

2007 BUDA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting was held on November 29, 2007 at the Dilboy Post VFW Hall, 371 Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts 02144.

The following people were in attendance:

Geoff Doerre (President, Board Member), Jose Invencio (Summer and Fall Club Open Division Commissioner), Bill Dill (DOLO, Web Team, Board Member), Erik Sebesta (Ultimate Showcase), Lynda Forney (ex-Commissioner, Board Member), Chris Pouliot (Web Team), Catherine Greenwald (High School League, Youth Coordinator), Randy Hall (Player), Mandy Eckoff (Spring Hat Commissioner), Mathias Neuber (ex-Commissioner), Tracy MacNeal (Clerk, Board Member), Josh Albertson (Volunteer), Elisabeth Krautscheid (Boston R.O.C.K.S. organizer), Natalia Espinal (retiring Fall Club Commissioner), Nathan Dushman (Learning League Commissioner), Mark Tuden (Summer and Fall Club Open Division Committee Member), Brian Buck (High School League Committee Member), Kate Elliott (Summer Club League Committee (Spirit Awards)), Joey George (Fall Hat Commissioner), Darren Mace (Web Team), Raphael Savir (Youth Program, Board Member), Roger Barnum (Summer Club League Committee Member), Greg Aloe (Winter Hat League Commissioner)

Geoff Doerre presided over the meeting. Tracy MacNeal took the meeting minutes. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The meeting started with introductions and a brief overview of each individual's responsibilities with BUDA.

Finances

Treasurer Bob Kulchuk was unable to attend the meeting. Geoff Doerre reported on BUDA's finances in place of Bob. The organization is doing pretty well and making money on most of the leagues. Need to find more ways to spend money and make it work with systems we have.

Question: What is a comfortable region of cash on hand that we want to have and what is our lower limit?

Answer: \$20,000-\$25,000 on hand.

Geoff reminded all of the league commissioners and volunteers to submit their requests for reimbursements, especially Fall Hat and Club, as soon as possible so we can close out the books for year.

Marketing & Fundraising

There were no new developments with marketing and fund raising.

- Catherine Greenwald has lead with person who helps people get grants for health promotion type projects and will follow up with her.

- Mandy Eckoff mentioned that she has a contact for the Seattle High School program. This contact may have some good ideas on how to get funding for programs and acceptance of ultimate programs from the high schools.
- Erik Sebesta stated that our long term goal regarding youth programs should be to get into middle schools because middle school is when kids are choosing their sport.
- Erik will set up a conference call to discuss fundraising. Brian Buck, Mandy Eckoff, Catherine Greenwald, Elisabeth Krautscheid, Geoff Doerre, and Raphael Savir requested to be involved with this call. Raphael will contact Kristi Rea and get her involved with the call as well.
- Erik also mentioned the UPA's initiative regarding youth and commented that BUDA should try to coordinate with the UPA effort and utilize some of the UPA's resources.
- Regarding individual donations from BUDA's players, it was suggested that the request for donations email should go out earlier to allow more time for year end donations.
- Bill Dill reported that a donation check box should be in place and active on the winter league applications.

Leagues

In general it looks like our numbers are growing. How much money and effort are we willing to invest in expanding leagues?

- Investigate streamlining our registration process.

Winter league: possible expansion locations. If anyone knows of available space in the Boston area for indoor space contact Greg Aloe or Bill Dill. Mandy suggested approach colleges in the metro Boston area for possible space.

High School: The competition group will be meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2007 to talk about sanctioning and waivers, looking into tapping into SCL functionality for scheduling, trying to improve uniformity as to number of games played, score reporting and ranking, etc and to improve compliance with spirit score reporting.

YCC: BUDA funded, supported, and organized 3 youth teams all of which did very well. The goal for next year is to make program more consistent and uniform across the 3 teams

Fall Youth Hat. Catherine reported on the Fall Youth Hat League she organized this fall. It was small and had a very short season but the kids who came did enjoy it. She will assess whether it is worth doing it next year. A reason for encouraging fall hat play at the high school level is that the UPA is trying to encourage youth "club" teams rather than school teams. A hat league gives teams from different schools an opportunity to play on the same team.

Learning League: Nathan and Peri and planning to run learning league again next year. Nathan reported that they need more teachers, especially teachers that can commit to being there every

week. Last year Learning League advertised for help as part of the email blast sent out in the Spring.

[Email note: Several people commented that they would rather get 3 separate emails with one piece of information in each email spaced out over a few days than to get one large email with lots of information.]

Spring: Mandy suggested that there should be a published timetable for when waivers are updated. Such as waivers will be entered on Wednesdays and Sundays. In addition a message should be posted message if waivers will not be entered on this schedule (if Cindy is away on vacation, there is a problem with the fax, etc.)

Mandy also suggested a kickback for captains, such as waiving the registration fee or giving them a special shirt

- Mandy will give the board numbers for captains incentives which she has researched.

Another suggestion was to reduce allowable baggage back to 1, and allowing one additional baggage if you volunteer to captain.

It was also suggested that there be a Best Captain Award in addition to Spirit Awards.

Fall Hat:

Joey suggested a gift certificate for captains or party for captains only.

- Captain's handbook and commissioners' handbooks need to be made more of a priority this year. It is currently a work in progress. The president will devote more attention to keeping this project moving

The Commissioners were also reminded that they should each have a committee so they don't have to do everything themselves, and they can groom someone to take over for them when they step down.

SCL:

Roger reported that the SCL committee is considering moving up the time cutoff for the deposit coming back to teams if they pull out of the tournament. It is too difficult to redo the schedule when a team pulls out a day or two before the tournament.

Kate reported on the Spirit Award given out to teams. She felt that it may not help less spirited team become more spirited, but was appreciated by the winners.

It was suggested that Scores for the tournament games should be reported on the website.

FCL: It has been suggested that perhaps FCL should start after labor day because of field availability. There was a discussion about what to do with HS teams that may want to join the

league. It was suggested that we need to collect age data from the waivers. At a minimum we need to know if we have players under the age of 18.

The league is growing quickly and we need to have a captains meeting and formalize the league more.

Div. 1 was really competitive this year– actual UPA club teams participated.

A Grandmasters Division will be added to FCL next year under Raphael's direction

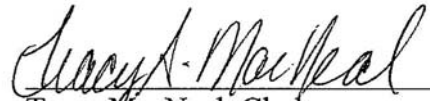
We need to research and locate new fields for tournament or cap the number of teams in the league. Mitre is not fitting our needs.

One suggestion was to start playoffs earlier than tournament to reduce the field requirements.

Volunteer of the Year

Tommy Proulx was announced as volunteer of the year for 2006. Geoff Doerre requested that nominations for the 2007 recipient of this award be sent to him at president@buda.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



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