

DISC NS 2021 - AGM

May 27 2021, 8:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: start count of 34 members, including board.

Meeting Chair: Mike McAllister

Minutes:

- Agenda
- Review of meeting etiquette
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes from last year
- Introduction of the Board
- Covid-19 update
- Review of last year's activities
- Presentation of next year's plans
- Presentation and approval of financials
- Vote on next Board
- Other business
- Update on affiliate organization entry requirements
- Requests for interest in providing input to the next strategic plan

Mike Opens Disc NS AGM

Completed land acknowledgement, review of meeting etiquette

Approval of AGM 2020 minutes by board in July 2020

- the Board reviewed the minutes in July 2020 and provided their approval
- updates to the minutes were invited from the Membership. None were proposed.
- No objections raised to approving the current minutes, so the Chair declared the minutes as approved.

Motion1 approval of meeting agenda as presented

Brent Wallace moves for motion one Jeff Blair seconded.

Motion Passed

Motion 2 approve the Disc NS AGM minutes June 25 2020

The Board minute taker didn't catch the original mover of the motion. Jeff Blair seconded.

Motion Passed

Introduction of board

Joan Delehanty (Corporate Secretary, Competition)

Lara Kesteloo (Treasurer)

Megan Melanson (Vice-President, Juniors)

Mike Corbett (Disc Golf, Observers)

Mike McAllister (President)
Raoul Tanyan (Communication)
Todd MacAulay (Coaching)

Covid19 Update

The province continues to manage access to competitive play in the province
Disc golf continues to grow in popularity, and casual play remains an option in the Province.
For Ultimate, we anticipate a return to league play as restrictions lift in the province
Best case scenario is the possibility of an Atlantic tournament with a return of the Atlantic bubble
Ultimate Canada has cancelled CUC 2021 for juniors. It may consider regional tournaments, depending on Covid epidemiology. A decision still waiting for CUC 2021 for adults. They have also considered delaying adult CUC to the fall.
No information on C4UC for winter 2022.

Review of last year's activities

GOVERNANCE:

The full year saw some form of restricted play in the province. Our energy was focused on developing return to play protocols (Raoul, Lara for ultimate, Mike C. for disc golf) and in interpreting the changes in provincial restrictions. We reached out to some non-DiscNS groups to keep them up-to-date on covid restrictions in the province. We chose to waive all DiscNS membership fees for the year.
Insurance policy changes, covid funding for sport, and unrealized events had us post a \$9,000 profit rather than the anticipated \$5000 loss for the year.
Worked with HU to re-initiate ultimate in Halifax when competitive play re-opened in November, 2020.

COMPETITION:

Worked with HU to re-initiate ultimate in Halifax when competitive play re-opened in November, 2020.
Offer made to PCU to help, but they indicated that they had all in hand.

YOUTH:

No high school provincial tournaments this year.
Unable to access any school programming throughout the year due to Covid restrictions.
Organized a series of youth ultimate clinics in November 2020 when competitive sport re-opened
We cancelled the clinics after a few weeks due to low youth uptake
We thank Tanis Trainor, Travis Foster, and Luke Dyer for their willingness to help with the clinics and to Gavin Grey for advice on the clinics.
Elected to not hire youth ultimate coordinators for the summer of 2020 based on our anticipation of play conditions in the spring and early summer.

COACHING:

Nova Scotia has 1 of the 3 Canadian learner-facilitators who can offer the ultimate courses

online. Co-offered one session of the competition development courses
Organized a short learn-to-throw clinic when competitive play re-opened in November
2020 NCCP multi-sport courses were (and continue to be) free for much of the year

Observers

No opportunities for observers to practice in the year. Nothing to report.

Disc Golf

Booming growth in the sport for the province amid the Covid restrictions

Disc golf is naturally physically-distanced and outdoors, which allowed for ongoing play when competitive Ultimate was closed.

Several tournaments managed to play within the Atlantic bubble, using appropriate return-to-play protocols.

Tanis Trainor and Lara Kesteloo had been planning for a May 8 women's disc golf tournament as part of a wider PDGA event. We made an application to the province for the special event. Unfortunately, provincial Covid restrictions increased and derailed the event.

Presentation of next year's plans

- Key emphasis on
 - Return to play activities
 - Conservative approach to the plan, but with an acknowledged willingness to run a deficit for the right opportunities that might arise
 - \$2,000 budgeted for opportunities in sport for the year
 - Not intended as post-fact coverage of event losses
 - Opportunity to pay for staff for youth development in the fall or for diversity in sport, should the cases arise
- Regular operations continue (insurance, zuluru, plan for provincials, NS4UC, coaching courses, ...)
- Major costed new activities
 - Waive DiscNS membership fees for the year (unrealized revenue)
 - DiscNS will continue to pay the Ultimate Canada grassroots membership for ultimate players
 - Seek book keeping assistance
 - Lara has already been talking with some groups about service levels and cost
- Major no-direct-cost new activities
 - Revival of strategic plan review in anticipation of our renewal with SportNS
 - Include an opportunity for DiscNS members to provide their input
- Formalize the expectations with affiliate organizations
- Investigate what it might take, and what benefits might arise, to select and designate individual athletes as provincial high-performance athletes

- Pilot a set of off-field coaching events that dovetail with on-field execution for newer players
- Disc golf is nearing the point of launching its national sport organization (NSO) that could then lead to a provincial sport organization for disc golf
- NCCP multi-sport modules remain free. DiscNS members might want to take advantage of some modules:

Organizational:	Play:
Safe Sport Training	Developing Athletic Abilities
Making Ethical Decisions	Prevention and Recovery
Making Headway in Sport (concussion management)	Psychology of Performance
Aboriginal Coaching Module	Planning a Practice
	Advanced Practice Planning
	Performance Planning

Mike presented the balance sheet, income statement, and proposed budget.

Motion #3: To accept 2020-2021 financial report

Chris Whitt moves for motion #3 Jeff Blair Seconded

Motion passed

Motion #4: To approve the proposed 2021-2022 budget

Greg Hayward moves for motion #4 Alex Nelson Seconded

Motion passed

Election of Directors

- Bylaw changes from last year sets 2-year terms
 - Board members can resign before the end of the 2 years
 - 3 of this year's 7 election spots will be for 1 year
 - Assigned to the longest-serving DiscNS Board members, then to first nominees
- The Chair opened the floor to nominations to the Board of Directors. We took online
- confirmations / declines of nominations via the chat panel
- - Nominations were:
- Matt Campbell **(Accepted)**
- Mike McAllister**(Accepted)**
- Mike Corbett **(Accepted)**

- Joan McNeil-Delehanty **(Accepted)**
- Todd MacAulay **(Accepted)**
- Raoul Tanyan **(Accepted)**
- Alex Nelson (Declined)
- Lara Kestalloo (Declined)
- Megan Melanson (Declined)
- Ali Hayward (Declined)
- Desta (Declined)
- Liam Archibald (Declined)
- Josh Millard (Declined)
- Martin James (Declined)
- Jessie Legate **(Accepted)**
- With 7 acceptances and a proposal for 7 positions, the positions were declared won by acclamation

Board Election

- From the set of nominated candidates, These candidates elected by acclamation
- Matt Campbell (2 years - offered)
- Joan McNeil-Delehanty (2 years - offered)
- Jessie Legate (2 years - offered)
- Raoul Tan-Tan (2 years - offered)
- Mike Corbett (1 year - offered)
- Todd MacAulay (1 year - offered)
- Mike McAllister (1 year - offered)

Other business – affiliate organizations

- Affiliated organizations (HU, PCU, MDGA) do not need to get approval from DiscNS to operate their events under the DiscNS insurance policy
- Consequently, we expect that these organizations operate under the principles of the event sanctioning policy
- They are their own, separate legal organization
- They have some responsibility to their membership, such as by an AGM
- They are set to offer high-quality, well-managed, and inclusive events
 - They have an awareness of, and strive for, standards for quality play, including spirit of the game (for ultimate)
 - They have practices to ensure safe and inclusive play
- They operate under policies/practices on dealing with harassment, providing a code of conduct, acting on discipline, managing concussions, playing relative to inclement weather
- They are aware of the conditions of the insurance policy
- They will remit DiscNS fees and will participate in participation reporting

- Under consideration:
 - Someone on their Board has taken the NCCP Safe Sport Training module
 - Someone on their Board has taken the NCCP Making Ethical Decisions course
 - Having a reciprocity agreement for egregious disciplinary cases
 - They will make space for observers to participate in games (Ultimate)

Other Business – Strategic plan

- The DiscNS strategic plan, developed for entry to SportNS, needs to be renewed.
- We expect to have an input session later this summer to gather input from the DiscNS members.
- If you are interested in participating in the input session, please e-mail info@discns.ca

Acknowledgements

- Thank you to
 - HU for sharing their AGM night and platform
 - Josh MacDonald for managing the voting on AGM motions
 - And all of you for participating!

Jeff Blair moves to close Martin seconds

1 objection, motion passes

Chair Closes AGM at 9:06 pm