

**Minutes of the TUA Committee Meeting**  
19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 – The Duke



**Meeting opened: 6:23 pm**

**Present:** Ash Martens, Joe Boyer, Andrew Binny, Jemery Day, Shavawn Donoghue, Huddy Fuller, Matt Petrie, Steve Wright, Jase de Puit.

**Apologies:** Mike Baker, David Cooke.

**Confirmation of previous minutes:** moved by Joe, seconded Jemery.

**Confirmation of January's minutes (deferred from last meeting)** Moved by Shavawn, Seconded by Joe.

**Correspondence:** Mail from Jonathan Potts about a sports council meeting. This will come up in business arising. We also got the WFDF 2009 rules.

**Business arising from the minutes:**

**1. Summer League 2009 including lights (Pat/Michael)**

- Lights came on! Great achievement all round.
- Formal thanks to Jemery for persisting the lights.
- Pat thinks it will always be a persistent thing that we'll need to bug them, but Shavawn has more faith.
- First week of finals coming up.
- Banning pickups for finals, they need to have played three games with the team to qualify for finals.
- Pat thinks the pickup situation got unreasonable at the end, the \$5 fee per pickup game needs to be stressed and enforced in all future leagues.
- Need to find out how to turn on the lights in the bbq area.

**2. Summer League training/skills sessions (Huddy)**

- Training sessions going well. We've had between 3 and 7 people turning up each time. I'm finding that the 6:30 one isn't working as well as expected, probably because the target audience also play social.
- He'd like to work out something in future that allows those players to go to a skills based session that doesn't clash with other games.

**3. Mixed Nationals 2009 (Shavawn)**

- Tim, Shavawn and Jemery went to a meeting with Clarence City Council about the booking, the lining the fields, the media/marketing and a whole bunch of things.
- They seem really supportive about everything, so it's great.
- The issue of the two-hat was raised with them too, so they're aware of our intention to host a secondary tournament in conjunction with it.
- Shavawn needs to know of anyone who will volunteer to help out with other things.
- Save the Devil discs will be sold.
- All merchandise needs to be organised by May.

- JK has organised a wiki for communication amongst the sub-committee, and they will report back to the general committee every so often.
- They get the budget from previous Mixed Nats.
- Mike D wants to coach/captain an "A team"

**4. Regionals and Nationals 2009 (Huddy/Ash)**

- Bush finished third, everyone loved it and all the girls really did get a lot out of watching some high-level ultimate.
- BUSH WON SPIRIT!
- Bush qualified and will try to send a team to nats in perth, but will likely be a combined team.
- Tiggers 7<sup>th</sup> out of nine. Had fun. Some really close games. Everyone got a lot out of it.
- There's talk of sending a tiggers team to Nats, we can think of about 10 who have said yes, or maybe. JK will not be captain of the team, but will do some work to get numbers now, so that we can get back to Woody on whether we want the team.
- Regionals next year, should be in Hobart. We should be able to get two teams. Huddy would like to see the "primary" team to be chosen on commitment to nationals.
- This is a full year away though, so we can wait to make a decision.
- Also, Huddy wants to plan rep teams earlier, organising them before spring league.
- Also, Huddy wants a midyear tournament too, because he reckons we don't get enough tournament practice. The problem is that no one will volunteer to run such a tournament. There's a little bit of overflow with TUC, and an indoor tournament in mid-year. These will be talked about later on.

**5. Website makeover (JK, Maz)**

- Maz wants a due date, or a deadline. We set the annual dinner to be the due date, so it's the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**6. Annual Dinner 2009 + awards (Ash)**

- May 16<sup>th</sup> is the date
- Catch is the venue (the old Rockefellas), if we get over 50 people, they will waive the booking fee, so that's our target.
- 3 course sitdown meal.
- Probably better if drinks aren't included in the price.
- Awards:
  - With the awards, there are four or five proper awards we want to give, and then open it up to the larger community to come up with the novelty awards.
  - The Board (Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) will accept nominations for awards, and will make a decision in private (away from the committee)
- We should be looking to sell tickets by the beginning of April.
- We set the price for tickets at \$40. If the meal works out being more than that, the TUA will fund the difference.

**7. Tas Uni report (Huddy?)**

- Pickup is huge at the moment.
- We're starting a league this Friday.
- Ken and Eliza volunteering to run the Friday lunchtime league.
- Four team league, Pickups will be welcome.

#### 8. Adoption of new WFDF Ultimate rules

- New rules will be used at Nationals, we should implement the new rules as soon as possible.
- Autumn league was suggested, no one objected. New rules will be applied at all official TUA events from the beginning of Autumn league, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

#### 9. Autumn League

- Mike will be TD for league (Thanks Mike!)
- Ken will be an assistant
- Lots of discussion that didn't lead anywhere, decisions are all up to Mike, but he's announced it will be a four-a-side league.

#### 10. Spirit guidelines for Autumn

- Trial the new 8 Criteria WFDF spirit guidelines.
- It looks longwinded, but will work out for the better in the longrun.

#### 11. Development Grants

- Background – TUA has given out development grants in the past to women and juniors.
- It was identified late in the piece that we hadn't offered it to regionals participants, so we did so, but we found lots of flaws in the system.
- We need to come up with some rules or guidelines for this process, so it can be smoother in future. This is going to be a big discussion, so JK would prefer to have a board discussion to nut this out and bring it back to the committee to save meeting time.
- JK asked for quick feedback. Steve pointed out that a list of expectations of recipients would be great. They are happy to help, but need guidance in ways that they can contribute. We all agree, and will be sure to organise it.

#### 5. Minor business arising from the minutes (may not need any discussion!)

##### 1. Refund Policy for Leagues/Tournaments (Shavawn)

- She has a draft, and will email it to people in the next week.
- It's very rough, but it's a starting point.

##### 2. League organiser's manual updates (Michael)

- Michael published his suggested changes.
- Joe will collate the changes into the document, on google docs.
- Pat suggested a League organisers Feedback form, that lets the TD say what worked and what didn't. We discuss them at these meetings, but nothing gets written down in stone.
- Pat is happy to draft this if necessary.

**3. Web updates (photos from AUG 2006 and AUG 2007 (does anyone have these - are they on facebook somewhere? We have one for SUG 2006), Southern**

**Regionals 2007 (Tiggers team report), Bush Nationals 2008 (photo + team list + report), LOG Mixed Nationals 2008(complete team list + report)), Southern Regionals 2009 (Bush and Tiggers: photo + team list + report)**

- We've got some of these, the missing ones need to go to Jem.

#### 4. TUC

- Mention it at leagues.
- JK has grand plans that he will detail in an email.
- It will start with a survey, that will be compulsory for all potential players.
- You need to have a core group of five players minimum to register a team, or you can register as a free agent.
- Uni will be a probably venue, Sandown is unavailable during soccer season.
- JK will identify some team captains.
- Not three teams.
- Mixed league.

#### 6. Financial

Expenditure to approve: \$150 for dinner.

#### 7. Other business

##### 1. Independent Sport Panel: April 2 Mercure Hotel

- We should have a representative there to give them a serve about field availability.

##### 1. Junior Development officer. Steve has volunteered for the position.

- First job will be a gala day, second job will be a tournament and a league.
- Joe has lots of paperwork to give to Steve.
- Get an information kit that can go out free to schools.

##### 2. Formal reports

- JK has been looking back through league details to 2003, looking at figures and numbers, recruits and stuff.
- Following on from Pat's suggestion of a formal TD report, it's something we should do after every league, add data to the graph and look for trends. Analyse what worked well and what didn't work well.

##### 3. Winter League dead-zone

- Pat raised the issue of having difficulties recruiting at the beginning of spring, because of the lack of continuity. Wants to have a regular pickup or a come-and-try. Everyone's happy.

##### 3. Huddy wanted to buy a ladder for Tiggers.

- This brought up a massive issue of separation between TUA and the Tiggers/Bush.
- In the past we've kept a line that keeps Bush/Tiggers as distinct entities from the TUA.
- We need to work out why this separation exists, if we get a benefit from it.
- Pat suggests that to grow bigger, we have to throw off the training wheels, but do we need to do this now? Can we foster more development by becoming more financially involved in the Tiggers?
- These are things that the board will discuss while they're discussing development grants.

- Jem asked. where do mixed nats fit into all this?

**8. Next meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Venue TBA**  
**Meeting Closed – 8:16 pm**