

Junta meeting minutes, June 5, 2003
Banfield's Bar & Grill

Junta members present: Tim Berla, Heather Needham, Rob Loechel, Dave Morris, Sean Holleran, Harry Fried, Kelly Taylor, Mike Goodale, Justin Gerboc, and one visitor. One pitcher of beer consumed.

Meeting began 9:30-ish. Harry Fried took the floor and reported that a serious injury occurred during the Thursday (June 5) game with one player being transported to U of M hospital following a three-person collision. In light of this player's apparent head injury, a reminder about safe play, especially with high-flying discs, and personal space around and above bodies will be sent to all Ultimate Players. Harry Fried will handle writing the first draft of message. Harry also said he would keep us posted about the injured player's condition, if possible.

Main item on agenda was Century Game, which will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 21 at Hudson Mills Metropark, Dexter, at the Oak Meadows field. Party will follow in picnic shelter. Cost is free to all registered Summer League players, \$5 for non-registered players, including post-tournament party (food, beverages and potent potables). Tim Berla will serve as tournament director.

Brian Amer (not present) volunteered to handle food, Jim Berry (also not present) will handle beer detail.

Heather Needham will write and send press releases to local media outlets.

Same M.O. as last year's Century Game, with players with even-year birthdays playing against those with odd-year birthdays. Players should plan to bring light and dark colored T-shirts (please, no yellow or gray!), cleats, water and grillable items for post-tournament barbecue. Condiments, table service, beverages, snacks, etc. will be provided. Motor vehicle fee of \$3-4 per vehicle will be charged, so carpooling is encouraged!

Cups tournament is planned with prizes, which will probably include free Tshirts and discs.

About the tournament's point system. "Hollywood" points are also planned every 20th point, with the last person scoring making up crazy rules for 21st

point. Layout points will be worth two (must be “true” layouts). Players may play at least three points before subbing out. Greatest scores are worth 10 and perfect hacks are worth 5 (everyone on the side touches the disc exactly once from first possession to score, with no turnovers).

“Last back” rules will not be in force at Century Game.

Event will be held in conjunction with the Discraft-sponsored **Great Lakes Open** disc golf tournament. A viewing area will be set up in shaded pavilion area for those wanting to watch the disc golf action. So far, 192 amateur and pro golfers have signed up from across the United States, according to Loechel. Cash prizes will be awarded during disc golf tournament.

Junta member reports/issues:

Mike Goodale confirmed that team shirts will be distributed beginning Monday, June 9 to all team captains. Extras have been ordered for each team.

Sean Holleran will send out a reminder about having ice packs on hand at all games. Tim Berla has those and cones for distribution so captains just need to find him to get some.

Heather Needham reported sending a promotional Summer League disc and press kit to Mike Brennan, recreational sports reporter at Ann Arbor News as thanks for his helping publicize the league.

Needham also raised issue about non-traditional offense strategies and questioned whether they should be used within the first month of play, in particular, the “horizontal” stack. She said that the strategy proved to be confusing to some new players and even experienced players.

Tim Berla said that it was good to mix things up and that it was not too difficult of a strategy to employ – or defend against.

Dave Morris said that a vertical stack should be preferable within first few weeks of play, because it makes it more simple to teach the force to new players. Further, most stacks used in Ann Arbor Ultimate are vertical.

Sean Holleran said offensive strategies should be simple within the first few weeks of recreational league play.

Kelly Taylor said that he has already tried teaching horizontal stacks to his team and has no opinion one way or another on using them in early league play or not.

This issue will be further discussed at a later meeting.

Registration

Some registration issues brought up included people signing up for particular nights then wanting to switch after the posted deadline. Tim Berla suggested giving registrants user names and passwords that will allow them to view registration data. Registration will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Game Attendance

This was another raised. Dave Morris reported that an e-mail was sent out to all captains asking them to assess attendance and that if they need more players, just ask. Approximately 30 players are on the waiting list.

Non-profit status?

Tim Berla asked about how to go about process of getting Ann Arbor Ultimate established as a 501 C-3 non-profit organization in order to be able to use Fuller Park soccer fields. He said he would talk to Dave Moran and others in the know about such processes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.