

DiscNS AGM

June 7, 2023

BMO Soccer facility, Thomas Raddal Drive and online participation

Board members in attendance: Mike Corbett, Spencer Leslie, Jessie Legate, Stuart Shupe (online), Matt Campbell (online), Joan Delehanty (online)

Attendance: 11 present, 14 online

Start: 8:43 pm, following the Halifax Ultimate AGM.

Mike Corbett presented the AGM agenda and land acknowledgement. He also introduced the DiscNS Board, including Todd MacAulay as the coaching officer.

Updates from the DiscNS committees:

Competition (Stuart Shupe)

- DiscNS is looking to redevelop its model of providing grants to teams.
- He reiterated the points on the slide for competition.

Juniors (Spencer Leslie)

- Spencer reviewed the bullets on the slide for the committee.
- DiscNS had a junior summer team, capped at 20 students.
- DiscNS provided lesson plans to junior coaches at various schools.
- 9 schools participated in the DiscNS high school tournament.
- Pictou County Ultimate hosted a tournament with five teams.
- DiscNS thanks those who helped with fundraising for juniors:
 - o RC Invitational raising \$200
 - o C4P 50/50 draw raising \$670
- Items looking ahead in the coming year:
 - o Posting a position for a coordinator for school activities
 - o Aim to have a full junior league
 - o Provide clinics every two months or so to keep students playing
 - o Foreshadowing the first junior clinic coming up later in June

Disc Golf (Jessie Legate)

- Provided the introduction to the slide materials.
- DiscNS supported the installation of beginner tee pads for newer and junior players at the Hammonds Plains disc golf course.
- Interaction at TAPHE (for teacher professional development) resulted in further contact with DiscNS about disc golf equipment.
- Jessie Legate and Mike Corbett are involved with the disc golf national sport organization work in developing coach training material for disc golf.
- Disc golf courses have grown in the Annapolis Valley.
- There has been a course design for the rehabilitation lands in Cole Harbour.
- Lake Echo / Mineville area saw the installation of a course, from efforts of a community park association.
- The Hammonds Plains disc golf course was untouched by the Nova Scotia wildfires, though the fires came to spaces adjacent to the course. League play continues.
- A fundraiser is to support disc golf courses affected by the Nova Scotia wildfires. It will be on June 17 in New Minas.

- Tanis Trainor has also organized a local disc golf league and tournament specific for females (year 3), which was very successful in bringing out new players and juniors.

Observers (Mike Corbett)

- This past year, we had a few local tournaments to allow observers to practice at games.
 - o Observed two touring team practices
 - o Observed at C4UC
 - o Observed at the high school junior tournament
- DiscNS remains connected with the national observer community. DiscNS desires to train new observers, particularly with added diversity.
- Jeff Blair (observer) has expressed interest in being trained as an observer trainer. DiscNS will look at supporting that goal with the notion that it would help train new observers in the province. It would be training Jeff as a learning facilitator for observers, just as the province has two learning facilitators to train coaches.
- Looking forward to the year:
 - o Consider observing opportunities at leagues
 - o Look for more observing at local tournaments
 - o Increase diversity in the observer team
 - o Work with the national committee
- Question: has there been a thought of a clinic by observers for training on rules?
 - o DKUT has had such a clinic before.
 - o The observers are open to any such committee upon request. Contact info@discns.ca or Jeff Blair.
- Two observers (Mike Corbett and Jeff Blair) will attend the East Coast Games in two weeks.

Coaching (Todd MacAulay)

- Two competition introduction coaching courses, including set dates, were planned for last year. Both were cancelled due to insufficient registration.
- We need to figure out how to get people to receive coaching.
- NCCP coaching courses in the province are no longer free.
- We offered an online competition development coaching course in the summer, with 12 participants across Canada.
- Peter Lewis, an NS coach, is taking a team to the Huntington Beach ultimate tournament.
- There is a competition introduction coaching course planned for about five weeks from now. A date announcement will follow. We encourage anyone interested in coaching to attend.
- Presented the coaching requirements to take junior teams to nationals and flagged the changing requirements for coaches for adult teams.
- Plans for the upcoming year:
 - o Two competition introduction courses
 - o One competition development course
 - o Mentor coaches involved in junior programs, trying to bring them up in either the community coaching course or the competition introduction coaching course
- Questions/notes
 - o Spencer Leslie set a call for coaches for the Nova Scotia Blues junior team.
 - DiscNS will help them get coaching training.
 - All interested should get in contact with Spencer.
 - o How can we find out about the coaching courses?
 - Contact info@discns.ca or coaching@discns.ca

- o Is there any channel for communication, including social media?
 - See the DiscNS website.
 - DiscNS has a social media coordinator role on the Board.
- o How do the competition introduction and competition development courses differ for coaching?
 - The community course focuses on how to organize new people into teams.
 - The competition introduction is for teams going to nationals.
 - Competition development comes after competition introduction and aims at coaching for worlds events. It looks at developing year-round training for teams and athletes to peak at target points.
 - Todd noted the difference between being a trained coach and a certified coach.

Budget (Matt Campbell)

- Matt reviewed the Excel spreadsheet with the breakdown of revenue and costs for the last year.
 - o Projected revenues were down by \$2,000 based on missing coaching course revenue.
 - o The bulk of expenses were on core operations items.
 - o The net outcome is a surplus of about \$6,000 for the year.
- Looking forward
 - o Expecting more funding to come in the next year from SportNS. Projecting a revenue of \$28,000 in total, including memberships.
 - o Planned using the same revenue numbers for memberships as last year.
 - o Expense forecast:
 - Core operations see no significant changes.
 - Coaching stays as in the previous year.
 - Observers had no funding last year. Adding some funding to use observers in tournaments.
 - Requests for grants are increasing with requests for the grounds at Hammonds Plains, women's tournament, local players, and touring team asks for funds.
 - Junior funding is increasing, noting funds for the Nova Scotia Blues, a provincial junior tournament, and a junior coordinator.
 - o Questions
 - Are there evaluation criteria for teams asking for funding?
 - Teams must present the need. The Board discusses each request individually.
 - DiscNS plans to revise the process and open transparency.
 - As teams go to Nationals, DiscNS can write a letter for a team to take on the responsibility of covering team performance vouchers.
 - One touring team requested help this past year for an advance to cover tournament fees. DiscNS helped the team with the advance.
 - o Spencer Leslie moved that the membership accept the financial presentation of last year's financials and approve next year's budget plan. Jeff Blair seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no dissenting votes.

DiscNS Board Elections

- Raoul Tanyan and Joan Delehanty had their terms on the Board end this year. They have signalled that they would not be re-offering for the Board.
- Jessie Legate and Matt Campbell had their terms on the Board end this year. They are willing to re-offer for Board positions.
- The floor was opened for nominations:
 - o Jeff Blair nominated Liam Archibald, who declined the nomination.
 - o Liam Archibald nominated Scott Hansen, who declined the nomination.
 - o Spencer Leslie nominated Dylan MacDonald, who declined the nomination.
 - o Jeff Blair nominated Mike McAllister, who declined the nomination.
 - o Mike McAllister nominated Jessie Legate and Matt Campbell, who both accepted the nomination.
- No further nominations arose, so the accepted nominations were accepted by acclamation.
- The Board is allowed to appoint members for unfilled positions.
- Anyone interested in being part of a DiscNS committee can contact info@discns.ca

Greg Thomson moved to adjourn the meeting. Spencer Leslie seconded the motion.