

TUA Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY 11 MAY 2010



Meeting Open: 6:11pm

Present: Warwick Reed, John Kristensen, Jemery Day, Jason de Puit, Masni Bennett, Eliza Burke-Polden, Matthew Smith, David Cooke, Shavawn Donoghue

Apologies: Huddy Fuller, Joe Boyer, Felix Kennedy

Confirmation of minutes: Masni Bennett, Jemery Day

Correspondence

Cleat Recycling

- Shavawn emailed tas-ultimate about recycling old cleats for charity
- Nick Moles told Shavawn that Football Tasmania are collecting cleats locally
- Shavawn has been in contact with them and we will be donate our cleats there

Joe Boyer

- WFDF have announced a new rules page they have set up. John will forward this email to tas-ultimate.
- Joe proposes that we should have a "rule of the week" talk each week at league, to encourage player knowledge of the rules. The committee thinks this sounds like a great idea.

Expenditure

Approved Expenditure

- \$1650 for annual dinner
 - We paid for 41 adults and 2 children, there were 39 adults and 2 children but we paid less for the room hire
- \$400 (approx) for awards and tickets
- \$100 for the TUA meeting food

Autumn League 2010

Status

- Autumn league has been running for two weeks. It is going well so far.
- Team sizes
 - Forming 8 teams might have been a bit ambitious, because some people have (belatedly) notified Matt they will not be able to play every week
 - Matt suggests analysis of past leagues and minimum team sizes might be good.
 - Some teams have three women, others have only two. More teams with three women would have been better.

- We could add a field to the registration process to allow people to indicate how often they can play, or at least suggest they should contact the league organiser
- There will be some disruption this coming week due to court maintenance

Clique & Pick

- Feedback as per Matt's email to tua-admin:
 - 5 complete cliques and one half clique were registered
 - Beginners and intermediate players were more inclined to form a clique
 - Nationals players were more inclined to sign up as picks
- Regardless of the success or failure of Clique & Pick, Matt suggests that future leagues should provide a better way for people who want to sign up as a group
 - The original purpose was for a more teams-friendly league and this can be achieved in other ways
- We can adjust the system after feedback at the end of the league, but for now it is fine (it is the largest Autumn League so far)

For the future

- We will avoid the name "Clique & Pick" from now on, as the word "clique" has negative connotations
- We will adjust the registration system to better address the following:
 - Team formation options
 - Indication of player availability
 - Experience levels
- League aims
 - It would be good to have the aims of the leagues written down eg. recruitment, beginners, social play, high-level play.
 - Ideally it would be good to have a League / Events Coordinator to draft and propose this.
 - What might our league aims be?
 - Evenly skilled teams?
 - Welcoming beginners?
 - Playing with friends?
 - To make the league organiser's job easiest?

Annual Dinner

Feedback

- Generally went well!
- General feedback is that The Duke was a better venue than last year - more friendly, better menu and better value for money

Suggestions for next year

- The date for the annual dinner should ideally be 2-3 weeks into Autumn League so we have more opportunities to spruik the event, take cash payments and give out tickets
- Early bird and late registration fees to encourage people to sign up early

Awards

- Voting system
 - Was the voting successful? The committee says yes!
 - 21 people voted
 - David says it was very easy to set up. Thanks Cookie!

- Slight problem with definition of the "annual dinner year" vs "frisbee year".
 - We think the "annual dinner year" is fine, just need to make it clear.
- Number of awards
 - We think the number of awards (serious vs fun) was just right.
 - The "Photo of the year" award didn't happen, but we will try again next year (we ran out of time).

Strategic Plan

Review

- We were meant to review the medium priority items this meeting.
- We will do this next meeting. Sorry Cookie!

UTAS Club

Southern University Games (SUGs)

- UTAS will be sending a team to SUGs in Bendigo in July
- There are quite a few new players, some are playing autumn league

Launceston

- Eliza ran a Come & Try session in Launceston and sold some discs
- There are now 8 Uni Club members in Launceston

Nationals 2010

Review

- Nationals in Adelaide was cold, wet and really windy.
- Bad Apples had a fairly good time, but it was tough.
- Good for development though - it was Steve Joyce's his first interstate tournament and he enjoyed it
- Steve Wright and Tim Stoneman were playing on the U19s team
- Congratulations to Bad Apples for winning spirit.
- Thanks to Huddy for running the team!

New Website

Review

- We need to review this because it has taken too long.
- We have decided that Drupal was not the ideal platform
 - Powerful, but difficult and time-consuming to work with
 - Does not deliver development benefits John hoped
- We were also quite ambitious with our plans - better to have smaller, less functional but new website than an old website and no new fancy website

Outcomes

- We will build a more simple website in WordPress that will have news, league information, TUA admin information and general frisbee information
- The design will mostly stay the same
- Masni will talk to John about getting this done as soon as possible

Women's Indoor

Registrations

- Registrations have opened - \$15 each (\$5 per game)
- Shavawn has been in contact with many people who have indicated they will play
- There should be enough for one 4-a-side game per fortnight

First Aid

General

- We have had some recent incidents of serious injuries that could not be properly cared for on the field due to lack of first aid kits (Stan at regionals and Ash at AMUC)
- John will get in touch with the AFDA about first aid concerns, especially for regionals
 - What are the minimum requirements?
- We should take first aid more seriously in Tasmania too
- From now on, it will be the league organiser's responsibility to bring ice packs to league each week

First Aid Officer

- We need a First Aid Officer. They will be responsible for:
 - Bringing a first aid kit and ice packs to league
 - Updating the first aid kit as needed (buying replacement parts)
- Eliza volunteers to be First Aid Officer - thanks Eliza!
- We would also like a First Aid Policy for our local leagues and tournaments
 - Requirements could include maps to the nearest hospitals
 - Eliza will draft a First Aid Policy with the help of Shavawn and others

Upcoming Events

Half-WIT

- Sunday 18th July
- Aurora Stadium is booked
- Stew and Nick Moles are pencilled in as tournament directors

Winter League

- Matt Smith will run winter league

Two-Hat

- Shavawn, Emily Johnson and Emma Pharo will be running the Two-Hat this year

TUC

- We need someone to run TUC
- Huddy and Eliza volunteer to run this
- Aside: it could possibly be run as a TUA event event, but fundraising for the Uni Club

Business Arising

Anna Haynes

- John has contacted Anna about her development and coaching visit
 - Anna has sent a report to the AFDA about what they could provide us
 - Mel has put this as a high priority, but we are waiting on the AFDA to move this forwards
- Anna and Woody will devise a one-day coach coaching course (costs) and we can promote it
- Timing
 - Anna will be away in July.
 - Could possibly be June, will probably be after July.

Actions

Everyone

- Strategic Plan - read the medium-level items to discuss at the next meeting

Jason

- Write explanatory text for team formation
- Propose new experience levels

John

- Adjust the team formation field to two radio buttons, plus extra explanatory text (provided by Jase)
- Raise the issue of first aid with the AFDA - minimum standards for regional tournaments?
- Forward the AFDA's First Aid Policy to Eliza
- Confirm Stewart Wilde and Nick Moles as tournament directors for Half-WIT

Masni

- Send out Volunteer Management Plan
- Email David volunteer items for the Strategic Plan
- Discuss with John about plans for the new website - tasks and timeframes

Eliza

- Read Strategic Plan
- Email David feedback for the Strategic Plan
- Get in touch with Matt regarding first aid at league
- Draft a First Aid Policy for the TUA with the help of Shavawn and John

David

- Email Eliza the Strategic Plan documents

Joe

- Joe to talk to Matt about presenting the "Rule of the Week"

Next meeting: Thursday 10th June

Meeting closed: 8:00pm