

AGM Minutes - October 12, 2021  
Elk's Club

Members present:

Nick House  
Melissa Wheeler  
Sarah Hoddinott  
Hilary Walsh  
Lana Roestenberg  
Kathleen Sullivan  
Kurtis Thornhill  
Rachael Fitkowski  
Elias Syed  
Kelly Knight  
David Whitney-Brown  
Rebecca Mesburis  
Colin Martin  
Cameron Penney  
Brandon Kilfoy  
Giovanni Pasinetti  
Lauren Law

Proxy votes:

Meghan Wheeler to Melissa Wheeler  
Kari Jenkins to Melissa Wheeler  
Eric Ouelette to Nick House  
Jeff Pardy to Nick House  
Erin Daly to Nick House  
Lynn Squires to Kelly Knight  
Todd Hiscock to Kelly Knight  
Kent Sargent to Kelly Knight  
Rhonda Joy to Kelly Knight  
Paula Ellsworth to Kelly Knight  
Cynthia Hickman to Kelly Knight  
David Finn to Kelly Knight  
Fred Hutton to Elias Syed  
Alison Hickman to Elias Syed  
Andy Porter to Kathleen Sullivan

Organizational Updates

- 5.5% increase in total membership
- Female membership dropped by 9% (SWURL wasn't able to offer its normal offerings due to COVID-19); adult membership dropped by 4% (also likely caused by COVID-19 restrictions)

- Sanctioning of SOUL as a league has dramatically increased membership in older age categories (45+ for female-matching, 50+ for male-matching)
- Adopted internal contractor policy. Available to view upon request.
- Adopted a new privacy policy, modeled after Ultimate Canada's policy, but modified to comply with NL laws. Viewable on the website under Governance.

#### Fiscal Review

- Didn't get as many grants as we expected to from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation
- Most of the discrepancies have to do with refunds/ cancellations/ shutdowns related to COVID-19
- Due to cost savings in other categories, we spent a little more on providing youth league registrants with a jersey and a disc

#### Sport Development & Competition

- Many planned events were interrupted by COVID-19
- iSOTG Day - Dec. 5, 2020: hosted virtually this year.
  - We had 20 nominees submitted virtually; Dave Reddy was the winner
- Women's Skills Series - May & June, 2021
  - 13 registrants (much lower than our typical registration numbers because of rushed dates once lockdown restrictions were lifted; we lost one session due to the restrictions)
- Masters Skill Development Series - Sept. & Oct. 2021
  - 44 registrants (21 identified as brand new/ beginner)
- Summer Outreach Clinics Program
  - Jayden Byrne and Will Kerr - Summer Student Clinic Coordinators
  - 832 participants in 39 clinics from St. John's to Gander
  - Mainly summer camps but also clinics with the Association for New Canadians
- Corner Brook Adult Ultimate League for Beginners
  - Joint partnership between Ultimate NL & City of Corner Brook (the City provided the field, we provided equipment and trained convenors)
- New membership with the Wellness Coalition - Avalon East
- National results: Region Ultimate attended Ultimate Canada Invite Oct. 2-3, 2021.
  - Ranked 10th overall, 1st in spirit

#### Youth Ultimate

##### Schools:

- 3rd year for Discs For Schools program (funded by Veterinary Specialty Centre)
  - To date we have provided 38 schools with discs to start or assist their ultimate programs (16 new requests this year)
- In November 2020, we hosted our first outdoor ultimate regional tournament (obtained varsity sport status from School Sport NL)
  - 8 teams participated - winners: Holy Heart 2; more spirited: St. Bon's
  - First ever ultimate tournament for Holy Trinity

- Unfortunately, no indoor school tournaments or leagues were able to take place due to the restrictions on school sports for the 2020-21 school year.
  - We kept in touch with teachers and coaches throughout the year, collecting feedback when making decisions about our programming

#### Competition & Development:

- 2020 Fall Youth Leagues - 72 participants
- 2021 High Performance Camp - 33 participants
- 2021 Summer Youth League - 32 participants
- 2021 Summer Camps - 21 pa
- 2021 Storm tryouts: 52 athletes total (22 for the open team, 30 for the women's team)
  - Recruitment efforts weren't able to take place as effectively and strongly as last year due to the lack of school sports for 2020-21
  - 2021 Storm seasons were focused on growing & developing skills preparing for the hopeful opportunity to travel again in Summer 2022
  - In lieu of traveling, we created a Storm League (3:3 mixed, stats were recorded)

#### Community Outreach:

- We have had less volunteers this year than usual due to the inability to host our normal slate of events.
- 2020-21 featured the opportunity to use the services of 20 volunteers
- 2020 awards featured updated nomination forms
- 2020 award winners:
  - Female Athlete of the Year: Erin Daly
  - Male Athlete of the Year: Nick House
  - Junior Female Athlete of the Year: Shannon Jones
  - Junior Male Athlete of the Year: Julian Costigan
  - Justin Frampton Spirit of the Game Award: Ben Dowden
  - Joe Coady Award: Kelly Knight

#### Tournaments & Events:

- Due to various restrictions and lockdowns and adverse weather conditions, the only tournament we were able to host was HuckFest 2020 (5 teams, 68 participants)
  - Event followed COVID-19 restrictions put in place by the Government of NL
- Gale 4s was interrupted by the Spring 2021 lockdown
- Elimin8s was canceled due to Hurricane Larry

#### Communications:

- Our main methods of communication are our website, our socials (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), and our newsletter.
- Website: total page views 1,244
- Newsletter: current total subscribers 2,105 (7 newsletters sent out since the last AGM)
- Facebook: 1,275 followers (18% increase); 1,183 likes
- Twitter: 284 followers (this is the best platform for reaching teachers and schools)

- Instagram: 615 followers
- Reminder to members to share ultimate related content with us by tagging us or using the hashtag #UltimateNL.

Elections:

Rachael Fitkowski is the elections director.

President:

Nick House nominates himself, seconded by Brandon Kilfoy. Nick accepts and wins by acclamation.

Vice-President:

Kathleen Sullivan nominates Melissa Wheeler, seconded by Nick House. Melissa accepts and wins by acclamation.

Financial Officer:

Eric Ouelette nominates himself, seconded by Nick House. Eric is not in attendance but accepts the acclamation.

Communications Director:

Kathleen Sullivan nominates Lana Roestenberg, seconded by Hilary Walsh. Lana accepts and wins by acclamation.

Youth Grade School Director:

Colin Martin nominates Hilary Walsh, seconded by David Whitney-Brown. Hilary accepts and wins by acclamation.

Youth Performance and Development Director:

Lana Roestenberg nominates David Whitney-Brown, seconded by Rebecca Mesburis. David accepts and wins by acclamation.

Events Director:

David Whitney-Brown nominates Brandon Kilfoy, seconded by Lana Roestenberg. Brandon accepts and wins by acclamation.

Sport Development Director:

Nick House nominates Kathleen Sullivan, seconded by Lana Roestenberg. Sully declines the nomination.

Nick nominates Rebecca Mesburis, seconded by David Whitney-Brown. Rebecca accepts and wins by acclamation.

Community Outreach Director:

David Whitney-Brown nominates Cameron Penney, seconded by Rebecca Mesburis. Cameron accepts his nomination.

Jeff Pardy nominates himself, seconded by Brandon Kilfoy.

After tallying the vote, Cameron Penney is elected to the position.

Member At Large:

Kathleen Sullivan nominates Lauren Law, seconded by Nick House. Lauren accepts the nomination and wins by acclamation.