

# TUA Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009



**Meeting Open:** 6:11pm

**Present:** Mike Dunne, Jason de Puit, Grady Cowley, Steven Wright, Charlie Prevost, Alysia Prevost, Jemery Day, Shavawn Donoghue, John Kristensen, Joe Boyer, Felix Kennedy

**Apologies:** Patrick Dunne, Huddy Fuller

**Confirmation of minutes:** (two meetings ago) Masni Bennett, John Kristensen (one meeting ago) Shavawn Donoghue, John Kristensen

## Correspondence

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REAP

- JK received an email from the coordinator of REAP, asking whether we have a state volunteer organiser, we will discuss this as an agenda item

## Financial Report

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- We have \$9.5k.

Approved Expenditure May 29 - Jun 23

Cheque number	Date	Amount	Paid to	For
276	06/01/2009	\$62.00	Shavawn Donoghue	TUA Dinner Prizes
277	06/01/2009	\$1,250.00	AFDA	Summer League Fees
2009				
278	06/01/2009	\$51.20	Business Affairs Branch	Association fees
279	23/06/2009	\$68.83	Antonia Dunne	Food and Drink
280	23/06/2009	\$114.50	The Duke	TUA meeting food
281	23/06/2009	\$100.00	Eliza Burke-Purdon	Development Grant
282	23/06/2009	\$100.00	Sara Carson	Development Grant

## Uni Report

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Pickup

- Pickup is running! 3-a-side pickup happened today

## Summer League 2009

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Final report

- Jem says it is on the web

AFDA fees

- Felix says they have been paid

## Autumn League 2009

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### Spirit system

- To be discussed later in the meeting

### Finances

- Field hire was \$800
- Profit was \$250-300
- Mike has given the numbers to Felix

### Final report

- Done! It has been emailed to tas-ultimate by Michael.

## TUC

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- Games have been high level and fun (thanks John). It is cold.

### Gender matching

- John asks how is this working (especially for females)?
- Maz says she appreciates it being an open league because there is less pressure on the women to be on the field
- Gender matching should be decided by the captains before each game.

### Field closures

- We can't do anything about it
- Playing multiple weeks in a row seems okay

### Spirit

- There weren't scoring forms for the first week because it wasn't organised, but that was okay because everyone gave the same score.
- We will use the new forms from now on.

### Socialising

- Three people turned up at SoHo after last week's game and then moved to The Duke because SoHo was busy.

## Winter League 2009

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### Signups

- Are happening

### Teams

- Charlie and Alysia are aiming towards an even number of teams
- Team numbers and numbers on the court (4 or 5) will be tweaked to fit this

### Timeslots

- Probably 3 timeslots with no halftime, depending on the number of teams

## TUA Annual Dinner

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### Organiser Feedback

- Ash is away

## Survey

- Jase forgot to make a survey, probably too late now

## HalfWIT

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### Signup

- 34 registrants so far

### Correspondence

- Phil emailed and mentioned the wrong date, but that was a mistake

### Catering

- BYO lunch, BBQ dinner
- Canteen will be open, possibly for lunch but probably later for the finals for beer

### Teams

- 4 teams probably

### Youth

- Jemery's 11-year-old son is quite keen to play in the tournament
- TUA members feel that indoor might be a bit intense - especially a tournament
- TUA members would prefer if he started in spring league
- Guidelines?
  - Apparently the age limit for nationals and regionals is 15

## Mixed Nationals 2009

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### Organising Committee

- Are having meetings

### Grants

- Waiting to hear back from some that we have applied for

### Sponsorship

- We are hoping for sponsorship from Aurora

### Attendance

- There will probably be approx. 400 people attending AMUC

### Merchandise

- Shavawn asks whether it worth organising merchandise
- Reply is that frisbee people are generally keen for goodies!
- Shavawn suggests ordering around 100 tops (or something similar) - they can be limited edition
- Grady agrees to buy out any remaining merchandise

### Jobs

- We need 16 large water containers, the Maccas water coolers - Charlie volunteers
- We need someone to write a blurb about local accommodation options - Cookie volunteers
- We need someone be in charge of billeting - Alysia volunteers

### Mailing List

- A mailing list for the AMUC committee has been created. Shavawn will send an email out with details.

### Teams

- We need to officially request the number of spots we want from the AFDA
- We will need to have a seeding playoff between teams
- There will be tryouts for the B-Team
- Shavawn will be organising the B-Team (or negotiating with Joe)

## Two-Hat 2009

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### Committee Organisation

- Dave Wilson will be TD in name, will also organise t-shirt and disc designs
- Patrick Dunne will also help out
- David Cooke will possibly do catering
- Shavawn will be doing infrastructure
- Joe will do teams and draw

### Numbers

- Might be a 120 cap
- Possibly we could open registration early for local players?
  - David Cooke says no, local people might pull out at last minute while mainlanders miss out.
  - General consensus is that this would be unfair and unnecessary
  - Locals will be at a slight advantage anyway, as if we pass cap, they will be more eager to be on the waiting list.

### Venue

- No confirmation from Wentworth yet. Wentworth could support 5 fields, but possibly we might have to go to Cornelian Bay
- There is the college field next to Wentworth that could increase our cap if necessary.

### Registration

- Opening August?
- Joe will keep track of who has been paid

## PO Box

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- Felix requests that we can get a PO Box for the TUA. We should use it for all communication!
- Cost - \$60 a year plus \$7 for keys.
- Location - Battery Point is fairly central for most, Felix can choose where is most convenient.

## TUA Website

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- In progress... slowed by the dinner... it is ready for content

## Development Grants

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- Eliza and Sarah Carson both applied for grants and they were approved. We gave them \$100 each.

## Volunteers

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### REAP - Volunteer Organiser (VO)

- We need someone to be an email contact for this program. Masni volunteers to receive the emails.

### REC & Sport Workshop

- Shavawn and Jem attended this workshop. The first part of the workshop was talking about how to manage volunteers in sporting organisations

- Tips on how to appreciate volunteers:
    - Giving benefits - discounts, free membership
    - Reimbursement for costs - driving
  - Types of volunteers:
    - Compulsory volunteers
    - Guilt factor
    - Altruistic volunteers
  - We already offer some benefits to volunteers, do we need to offer more?
    - Free league fees for organisers, financial support for development, reimbursed driving costs for coaches, public thanking of the volunteers
  - Balance between accountability and letting people fill their roles as volunteers
- Volunteer of the Month (AFDA - REAP)
- Let's nominate Mike! Joe will write a nomination.

## TUA Strategic Plan

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What do we think about having a Strategic Plan?

- Generally, this is something that might be required for funding
- Joe thinks we don't need a strategic plan
  - We have grown organically up until this point and we have been successful
  - Deadlines will increase pressure on the volunteers, the extra pressure will be detrimental
- Cookie thinks we need to keep it very simple
  - Effort will be wasted if a very long complex plan is drawn up and never looked at again
  - Reevaluation - strategic plans need targets and these need to be reviewed
  - We should avoid becoming too bureaucratic
- JK says deadlines aren't a bad thing
  - If the deadlines are constantly being pushed back, the deadlines weren't realistic.
  - Deadlines give us specific goals and targets.
- Jem says a small plan to keep us focused would be good
- Maz points out that we have money to spend and a set of priorities would help decide what is worthwhile.

Ideas for the Strategic Plan

- Bring a coach down from the mainland!
- Schools league
- More tournaments - small ones, like the halfWIT, or a beach tournament!
- Social events - pub after league, quiz night, cocktail night, disco bowling
- Two nights of league during spring and summer
- Player questionnaires after leagues
- More banjo in committee meetings

## Discs

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Current Stocks

- We're down to under 50 discs, so we are going to order some more.

Ordering a New Batch

- Shavawn recommends 144, which is \$1600. Approved!
- Design will be the TUA logo design, but with different colour schemes
  - White with hot pink

- White with red triangle prism
- UV with blue

## Women's Hat

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- There are rumours of an annual national Women's Hat in November (either this year or from next year onwards)
- Shavawn is gauging interest on the womens email list

## Spirit

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### New Spirit Scoresheet

- Grady says he doesn't think the questionnaire is popular
  - WFDF criteria not very relevant to tassie league
  - Some criteria are hard to judge
  - Scores between 0 and 2 are not a useful spectrum
  - Filling in the sheet takes too long

### Ideas for Improvement

- Criteria could be revised to be more relevant to league
- Criteria could be made more specific
- More feedback or reporting mechanisms would be good
  - Quarterly or half-season publishing of results (unscored ranking)
  - Set a threshold for when the captains should talk (responsibility of the league directors or committee)

### Revision of the System?

- Jem, Joe and JK don't think we should revise the system because the WFDF scoresheets are international
- Jase thinks we should slightly modify some irrelevant criteria
- Jase will send an email detailing his "two-pronged" feedback approach

## Next Meeting

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- Tuesday July 21st

**Meeting Closed:** 8:20pm