

Attendance: 28 members total in person and online

- Board: Mike Corbett, Jessie Legate, Amber Jelfs, Casper Macaulay (Absent - Steve Leslie, Spencer Leslie, Matt Campbell)

Agenda

- Welcome
- Land Acknowledgement
- Introduction to the Board
- Highlights and Future Goals
- Budget Share
- Nomination / Vote of a New Board
- Thanks and Farewells

1. Approval of Agenda: - Greg Thomson moved to approve, Jeff Blair seconded

2. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes: Kelsey James moved to approve, Jeff Blair seconded

3. President's Remarks: see slides for full details

- Lost quorum for portion of the year, added board members to regain quorum
- Change in funding support application process is in the works
- DiscNS recognizes the need to improve governance

4. Juniors Update: see slides for full details

- 4 clinics were hosted
- High School Provincials (9 schools participated on June 3rd, 2023)
- 2024 position to be posted for in school instructional programs
- 2024 tournament on June 9th @BMO will be 6 v 6 this year (last was 5 v 5)
- 5 new juniors coaches received NCCP Comp Intro training last year
- Question: What is done when there is not a teacher/staff at the school to coach?
Explained process for outreach to schools and alignment of volunteers from our active membership. Luckily the Juniors committee has not yet had to navigate an instance of having a school interested in participating that wants us to send a coach, but a limitation in the number of coaches we have to volunteer with that school.
- Question: How is interest for a CUC JR team being recorded? Based on our resources, and the interest levels in the high schools as we compete with other spring sports, it's been a struggle to have consistent practice numbers and solid interest for the summer

league team we put in under Halifax Ultimate. We need to recruit younger athletes as the return of a CUC JR team in 2025 would be inclusive of ages 14-18 by December 31 of that calendar year.

5. Coaching: see slides for full details

- Managing questions and inquiries for coaches
- Coaching certification courses will continue to be offered

6. Disc Golf: see slides for full details

- Highlights:
 - increased participation for females through Tanis and Heather's ladies league and Hyzers at HP tournament (large increase for juniors this year with the construction of the green tee pads at HPDGC)
 - Disc NS sponsored Hyzers @ HP, Chains4Change fundraiser for Halifax Sexual Health Clinic run by Queer Disc Golf
 - Supported installation of green (beginner) tees at HPDGC
 - Supported Team NS disc golf
- Noted that disc golf did not have any paid memberships for F24, however HPDGC has joined as members for F25 (current year)
- Question regarding whether DiscNS can bestow membership upon individuals/clubs without paying fees: Yes, DiscNS can determine membership regardless of paid dues, to help promote growth and development
- Question about DiscNS sponsoring disc golf events, can this promote membership? Yes this is intended to help introduce more people to the sport and aligns with our pillars to grow the sport, especially with underserved populations, and could help create more members in the future
- Discussions are happening with other dg clubs in the province (Windsor/Clifton Estate and New Minas/Bushwacker DGC)

7. Observers: see slides for details

- Currently only 4 trained observers in NS, upcoming East Coast Games observer clinic
- Had to deny support for the Acadian Games due to scheduling and observer availability

8. Treaty and Inclusion:

- Looking to improve engagement with first nations communities, looking for members interested in this endeavor
- DiscNS encourages ultimate and disc golf events to adopt land acknowledgement practice

9. Financial: see slides for details

- Details regarding an accounting error (software was making double transactions, all sorted now and detailed in board transition documents for future treasurers)

- Question: What is done with the grant money DiscNS receives from the province
 - This is used to support all of our areas (ex. Coaching, Juniors, Competition etc.)
 - Used to support coaching certifications, events that grow sport participation (ie. junior clinics and tournaments, Hyzer @ HP, etc.) , infrastructure that grows participation (ie. Green Tee installation at HPDGC)
 - A member wanted a more specific breakdown of spending and was encouraged to send a detailed question via email as this is not a requirement for the AGM presentation to members.
- Question: Is the revenue reported under U19 an error? No. There are still fees collected from Junior players in the Juniors programming, however, it is subsidized to promote accessibility to the sport.

10. Board Nominations:

- Directors mid-term: Jessie Legate Directors leaving: Michael Corbett, Matt Campbell
- Nominations for 1 year term: Steve Leslie, Spencer Leslie
- Nominations for 2 year term: Casper Macaulay, Amber Jelfs, Jay Brown
- All nominations acclaimed as we did not have a number of nominations exceeding 7 total directors.

11. Other:

- HU board questioned that the only membership dues collected match the amount paid by HU, and if they were the only paying members for F24.
- President explained that DiscNS is able to determine who is a member independent of paid membership, and that this relates back to when all membership fees were waived during covid and waived in other cases to encourage the return to participation or in some cases an introduction to participation.

Greg Thomson moved to close the meeting, Jeff Blair seconded.