

Tasmanian Ultimate Association (TUA) Meeting Minutes



Tuesday 16 November 2010

Meeting Open: 18:12pm

Present: John Kristensen, Shavawn Donoghue, Nick Moles, Jemery Day, Felix Kennedy, Alysia Prevost, Andrew Binny, Huddy Fuller, Jason de Puit, Eliza Burke-Polden, Steven Wright, David Cooke

Apologies: Joe Boyer

Confirmation of minutes: Nick Moles, Andrew Binny

Correspondence

- Invoice 2201 from Rollins Caravans
- Email from Simon Wood with the Juniors Consent form attached
- Dis-claimer from Active UTAS (discussed in other business)

Reports

TUC

General

- TUC finance report email to TUA admin members 31/10/10
- TUC made a profit of \$75
- The tournament was short on registrations which resulted in forfeits

Spring League

General

- 2010 spring league is going well with a large number of participants.
- The logistics of organising such a large league has been challenging.
- There have been instances of people still turning up in week four to register and play.

- Whilst the initial numbers were extensive there has been some people drop out of this league.
- This drop off has been attributed to too many players per team and/or non engagement.
- Spirit in intermediate has been reported as improving.
- Spirit in beginners has been reported as ‘pretty standard’.
- Player packs are working well.
- Lights at Sandown appear to be fixed – there were no lights in the first week of league.
- David Cooke said he was intending to contact the Uni Gym to have the non-functioning light at the Rugby grounds fixed.
- Jermery Day asked for updated player information including teams, spirit captains and captains.
- There has been some confusion about time caps, goal caps, half times and/or time outs.
- John Kristensen said that “social rules” apply i.e.: no time outs and no half time.
- It was then raised that when playing savage that half time or time outs would be appreciated in order to re-energise.
- Steve Wright mentioned that half time or time outs was also a good opportunity for game explanations which enhanced development.
- David Cooke suggested that next season a break needs to be factored in.

Two-Hat

General

- Final report has been sent to Jemery for inclusion on the website.
- Finance report has been done.
- Registration still outstanding from 1 participants
- Refund or partial refund still pending.

Financial Report

halfWIT

- Profit from halfWit was \$4.25
- A cheque to reimburse costs to be re-issued to Stew Wilde as the first one was lost.

Two Hat

- Lots of late registrations resulted in a profit of \$885.28

Approved Expenditure

Felix Kennedy	Stamps	\$ 24.00
Southern Tas Netball Association	Winter Field Hire	\$ 960.00
Hobart City Council	2 Hat Field Hire	\$ 630.00
Emma Pharo	2 Hat 10 Food	\$ 961.73
Eliza Burke Polden	First Aid	\$ 38.32
Jemery Day	2 Hat 10 Prizes	\$ 19.99
Uni Tas	TUC Field Hire	\$ 94.50
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Alysia Prevost	Winter 10	\$ 118.40
Shavawn	2 Hat Prizes	\$ 51.75
Shavawn	2 Hat Portaloo	\$ 130.00
Shavawn	2 Hat Blow Horn	\$ 18.50
Shavawn	2 Hat Food	\$ 117.95
Emily Johnson	2 Hat Duke	\$ 100.00
Emily Johnson	2 Hat Food	\$ 160.00
Emily Johnson	2 Hat Prizes	\$ 50.00
Alysia Prevost	2 Hat Food	\$ 152.00
AFDA	Winter 10 AFDA Fees	\$ 666.60
AFDA	Halfwit II	\$ 99.00
Jess Bresnehan	TUC Refund	\$ 25.00
Rollins Caravans	Tent hire	\$ 140.50
The Duke	Committee meeting food	\$ 220.00

Confirmation of expenditure: Nick Moles and Shavawn Donoghue

General

- The 2009 Financial report will be published on the web.

Major Business

Strategic Plan

General

- John Kristensen presented completed document for review and comments.
- John proposed that discussion be left for next meeting so people have time to review the document.
- David Cooke was thanked for his input in collecting the data
- Jemery Day thanked John Kristensen for putting the document together.

Junior Participation

General

- Eliza Burke-Polden reported that she has been doing a lot of research into junior participation with the assistance of her father.
- Eliza's primary research indicates that the law will support juniors.
- The question was asked of Eliza was there any difference between U15 v U18 and she advised that at the age of 15 a person is judged to be of sound mind to make appropriate judgements.
- The question of police checks was then raised with regard to juniors.
- Eliza is going to research the current Tasmanian Legislation to see if it is applicable to TUA.
- Jemery Day summarised that the current TUA position on participation for under 15 (that is no participation) is good and in line with the information that Eliza has provided.

Website

General

- Jemery Day advised to "watch this space" as there is action pending on the progression of the web site.
- The committee agreed that a formal written response to Masni Bennett with regard to the "letter to the president" sent early in the year was required as there are a lot of issues intrinsically linked that need to be addressed first.
- Jemery volunteered to undertake the task.

Australian Flying Disc Association (AFDA) - including State Development

AFDA Conference

- TUA attendance at the conference was Alysia Prevost, Nick Moles, John Kristensen and Shavawn Donoghue.
- The agenda and the minutes from the meeting were forwarded to committee member via email from Alysia Prevost.
- It is intended that a report on what was useful and not useful at the conference be prepared for the TUA committee although no one nominated to do it.
- The fact that there is not a TUA representative on the AFDA Board was discussed.
- Shavawn Donoghue pointed out that there are still positions available of the AFDA board if any was interested.
- The AFDA annual general meeting was/will be held at Nationals.
- Nick Moles said that it was useful meeting Anna Haynes and Simon Wood from AFDA committee as they are two people that are available to assist the TUA and can be used as a link to find out what other states are doing.

- What the AFDA wants from the TUA
 - TUA media contact to provide them with a list of local newspapers so they are able to prepare press releases for the TUA when hosting national events like AMUC in 2009.
 - Marketing contacts, a male and female to be the “face of the TUA” for promotional material as well as press releases.
 - Juniors contact person for the web site prepared by Timmel www.youthultimate.com.au Shavawn Donoghue nominated Steve Wright. Steve agreed to be the contact person.
- Training and development day(s)
 - Were also discussed at the conference with Louise
 - TUA would need to pay for flights and accommodation
 - AFDA would send down 2 experienced coaches and 1 experience player
 - Shavawn Donoghue to liaise with Louise to get the appropriate mix of male and female coaches.
- John Kristensen advised the committee that discussions were held with Anna Haynes, the AFDA development officer, regarding a visit to Tasmania in January 2011. Local administration and development issues were discussed, as well as the possibility of holding a coaching accreditation course.
 - TUA would need to pay for flights and accommodation
 - The cost of the course would include
 - \$28 for the book
 - \$17.50 sports commission
 - \$25.00 AFDA
 - \$200.00 for the presenter (Anna)

Other Business

Teams in Leagues

General

- As a result of the big expectation gaps in the current league a lengthy discussion was held around the pros and cons of Team based leagues.
- Currently with the 2010 spring league the following issues have been popping up and it is thought that team competitions may address some of these issues.
 - Women are intimidated in the intermediate competition.
 - Some players are too advanced for beginners but don't believe they are good enough for the intermediate division.

- o Intermediate is not perceived as an intermediate league as the competition level is similar to TUC.
- o Teams too big.
- o Not enough women.
- o Higher level league not available.
- o Ground capacity.
- o Different competitive drives i.e. social vs. competitive
- It was generally agreed that the TUA would continue to run social beginner and intermediate leagues in a similar form. Though to accommodate the increased number of participants experienced in recent leagues, it may be best to run each division on a separate night.
- This would mean that full team rosters would not be encourage and the LO would retain discretion over the make-up of teams to ensure a balanced competition.
- More emphasise should be placed on the “social” aspect of the league to encourage fun and balanced competition.
- There will be a move towards team based competition being run by clubs affiliated with the TUA for the higher level competition.
 - o Club affiliation required to have 10 active members
 - o 90% of members to be AFDA registered and active
 - o Club committee members cannot be on the TUA committee

Women's Development

General

- First skills session is being held on Wednesday 17 November 2010.
- Sessions will run for 4 weeks.
- Expecting at least 6 women to participate however will report back to the committee on the progress.

Registration

General

- New registration system won't be possible until the website has moved to the new host.
- Summer registration for teams to be discussed between John Kristensen and Jason de Puit out of session via email to resolve.

Communication

General

- Communication throughout the community in the last month has been more 'thoughtful and considered' in light of the October 2010 meeting.

New Disc

General

- Time to put in an order for new discs
- The TUA logo will be ordered in conjunction with a new design.
- Alysia Prevost to email the TUA community calling for designs to be submitted before the next committee meeting.

Southern Regional's

General

- Tournament to be held 19th and 20th of February 2011
- To date no one has volunteered to be a tournament director.
- Bush, Steve Wrights Team, the Clap organised by Nick Moles and possibly UTAS to submit teams.
- Opportunities for either Bush or one of the boys teams to run Southern Regional's and use the profits to pay for flights to nationals.
- Field are booked at Wentworth Park.

Succession Planning

General

- There was confusion about Alysia Prevost raising this topic.
- Alysia indicated that she thought that succession planning needed to be addressed as part of the strategic plan as it currently is not.
- John Kristensen indicated that moves towards succession planning and retention of TUA knowledge is in its infancy but it is progressing.
- For instance work has started on an orientation manual the draft is available on the TUA wiki.
- TUA Policy on strategic planning? Is there one? We have a plan but what does that mean?
- Alysia Prevost to investigate other not for profits strategic plans

Melbourne Hat

General

- Australian University Games meeting is going to be held at Melbourne Hat.
- Steve Wright plans on attending and will report progress back to the TUA.

Next Meeting

- Thursday 14th December 2010 location to be advised

Meeting Closed: 20:44pm