

BCDS meeting 15/11/2016

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Meeting location: 210 - 128 West Hastings. Buzz 210 or text Steve (604-764-9723)

Attending: Jenne Brett, Stewart McIsack, Mario Duarte, Steve Crichton, Daniel Martin, Curtis Spence, Leanne Fulton, Tara Lynch, Eric Vachon, Ryan Hammerquist, Paul Brownfield

Not in attendance: Carolynn Howard, Hector Diakow

Regional updates

Columbia Valley:

Per Kevin King: I plan on applying for a District grant to get \$1000 for an event in Elkford next summer. I work in the department that processes those grants, so I like our chances of getting it.

- Leanne to contact re date, PDGA sanctioning

Lower Mainland:

Stewart: meeting w WPRRA – homeowners around Joe Brown Park; we were well received and the homeowners committed to potentially support disc golf in JBP. Stewart has meeting w City of Surrey next week.

Jenne – Coquitlam Field Service Allocation committee has been joined as Womens Disc Golf/Mundy Park club after giving a presentation to Coquitlam council – has made inroads to making relationships

Interior: Kamloops would like to apply to host Provincials 2017; they'd like to know if we are accepting bids for this yet.

Pick your partner doubles in Myra Canyon Nov 26

Missing pole for basket still missing – one part has been found, one missing – Paul to look for it.

Islands:

Victoria has AGM coming up at end of the month – Comox Valley running day and night event 26, Fritz memorial on SSI – LF to add to calendar

North:

Welcome returning board member, Daniel Martin, who has agreed to continue as the Northern BC rep/ Member at Large, and new board member Curtis Spence, who will be joining the board as a new member at large.

Update from Daniel Martin:

- Request for funding by the Ft St John Disc Sports Club to help promote the sport via a booth at the FSJ trade show in Spring 2017 – April 4 (see addendum)
- Dawson Creek DGC has applied to receive a Northern Health Imagine Grant, to be announced Nov 21, consisting mainly of trees to be planted at the Dawson Creek course and new signage. They may need funding or partial matching from BCDS by Mar 31, 2017.
- Daniel has received 40 ultimate discs from the WFDF and is distributing them to schools in FSJ and other northern communities with plans to distribute golf discs as well.
- Golf discs have been made available thru local library – can be checked out for free
- Mackenzie – disc golf demos have happened there, work going on to get course at Kin Rodeo site –
- Ft Nelson has received 40K grant to build a course – they’re looking for in-kind donations of volunteer hours
- Battle of the Peace tournament in Taylor BC went well – 50 players competed, made the front page of the paper, goal of growing the event Sept 4 at Lone Wolf golf course in 2017 to 72 com
- Grande Prairie – Daniel has invited them to join the BCDS
- Searching for portable baskets set for the North – how much would it cost to send them up there (LF to look into)
- Eric Vachon suggests running fundraiser discs to help raise funds to buy a set of baskets
- Vote for next meeting re FSJ grant request

Update from Curtis Spence:

- Upgrade and expansion of Toboggan Hill DG Course has been included in proposal to Ft. St John parks and rec master plan
- Working toward getting an 18 hole course in FSJ
- Concern re divided/multiplied efforts in FSJ disc golf community due to lack of communication

Treasurer’s report:

- Finances are in order from first two Duck Golf events
- membership fees are being processed
- Application for gaming grant did not go through – or hasn’t been successful yet
- Past finances need to be in order/paperwork needed to qualify for future grants; it’s possible we could resubmit

Events:

Duck Golf 2015/16:

- discussion of how the remainder of the season will be handled re accommodating demand
- next event Campbell River; capacity to be 90 players
- Tall Timber – Eric + Stewart meeting with the golf course next week – they’ll decide if they go to 2 days or 1 day/2 courses.

- Mission – 1 day, 2 courses – Superbowl Sunday the same weekend. Both Centennial and Heritage to be played
- Vancouver – 1 day 2 courses
- Nanaimo – 1 day, 2 courses
- One main tournament central for all
- Mundy – Craig Sheather stepping in as TD to replace Dan, who'll be away
- Eric has purchased 9 new Gateway Titan portables; he wishes to sell them to the BCDS – will send quote to Steve – to be voted on next meeting
- Discussion re teepads and potential portable teepads – hybrid AstroTurf + Flymats thru DiscGolfPark discussed – discgolfpark.net

Membership

- Paul has 249 people registered so far
- Mundy Park's list not submitted yet
- Information not coming in consistently – recommends move to online registration

Roles and responsibilities:

- What jobs do people want to take on this year, or projects need supporting? (next meeting)

Social media:

- BCDS Facebook page is under a private account – Darin Mickleson owns it – Jenne will get in touch with him
- BCDS webpage not accessible from some points/accessible through firewalls
- What's its role and how do we want to use it?
- Importance of consistency of message

Other items:

Website

Mario recommends switching website hosting, domain and server – recommends hiring a new hosting service – and doing a complete overhaul of website, in addition adding membership database (approx \$2,500)

- also recommends setting up clear succession plan
- move to more secure programming language
- Twitter account to be set up
- App for Worlds as possibility (?) (LF to look into this)
- Tara to contact possible programmer
- TBD next meeting re costs etc.

Next meeting:

Dec 20, 6:30 pm

Adjournment:
8:30 pm

Dear BCDSS Directors,

I have recently become aware of an innovation grant offered by the BCDSS. As president of the FSJ Disc Sports Club, I would like to formally apply for this grant.

The FSJ Disc Sports Club is the first non-profit disc club in Fort St. John. We formed in early 2016 in partnership with the Dawson Creek Disc Golf Club, with a goal of bringing disc golf to Fort St. John. Ultimately, we were successful. Our installation of a “test” facility consisting of 9 tonal targets in Toboggan Hill has shown the City that there is significant interest in the sport across a wide cross-section of our community.

Interest grew throughout the summer, culminating in the very successful Battle of the Peace tournament, held at a local golf course. The first year of this tournament saw 52 entrants in four skill categories. Of particular note, we had over 25% female participants. We had players travel from upwards of 1,300 km away to participate in the tournament. For most of the players, it was their very first tournament.

Our club was able to facilitate the donation of 60 discs to the local high school (the disc golf course is next to the high school property). This opened up the opportunity for our other high school to get involved in disc golf and they purchased 75 discs of their own. Both schools look to have disc golf and Ultimate in their gym curriculum come spring. We are very excited to see what other opportunities arise as local enthusiasm increases.

We have a lot of work left to do before we are able to install a permanent basket course on Toboggan Hill, but we are very gratified to have learned recently that disc golf has been officially included in the City of Fort St John's Recreation Plan, and that we will be able to work actively toward our goal.

At our AGM, we as a Society have identified exhibiting at the FSJ Trade Show as a priority for raising the profile of our activity and generating interest in our community. The FSJ Trade Show is unlike any other, with over 300 booths and attracting over 16,000 visitors annually. For reference, our city population is just over 21,000.

The FSJ Trade Show takes place in April, at a time in the North when the snow shows signs of disappearing from parks, and families are eagerly looking forward to a fresh start outside. We would like to showcase the course and further its development, generate interest in developing a drop-in Ultimate league, as well as sign up members for our club. Our club membership includes BCDSS membership, so the more people we attract, the more members for the BCDSS.

As we are in our Society's first year, we would deeply appreciate assistance in keeping our costs low. The non-profit booth price is \$389 + GST, and there are of course also other costs associated with running the booth including signage, brochures, giveaway prizes, etc. **We are**

asking the BCDSS for \$408.45 to cover the cost of the booth. There are huge direct and indirect benefits for the BCDSS (including memberships) as well as for disc sports in general in the North Peace region. We ask that you carefully consider this proposal, as we believe this investment will pay off for years to come.

Thanks,
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