

## BCDS meeting 8/15/2017 - minutes

**Skype contact:** BCDiscSports

**Meeting location:** Skype only

**Attending:** Curtis Spence, Paul Brownfield,Carolynn Howard, Tara Lynch, Leanne Fulton, Steve Crichton, Eric Vachon, Daniel Martin

**Regrets:** Jenne Brett

### Board of Directors – nominations for upcoming term:

- Quick update; Brendan Stookey has expressed interest, Dennis Greffard, Carrie Neal – LF to reach out to all three

### Events

- **Ogopogo Open**
  - o request for \$25 from BCDS to sponsor hole (PB) – LF to ask Steve about this and get back to Paul; low reg has led to lessen the need for more than one course
- **Provincials**
  - o Update/help needed/ - no solid backup plan in place, Paul to reach out to Carrie; there's a chance the course may be closed due to fire risk. Contingency plan needs to be put in place. Logan Lake should be ok – from Carrie
- **Duck Golf 2016/17:**
  - o Duck Golf coordination – call for TDs to host
  - o AceRunners update – Eric is moving away, level of involvement to be less; his suggestions/recommends for upcoming season:
    - o all registration should be set up by BCDS and reg money to go into BCDS account
    - o toughen up reg deadlines and refund policy to a week between time reg closes and time of event; lock this down
    - o BCDS can buy electronic gift cards from a range of different stores/vendors online to spread out the spend
    - o Registration role=using Disc Golf Scene registration summary – CSV file can be transferred over
    - o AceRunners would like to continue involvement as one of the BCDS' prize suppliers
    - o Recommend we start to groom some new TDs
    - o Increase reg fee for every event by min \$5; to be transferred over to the BCDS as a means of covering for loss of grants if we don't get a grant again. (Translates to almost \$4K over 2016-17 season)

- BCDS membership fee has not been added to Provincials fees – Paul will follow up with club leads to make sure they alert club members this fee will be due (FB post to go up about this)
- EV would like to TD the BC Open in 2018
- Carolynn to look into bulk ordering of gift cards as prize alternative
- Tara to put the call out on Facebook for TDs for Duck Golf with deadline of 2 weeks with a request for ideal month and how they're going to manage capacity. No groups of five, no 20-hole formats, etc etc. Capped at 72 players. 18 holes only. Allocation of numbers for divisions. Consideration for 36 holes – as only other alt format.

#### **Membership:**

- Formation of AMDGC as structured club with elected club leadership
- Quick update

#### **Other items:**

- Eastview; moving basket and easing neighbourhood tension – Stewart to reach out to Matt Jacobi
- Gateway Titans? Naked Acres is still a possibility. Raffle at Duck Golf events? Online raffle? Ideas needed for maximizing BCDS' return on this sale. Could they be traded in? Pilot a basket raffle at Provincials if we can spare one?

#### **Website and social media/communications:**

- Quick update

#### **Treasurer's report:**

#### **Regional updates:**

- Battle of the Peace coming up – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> (set up Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Daniel - Dawson Creek: Course at 9-hole pitch & putt up and running with lots of positive feedback
- Start of women's handicap league Tues nights at QE thru end of Oct.

**Next meeting: Sept 12, 6:30**

**Adjournment: 8:30 pm**

Per Daniel Martin re disc golf in Northern BC:

#### **Dawson Creek:**

- Handicap league night just got underway on May 1st, great participation rate. 18 paying members joined the first week, will hit 20+ paying members by next week.
- Dawson Creek DGC lent baskets and discs to the Notre Dame middle school and some church families, so that is helping to foster youth development. Now that the bridge is back, youth have been playing regularly now. We are also working with the two DC high schools to get a program going with them, and will be donating custom stamped discs shortly.
- We had a fun disc golf event with the city day care kids and gave them each their own disc to take home after the event. DCDGC members are going to host a demonstration/event for the city's youth camp in July as well.

#### **Fort St John:**

- FSJ Disc Sports Club is starting their first ever bag tag league night every Thursday starting May 11th. They are also starting up a weekly ultimate drop-in every Wednesday starting May 10th. FSJDSC are hosting their first ever Trilogy Challenge next month, and have over 20 players already paid and registered. If you lump FSJ and DC as 1 group, we are half the population of Grande Prairie AB but have equal to or greater the participation rate as GP.

#### **Fort Nelson**

- Fort Nelson is needing volunteers to round out their Northern grant. They have received their baskets and will install them this year once a course is fleshed out. I was hoping maybe BCDS could help with Peace Region or Whitehorse players to head over to Fort Nelson and help them with their course somehow? In kind contributions are needed to free up monies. The monies to in kind contribution ratio must be is 70/30.

#### **Mackenzie**

- Adam Lionas is expanding disc golf in Mackenzie, he is currently using a couple portable baskets and playing safari rounds. I've given him all of my proposal materials, and some tips so he can give a presentation to parks/rec and city council soon. Old rodeo grounds is where a course is planned. Any BCDS support would be great.

#### **Prince George**

- Prince George is a blackhole for some reason. A Dawson Creek player named Adam Leavitt just moved there, and is really wanting me to come down there and help him get something kickstarted. One option is to redesign the old Rainbow Park course or get the city to approve of tee designations. The course there doesn't have any tee designations, and every player that plays it never seems to play it again. The population is equal to all of north-east BC, so it seems like there is some potential, and a new course could spark it. Marc Legere was the old BCDS rep in PG, and is

very hit and miss, taking weeks, if ever, even to approve members to their Facebook group, so that doesn't help.

### **Williams Lake**

- Williams Lake is not Northern BC, but the Smith family from Dawson Creek is moving there shortly. They are all members of the DCDGC. Their father, Noel Smith is a Lutheran pastor. The family has approached me to help them get a course there, since their sons love disc golf. I gave them all my proposal materials and links. Perhaps BCDS could help them get disc golf started in Williams Lake?