

BCU AGM

December 4, 2023

Call to order at 7:01PM by Tasia Balding – President

Quorum met (25)

Land acknowledgment

Board and GM introductions

Old Minutes

Alex Davis motions to approve the 2022 AGM minutes, Will Arlotta seconds. Motion passes to approve the minutes.

President's Report

1. Update on strategic planning work

Overview:

- Old plan (2019 – 2022) lapsing – strategic areas were juniors, membership growth and excellence
- Adjustment of strategic areas needed because of pandemic and a refresh due

Updated strategic plan 2024 - 2027

- Workshop in October, 2023 with the Board
 - 3 strategic pillars –
 - Internal infrastructure – governance and process
 - Excellence – support of athletes at all levels – how do we make ultimate players for life?
 - Empowering community – how to support member organizations?
 - Board has a timeline of recommendations for incoming Board members
 - January workshop to establish measurable KPIs for Year 1
2. Changes to Bylaws – for discussion and feedback for next Board (Tom Horvath)
- Voting – Board proposal □ voting members (in good standing) to be the member sport organizations, so 1 vote from each LSO and each Board member
 - 13 LSOs + 7 or 8 smaller organizations around the Province that could become members in good standing
 - Every LSO gets 1 vote, but you get more votes if you pay more membership dues/as you grow – LSOs would get a weighted vote based on membership dues
 - Process to recognize new LSO members? Would need to be reviewed by the Board. Currently \$150 and 15 members (on website)
 - Would come back for a Special Meeting or at AGM for voting on if membership likes this proposal

- Purpose - Accountability to see which way your Board member votes, to enable quorum easier, to focus on outreach with the LSOs and putting more responsibility on the LSO's to attend and represent their membership at the AGM, increase stability in voting
- The Board would continue to set the membership dues and the benefits that the membership gets for the dues

3. Closing of President's report

- Many thanks and gratitude to Jessica Rockliff and Alex Davis on the Board who have dedicated a decade of service each to the Board!!

GM's Report

Very successful year

1. Metrics

- Year was relatively flat with respect to membership and growth
- Future growth will be dependent on the LSO's
- More teams playing in juniors and visible growth in juniors clubs programs
- Application to add a division (single A – 16 more teams) to allow more youth to compete

2. COVID impact

- Return to pre-pandemic levels, and no playing restrictions
- Need to convince people to return to sport (in all sports organizations)

3. Partnership with viaSport continuing as well as funding for Ultimate Spirit

- Core funding has been stagnant since it was set up 8-9 years ago
- Working on funding for high performance athletes

4. Events

- Stopped beach ultimate tournament due to no longer having a venue
- High school 5 on 5 was very popular and expanded to 2 days
- Flowerbowl – COVID casualty and unable to secure fields in Surrey or elsewhere. Looking to secure new fields next year if cannot book Surrey
- Discflicker larger than ever and BCUS will continue that event
- Junior CUC event very large and successful, , and congrats to BC teams
 - Our juniors programs are the envy of the country/model for the rest of the country
- CUC Seniors event also very successful and congrats to BC teams
- CUC Masters in Kelowna, and congrats to BC teams
- Possibly hosting again in 2026?
- Revenues stayed similar even though events were significantly bigger

5. Membership Support

- Disc Program continues
- Always looking to support regional programs focused on development and participation

6. Ultimate Spirit
 - Outreach up north and focus on expansion of the program (growing teams, and creation of Indigenous stream of sports, Indigenous high school ultimate championship)
 - Application to Vancouver Foundation which selected us for donation of \$72,000 over 3 years
7. BC Amateur Sports Funding
 - Charitable donation that goes straight to Ultimate Spirit
 - Need to work on promoting this program
8. Canadian Sport HELPLine
 - Creation of safe space / environment for athletes and reporting
9. Ultimate in BC Summer Games in Maple Ridge
10. Acknowledgments

Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Statements
 - Review by Sarrow & Donald LLP (not a full audit)
 - Income Statement and balance sheet review
 - SSDIC Expense breakdown

Will Arlotta motions for approval of financial statements, Tom Horvath seconds. Motion passes. Financial statements approved.

Board Elections

Elected – Tasia Balding, Tom Horvath, Kristy Kuromi, Louisa Thue

Tim Tsang, Jenn Kwok, Will Arlotta scrutineers

Brian Gisel motion to destroy the voting spreadsheet, seconded by Will Arlotta. Passes unanimously.

Will Arlotta motions for meeting to be adjourned. Motion passes at 8:46PM.

Meeting concluded.