

# Hamilton Ultimate Club

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

*Sunday Feb 28, 2021*

VIRTUAL - Zoom meeting

8:00pm

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Kimberley Baxter, Linda Kudo, Heather Colterman, Matt Caldwell, Jeremy Chacko, Jessica Lazenby, Tam Siwak, Molly Kojder, Michael Abrametz, Stephanie Hall, Rich Ellis, Rebecca Kawamura, Matt Gaster, Aaron Petrina, Adam Lazenby, Hannah Scholtz, Melissa Michel, Yannick Castonguay-Page, Diana Gutierrez, Kit Sogan

1. **Call to order** - Linda Kudo called to order at 8:00 pm, seconded by Tam Siwak
2. **Establishment of Quorum** - 18 members present at start of AGM, quorum met at 8.
3. **Appointment of Scrutineers** - not required as there is no competition for positions
4. **Approval of the Agenda** - MOTION: MOVED by Matthew Gaster, SECONDED by Tam Siwak and CARRIED that the agenda be approved.
5. **Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest** - nil
6. **Adoption of Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting** - MOTION: MOVED by Tam Siwak, SECONDED by Molly Kojder, and CARRIED to adopt the minutes from the 2020 AGM.
7. **Board Reports**
  - Board continues to meet once per month during pandemic
  - a. Strategic Plan
    - i. Diversity and inclusion - education of board and membership to continue to improve within the league; accessible website; equitable access to play; community relationship building
    - ii. Safety - return to play; dangerous play rule; concussion awareness
    - iii. Strengthen league - operating committees more transparent and welcoming, spirit of the game; building youth ultimate program, building womxn's interest
8. **League Reports**
  - Nothing new to report as league has not occurred for one year
9. **Financial report**
  - September 1st, 2019 - August 31, 2020
  - Stopped play March 2020 so partial year of playing
  - Net loss for the FY ending Aug 31, 2020 11K
  - Obviously affected due to covid -
    - No Summer (25K)
    - No unknown legends (8K)
    - Reduced Tuesday/Sunday winter indoor
    - No women's league
  - Significantly reduced memberships (750 to approx 350 members)

- Charged HST in all programs - (Loss in FY 2019 due to taking HST out of fees rather than charging HST in addition to fees).
- Fee increase (relative to prior years) - because we charged hst in addition - our revenue would have gone up compared to last year.
- Largest mismatch between Indoor fees and indoor costs (did not ask for refund from soccerworld)
- Summer generally where we offset other leagues losses
- Still waiting to complete HST payments for previous years - accountant filing paperwork with CRA
- Refunded some money from Ontario Ultimate for insurance payments
- Did have attendees to virtual ultimate canada conference

#### 10. **Appointment of Auditors**

- Full audit is completed by accountant firm - cost is \$5000-\$10,000
- As a non-profit we have the options of waiving the audit
- In order to ensure transparency, we ask for a member to look over the financial statements for accuracy
- Audit will be completed by Michael Abrametz

#### 11. **Ontario Ultimate**

- In 2020, OU was able to talk to insurance broker and obtain refund since leagues were not running
- Credit of approx 50% of fees
- New ED with OU - Michael Kukucska
- Ontario ultimate and Ultimate Canada have policies for return to play

#### 12. **Ultimate Canada Conference summary/highlights**

- Virtual conference for 2020
- Womxn's league coaches - offering free spot for league if available to coach or mentor
- Offering first access to registration for volunteers, convenors, captains for more popular leagues
- Youth league - connect with Elevate Ultimate and purchase copies of their coaching book for our youth league coaches
- Pandemic policies - no return to play with policies unless someone is able to monitor to ensure they are being followed - without that insurance would not cover; will continue to look at Ontario policy on sports league and liability if a participant is infected with covid; consideration of boot camp type training if leagues cannot run

#### 13. **Committees**

##### a. **Website**

- Working at next steps to move towards wordpress
- Jon Hines - has already built bridge for wordpress and Zulu so will discuss more with Greg

##### b. **Youth Ultimate**

- Unsure at this point what the league will be able to accomplish due to unknowns related to the pandemic

**c. Equity & Inclusivity**

- Education of HUC membership - looking for sports specific opportunities within the league's budget, also need to produce more visual aids for website and education of membership
- Looking to have safe space to report issues within the league (ie. policy for sexual harassment and racist behaviour)
- Looking for more league members to join this committee

**14. New Business**

**a. Return to play - round table**

- looking for medical professionals to assist in advising about appropriate return to play time table
- Consider contacting public health unit for advisement

**b. Fundraiser/Charity event (Aaron Petrina)**

- Must follow regions covid policies
- Christie Lake, Bronte Creek are local disc golf courses
- Bring own discs, food, etc
- Costs include entrance to parks, parking, etc.

**15. Election of new Directors**

- a. President (2 year term) - Linda Kudo
- b. Secretary (2 year term) - Jess Lazenby
- c. Member at Large (1 year term) - Matt Caldwell
- d. Conveners (1 year term)
  - i. Indoor (fall and winter)
    - 1. 6v6 - Matt Caldwell, Jessica Lazenby
    - 2. 4v4 - Molly Kojder, Tam Siwak
  - ii. Fall outdoor - Warren Churchill
- e. Communications Director (1 year term) - Heather Colterman
- f. Events Director (1 year term) - TBD
- g. Development Director (1 year term) - TBD

16. **Adjournment:** 8:51- MOTIONED by Tam Siwak, SECONDED by Kit Sogan and CARRIED