



DiscNS Annual General Meeting

June 25, 2020

We are all treaty people

- Although many of us are still working from home, we remain in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
- This territory is covered by the treaties of Peace and Friendship, which Mi'kmaq and Maliseet people first signed in 1725.
- The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Maliseet title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Online meeting etiquette

- You will be muted until recognized to speak
- Put requests to speak into the chat box
- Please keep your comments brief and to the point since we have limited time for the meeting
- Voting will be done with Google forms
 - We will ask for your name and association affiliation so that we can double-check the votes. Your name will not be associated with your vote other than for the verification

Agenda

- review of meeting etiquette
- approval of agenda
- introduction of the Board
- approval of minutes from last year
- return to play summary
- review of last year's activities
- presentation of next year's plans
- presentation and approval of financials
- special resolution: bylaw changes (redline copy attached)
- vote on next Board
- other business

DiscNS Board

- Joan McNeil-Delehanty (Corporate Secretary, Competition co-lead)
- Mike Corbett (Disc Golf, Observers)
- Mike McAllister (President)
- Raoul Tanyan (member at large; joined November 2019 to fill vacancy)
- Shelby Hewitt (Communications, Juniors)
- Todd MacAulay (Vice-President, Coaching, Competition co-lead)

Approval of minutes from 2019 AGM

- The DiscNS Board reviewed the minutes of the 2019 AGM in June 2019 and found them to be complete.
- We ask that the membership accept the minutes as distributed.

Motions

- Motion #1: to approve the meeting agenda as presented
- Motion #2: to approve the DiscNS AGM meeting minutes of May 27, 2019

Return to play

- All sports that want to return to play must have an approved plan from provincial health via Sport Nova Scotia.
- DiscNS is completing its return to play proposal to the province
 - Affiliated organizations like HU, PCU, and MDGA can adopt our plan or propose their own through DiscNS
- Will be a phased in approach based on public health and safety recommendations
- Physical distancing remains a key element, especially in conditions that involve deep breathing
- Last recommendation from the province was not to expect competition play this summer
 - Any form of scrimmage is considered competition play

2019-2020 Highlights - Governance

- Game closure due to covid-19 in March
- Operations review: Bylaws (special resolution tonight) and policy review with equity lens (ongoing)
- Junior committee terms of reference
- Review decision to not be part of NSSAF
- Changes in Board of Directors

2019-2020 Highlights - Competition

- Hosted NS4UC in conjunction with Sur 'n' Turf in Pictou
- Stopped planning for 2020 provincial high school indoor and outdoor tournaments due to covid-19 cancellations
- Business as usual otherwise

2019-2020 Highlights - Youth

- Organized high school 2019 indoor and outdoor provincials
- No Nova Scotia Blues teams sent to CUC 2019
 - Held development clinics in summer 2019 still
- Developed curriculum for grades 6-9 physical education teachers on ultimate
- Had planned for a June ultimate “jamboree”, which was cancelled due to covid-19

2019-2020 Highlights - Coaching

- Ultimate Canada finalized the “competition development” coaching material
- Nova Scotia has 2 trained learner facilitators for this material
 - Unable to secure candidates to have gender balance
- Ultimate Canada is ramping up required coaching training for all teams that want to attend CUC

2019-2020 Highlights - Observers

- New edition of USAU ultimate rules required observers to re-certify
- Highlighted a Nova Scotia hurdle in re-certification:
 - Not many opportunities for observers to practice their training

2019-2020 Highlights – Disc Golf

- Continued growth in the sport (12% in 2019-2020)
- Nationals hosted by MDGA in PEI in September 2019
 - Top international athletes attended
- Disc Golf is creating their own National Sport Organization
 - Local work on being ready to form their Provincial Sport Organization

2020-2021 Plan

- Key emphasis on
 - Still looking to support and develop youth adoption
 - Maintain equity, diversity, and inclusion among our activity values
 - Despite an expectation of lower memberships next year, keep investing in key activities
- Plans can change as opportunities present themselves or constraints cause difficulties
 - We still want a plan in place for basic guidance

2020-2021 Plan

- Regular operations continue (insurance, zuluru, provincials, NS4UC, coaching courses, ...)
 - High performance athlete funding reserve (\$1,000)
 - Disc and equipment purchase (\$1,100)
- Major costed new activities
 - Plan for diversity outreach; must include community involvement (\$2,000)
 - Plan for youth summer, fall, and winter skills development (\$5,700)
 - Partner for spirit tournament (organize as cost neutral)
 - Promote NCCP diversity and safety courses (\$300)
 - Assist observers to practice their skills to maintain certification (\$800)

2020-2021 Plan

- Major no-direct-cost new activities
 - Policy review (continue) and accounting revision
 - Increase plan and activity communication to the Membership
 - Establish processes for recruiting and selecting individuals to lead its events
 - Re-establish the ultimate “jamboree” and provincials for 2021-2022
 - Work to deploy the ultimate curricula for grades 6-9
 - Look to including observer opportunities as part of the event sanctioning policy
 - Develop the policies and tools to help Disc Golf form a PSO once the NSO is established and once the local members are ready for the PSO

Financials

Balance sheet as of April 30, 2020

Assets

Cash	\$37,759.76	
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$1,167.50</u>	
		<u><u>\$37,759.76</u></u>

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$1,225.16	
HST Payable	<u>\$182.82</u>	
		\$1,407.98

Equity

Original Equity	\$11,510.49	
Previous Years Earnings	\$18,141.16	
Current Year Earning	<u>\$6,141.16</u>	
		<u><u>\$36,351.78</u></u>
		<u><u>\$37,759.76</u></u>

Financials Summary - income and budget

Revenue	2019-20 budget	2019-20 actual	2020-21 proposed budget
Memberships	\$7,680	\$4,900	\$3,400
Programming / Tournaments	\$13,400	\$3,800	\$4,200
Grants	\$27,000	\$17,724	\$8,500
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$1,682	\$440
NS Blues	\$8,800	\$995	
	<u>\$56,880</u>	<u>\$29,101</u>	<u>\$16,540</u>
Expenses			
Administration	\$9,650	\$8,651	\$8,140
Promotion / Awards	\$1,800	\$600	\$1,400
Programming / Tournaments	\$36,500	\$11,631	\$10,900
NS Blues	\$8,800	\$672	
Equipment	\$1,500		\$1,100
One-time expenses		\$1,405	
	<u>\$58,250</u>	<u>\$22,959</u>	<u>\$21,540</u>
Net revenue	\$ -1,370	\$6,141	\$ -5,000
CUC 2006 Juniors fund change		\$1,000	\$ -5,000

Annual General Meeting, June 25, 2020

Documents available at discns.ca

Motions

- Motion #3: to accept the 2019-2020 financial report
- Motion #4: to approve the proposed 2020-2021 budget

Special resolution: bylaw update

- Implement the following changes to the bylaws
 - convert Director positions to 2 year terms with interleaved ending dates (23, 33)
 - set the Board size to 5-7 Directors (24, 25)
 - clarify the vote expectations for the Chair (19, 35)
 - adopt gender-neutral language (27, 34, 38)
 - clarify the definition of quorum (16)
 - remove the requirement of attending a prior DiscNS meeting to vote at the current meeting (6)
- Opportunistically, the changes also clean up how the use of definitions in the bylaws.

Motion

- Motion #5: to adopt the changes to the Society bylaws as circulated

Election of Directors

- Open the floor for nominations
- Please enter nominations in the chat window
- Nominees will be asked to confirm their acceptance of the nomination before proceeding to a vote
- Bylaw changes only take effect once the RJSC accepts them. Consequently, we will still vote for 1 year terms this year.
 - 2 year terms will enter the voting next AGM

Board election

- From the set of nominated candidates, select up to 7 individuals who you would see to form the DiscNS Board.
- Select no members to record an abstention from the vote.
- Board seats will be filled in order of most votes
- All candidates are welcome and encouraged to participate in the DiscNS operations over the upcoming year

Other business

Acknowledgements

- Thank you to
 - HU for sharing their AGM night and platform
 - Aric Reynolds for managing the AGM online platform
 - Josh MacDonald for managing the voting on AGM motions
- And all of you for participating!