

CUPA board meeting, 8/22/11, 7:00 - 9:00pm @ Moeller High School

1. People present: Ryan Gorman, Scott Schriener (UC Student Captain), Nick DiNardo, Mike Kaylor, Peter Tran, Liz Keuffer, Ian Stephens, John Osterman, Eddie Mack, Scott Levinson
2. Agenda submitted by president.
3. Finances reviewed with Liz
 - a. We continue to be in good shape financially.
 - b. Please see/ask Liz for updated version of the budget
 - c. Conversation surrounding current balance of bank – part of 3 year plan (see note about the living document going to be finalized/shared by Mike Kaylor)
4. Tournaments (recap of past, discussion of upcoming)
 - a. Past Tournaments
 - a.i. CUPA Hat Tournament – Saturday, June 4, 2011
 - a.i.1. TD = Ryan Gorman
 - a.i.2. 4 teams, 35+ players, net = -\$100 (because of free registration to all men’s spring league players)
 - a.i.3. Location = Francis Rec (looking elsewhere next year for cost reasons)
 - a.i.4. Timing = prior to youth and before summer league; looking into switching timing for more folks to come out and support CUPA
 - a.ii. CUPA SCINNY – Saturday/Sunday, June 25/26, 2011
 - a.ii.1. TD = Mike Kaylor
 - a.ii.2. 20 Open, 4 Masters, 4 Women’s, net = \$4,000 (discounted men’s team cost by \$100 if they brought a women’s team; women’s only paid \$100 for one day instead of \$250 for two days)

- a.ii.3. Location = Lebanon Soccer Complex (fields are free, increase profit for YCC; staying there for foreseeable future)
- a.ii.4. Timing = staying at the beginning of the club season prior to the youth starting
- a.ii.5. Volunteers needed from the YCC group – they are now required to help run the tournament and be the TD(s) – Mike is not going to be the TD anymore but can assist – in order for the YCC kids to use the money, we need to have them earn it in some capacity – helping at the fields with set up, clean up, food, etc. – **MANDATORY**
- a.ii.6. **MOTION** – to cap funds donated for YCC at SCINNY
 - a.ii.6.a. Reviewed past years and in part with the YCC team providing a TD for future SCINNYs, donations capped at \$4,000 for 2012. Open to an ongoing vote as needed.
 - a.ii.6.b. **APPROVED BY BOARD.**
- a.iii. USA Ultimate Grand Masters Open / Women’s Masters – Saturday/Sunday, July 9/10, 2011
 - a.iii.1. TD = Dale Wilker
 - a.iii.2. For all the USA Ultimate tourney details: http://www.usultimate.org/competition/club_division/gm_mw_championships/
 - a.iii.3. Net = \$350 plus another \$100 check from USAU
 - a.iii.4. Location = Lebanon Soccer Complex
 - a.iii.5. Looking at hosting another USA Ultimate tournament in 2 years (2013)
 - a.iii.6. Need to improve overall communication about tournament, with volunteers (committee will help this)
- a.iv. Summer Frisbee Bash – Saturday/Sunday July 23/24, 2011
 - a.iv.1. TD = Ryan Gorman

a.iv.2. 6 mixed teams, net = -\$1,000 because of field cost, food, and low attendance, looking into different location and different timing for next year as we rebrand CHUBBY into Summer Frisbee Bash (SFB); for all the tourney details:

<https://sites.google.com/site/steamboatultimate/summer-frisbee-bash>

a.v. YCC – Saturday/Sunday August 13/14, 2011

a.v.1. Women’s (Belle), U-19 Open (Flying Pig), and U-16 Open (Flying Piglets) all participated and played very well; shout out to Peter Luttmann, Larry Dean, David Fry, and many others who helped

a.v.2. For all USA Ultimate tourney details and results: http://www.usultimate.org/competition/youth_division/youth_club_championships/default.aspx

a.v.3. See motion above to cap donations received for 2012.

a.vi. Nati Open – Saturday/Sunday August 27/28, 2011

a.vi.1. TD = Thomas Brewster

a.vi.2. 8 Open teams, awaiting net results (free Port-O-lets)

a.vi.3. Location = Gulley Park

a.vi.4. Timing = awaiting feedback – in between many tournaments, Cooler and CHC for all divisions

a.vi.5. For all tourney details and results: <http://cincyultimate.org/tournament/nati/2011>

<http://scores.usultimate.org/scores/#open/tournament/9136>

b. Upcoming Tournaments

b.i. Huckoween – Sat/Sun Oct. 29/30, 2011

b.i.1. TD = Scott Levinson will be the TD with the assistance of Steve Rock and Mike Kaylor (providing notes from SCINNY and past Huckoween tourneys)

b.ii. Thanksgiving Hat Tournament – Sat, Nov. 26, 2011

b.ii.1. If we are running this tourney, we will be in need of a TD and 2 fields reserved at Clear Creek

b.ii.2. **Still need to confirm if this is a go or not**, as discussion rose from not having enough volunteers to TD the local tourneys

b.iii. Cincy Classic (non-CUPA tourney)

b.iii.1. Outside, for-profit group coming into Cincy to host tournament, we cannot help them in any way as a non-profit group

b.iii.2. TD = (Scott Schriener UC Student Captain assisting as they are profiting from this partnership with the outside group)

b.iii.3. Tournament details here:
<http://www.ultiment.org/blog/cincy-classic>

b.iii.4. Awaiting confirmation on if we can post this to the site – we are holding off until hearing feedback from USA Ultimate and their approach or additional information on this group

b.iv. MoeFest

b.iv.1. TD = Mike Kaylor

b.iv.2. Three HS teams only

b.iv.3. Timing = 1st or 2nd week in December

5. Leagues – please note to any and all future TDs, we are blacklisting any players (of any age) until they pay their past due fees, etc., and their current league fee they are signing up for – please be strict with this and please bring up any issues that you are having with players; also Ryan Gorman is collecting League History sheets for each league and will be passing this on to the next league TD for the following league

a. Past Leagues

a.i. YUC Spring 2011

- a.i.1. Directors = Ned Earley, Liz Keuffer, and Ian Stephens
- a.i.2. 20 teams, biggest league ever!, with 350+ youth
- a.i.3. Youth committee created - meeting at the end of August 2011 - to assist in setting up and running this league for next year; awaiting updates from Liz K. on fields, fees, and more

a.ii. Spring 2011

- a.ii.1. Coed - went well - TDs = Bill Cilley and Ryan Gorman
- a.ii.2. Men's - TD = Eddie Mack
 - a.ii.2.a. only played 2 of the weeks because of the rain; provided free registration to Hat Tourney to make up and provided free pickup nights every single time Francis Rec was closed
 - a.ii.2.b. Team signup very well received, 5 teams overall, with Age, UC, Steamboat Men, Enigma, and Nati Lights (Hustle); going to do this method again next year - work with timing and back up plans on rain outs, etc.
 - a.ii.2.c. Location = looking into Clear Creek turf fields for locations with 4 total fields (2-3 for men's league and 1-2 for women's clinic)
 - a.ii.2.d. Timing = partnering with the women's clinic provides great benefits - staying with same location and time

a.iii. Summer League (Beginner)

- a.iii.1. TD = Liz K.
- a.iii.2. 12 teams, went very well, number of teams went up from previous year; \$50 per person
- a.iii.3. Location = Francis Rec
- a.iii.4. Discs and rule books were provided to everyone who signed up (evaluation this for next year as we are low on both items)

a.iv. Summer League (Rec)

a.iv.1. TD = Liz K.

a.iv.2. 12 teams, went very well

a.iv.3. Location = Francis Rec

a.iv.4. Team sign up was very well received - people got to play with who they wanted to play

a.v. Summer League (Elite Division)

a.v.1. TD = Ryan Gorman

a.v.2. New this year - with 6 teams and pre-season draft

a.v.2.a. Very well received by those players looking for a competitive option when playing summer league

a.v.2.b. Player rating system went into effect (ratings by teammates will then reflect your ratings going into year 2)

a.v.2.c. No subs allowed at all for next year - regular season play and, more importantly, post season play, were both affected by subs

a.v.2.d. Cuts are coming down the road once we have enough signups for that to happen - especially with women attendance low throughout the season

a.v.2.e. Location = Francis Rec, looking at changing to Clear Creek, along with other summer leagues (possibility of still using both)

b. Upcoming Leagues

b.i. Fall League

b.i.1. Session 1 session registration now open, all information here: http://cincyultimate.org/fall_league/view

b.i.2. TD = Bill Cilley

b.ii. Women's High school league - 3 or 4 Sunday afternoons for a HS league

- b.ii.1. Tom Fitz and Mike Kaylor working together
 - b.iii. Winter League
 - b.iii.1. Mike Kaylor will be contacting Wall2Wall for starting the field reservation process
 - b.iv. YUC Spring 2012
 - b.iv.1. Youth Committee meeting August 2011 to focus on preparation

6. Youth Outreach Update

- a. Bill did not attend the meeting - awaiting update on Cub Scouts/Brownies and more
- b. CRC Westwood, disc donation and more
 - b.i. Eddie Mack has worked with Steph Mack to provide CUPA a solid connection to Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) in getting ultimate on the menu for more youth in Cincy. Right now, ultimate has a pretty good presence in private schools but not nearly enough outside of this market
 - b.ii. CUPA provided 21 discs (175g) and 10 youth discs (145g), along with numerous rule books and instructional DVDs to the CRC's Westwood Town Hall Rec Center (just one center of 25 that make up CRC) for their summer ultimate camp/class. In the past, they only had 3 discs that were 5 years old. The donation helped at least 40 youth (30 from the summer day camp and 10 from the local neighborhood; ages 8-18) on every Tuesday and Thursday from June 7 - August 4, 2011. It was the first time the CRC leaders could teach the youth the techniques of ultimate with the equipment and knowledge since both Andrea McCarthy (CRC Community Center Director) and Meredith Effler (Westwood CRC) attended the Women's Clinic in the spring
 - b.iii. Overall, the CRC program is part of the summer class program the city and CRC offer to any family who signs up for a \$10/year membership. Getting ultimate on the menu and more and more kids playing causes ultimate in Cincy to grow
 - b.iv. The Westwood CRC also took information regarding the Spirit of the Game and made it into an award for campers and drop-ins who displayed outstanding spirit and sportsmanship in ultimate

Frisbee; and also made each attendee sign a spirit contract, pledging good sportsmanship, in everything they do, not just ultimate

- b.v. Going forward, CUPA would like to partner more with additional CRCs and Eddie and Steph are reaching out towards Andrea and Meredith to learn interest from other CRCs as well as confirmation that they will be attending the spring clinic again - most likely will with at least 8 others

7. Board Communication

- a. Liz K. informed everyone that we need to have better communication overall with the board
 - a.i. **Assigning committees should be priority #1**
 - a.ii. Turn in any receipts as soon as possible
 - a.iii. Take surveys when provided so we can gain feedback for future leagues
 - a.iii.1. Spread the word in a more productive manner to gain more participants on the surveys (going beyond the email lists)
 - a.iii.2. Check into posting on facebook, the cincyultimate site and having those automatically signed up for the email blasts when they sign up for the leagues (Nick Felicelli is looking into how this can be done, if not already)

8. Discussion Topics

- a. CUPA sponsorship / financial assistance for existing teams
 - a.i. YCC, Club, College, HS - we need to create a structure around approval for any money to go to any of the teams - we need more structure than just everything going to YCC, Mike Kaylor will follow up with Ben Sage and Neil Narayan to discuss "dba" for Hustle - Nick DiNardo can assist
- b. CUPA sponsorship / assistance for new teams - Liz will be following up on this and along with the above, it will be tabled for a more detailed

discussion to match what USA Ultimate is doing to supply new ultimate teams with discs, cones, rule books, and more as needed

- c. Objectives, Goals, Strengths, Measures exercise
 - c.i. Handout provided and owned by Mike Kaylor to identify CUPA's 3-5 year plan
 - c.ii. Mike is going to give handout access to the board later this week once finalized to then have everyone review, propose, and delete the objectives, goals, strategies, and measures (along with prioritizing and owning each)
 - c.iii. Much of this stemmed from the march off-site
- 9. John Osterman is going to gain more information on partnering with a medical/health group to provide free training/injury prevention videos to upload on CUPA's site and provide the players a resource to go to if needed - CUPA insurance does not cover them but it is a great information resource

10. Next two meetings

- a. Monday, October 24, 2011
- b. Monday, January 9, 2012