11 teams
 - Hosted the high school outdoor tournament
 - Hosted summer development clinics in cooperation with Halifax Ultimate
 - Thanks to Dave Archibald, Breagh Wallebeck, Samantha Ellis, James McKenna, and their team of volunteers for this work.
 - Upcoming this year:
 - The high school 7v7 outdoor tournament is coming
 - Brent Wallace is working with Halifax Ultimate to have a junior league this summer.

Discussion of DiscNS fees

- Current DiscNS membership fees are \$10 annually. Those fees barely cover fixed expenses: \$5.00 for insurance, \$3.35 for Ultimate Canada and Sport NS membership, and \$1.55 for the Zulu web site.
- We also don't ask for funds from tournaments that we cover under our insurance.
- The result is that we cannot plan for much programming without first getting approval for grants, which tends to delay deployment.
- Is the membership open to DiscNS raising the membership fee to provide stable funding for areas of key importance like a summer employee for junior programming? Newfoundland has done this and redirected the funds to the junior program; they are reaping benefits from that decision.
- Feedback from the membership was to come back with a concrete proposal on what programming would be planned for this longer term funding and what the cost ask would be.

Election of Directors for the Ensuing Year

- Opened the floor to nominations for the 2019-2020 Board
- List of nominees:
 - Todd MacAulay by James McKenna (accepted)
 - James McKenna by Liz Weld (declined)
 - Shelby Hewitt by Liz Weld (accepted)
 - Joan Delehanty by Shelby Hewitt (accepted)

- Mike McAllister by Todd MacAulay (accepted)
- Brent Wallace by James McKenna (accepted in advance of meeting)
- Mike Corbett by Shelby Hewitt (accepted)
- Scott Hansen by Shelby Hewitt (declined)
- Liz Weld by Shelby Hewitt (declined)
- Dave Archibald by Shelby Hewitt (declined)
- General question as to what would happen if there wasn't a full Board. The bylaws allow the Board to fill vacant positions.
- Slate of accepted nominations put forward by Erica Barber, seconded by Lara Best. All approved, no votes against and no abstentions.

General Discussion

- No topics raised by the membership

Adjournment: 8:30pm