

WAFDA AGM Minutes of Meeting

12 December 2003
8.26pm – 9.13pm

Present

JD, Mel B, Mel T, Len, Andy L, Rusty, Debbie N, Richard, Dave B, Adrian, Debbie R, Daniel S, Pip, Brian (Ballen), Steve B, Paul T, Andy D, Ian, Ben W, Paul, Narhara, Jerome

President's Report (JD)

I would firstly like to thank and congratulate the present committee for the efforts put in over the past year. Both on and off the field they have excelled beyond the call of duty and they deserve a lot of the credit. WA Frisbee will continue to grow into the future with several big events coming our way. Noticeably World Ultimate Club Championships 2006 Perth. Over 3000 players worldwide will be at our doorstep playing what could be the greatest event in Oz Ultimate history.

I would like to thank each committee member individually:

Ken Summers (Vice President) hasn't been able to make a huge time contribution this year due to other commitments but whose valued input is always gratefully accepted.

Mel Barter (Treasurer) for keeping the books updated and the money sorted. Also a big help in the Risk Management Plan with the set up and the continued support you have put into the league.

Mel Thong (Secretary) your expertise in the Marketing Plan has seen it endorsed by the DSR and blew the AFDA conference away. Also involved in the Privacy Policy, Strategic Plan and database. Also thanks for you involvement with the league.

To the general committee:

Steve Baker thanks for the work this year on the website updating and the planning of the Anti-harassment Policy and the Child Protection Policy, also the involvement in the other policies and plans. Also the editor of the WA newsletter.

Lenny Thong, Dave Brain, Ballen and Richard thanks for the work you have put in.

A big thanks guys for a job well done.

Treasurer's Report (Mel B)

Income	\$18,186.50
Expenditure	\$16,287.70
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,898.80

University Report

CURTIN (LEN)

- Not much happened.

MURDOCH (DAVE B)

- \$1000 grant from Guild, bought shirts
- Setup club properly and have had a team in every league

UWA (RICHARD)

- Held Winter Solstice
- Picked up a few players at O-day
- Won spirit at Uni Games

Election of Office Bearers

PRESIDENT

JD nominated by Dave B, seconded by Len
Mel T nominated by Mel B, declined
JD elected unopposed

VICE PRESIDENT

Mel T nominated by JD, seconded by Len
Mel T elected unopposed

TREASURER

Len nominated by JD, seconded by Mel B/Dave
Len elected unopposed

SECRETARY

Daniel S nominated by JD, seconded by Adrian
Daniel S elected unopposed

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Steve B nominated by JD, seconded by Mel T
Steve B elected unopposed

Jerome nominated by JD, seconded by Richard
Jerome elected unopposed

Brian nominated by JD, declined

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

UWA	TBC
Murdoch	Dave nominated Adrian, accepted
Curtin	TBC

WOMEN'S COORDINATOR

Mel B nominated by JD, seconded by Len
Mel B elected unopposed

League

We held three very successful leagues with an average of 80 players per league.

Towards the end of this year, a Div 1 league was developed (Evo league) and other regular league was renamed Perth Ultimate League (PUL) with the desire that it would become a social league. This worked quite well and will be implemented early next year on the calendar.

At the start of the leagues a "Bring a Friend" night was held, primarily to introduce friends of players to the sport. The results were excellent with over 20 new players taking to the fields.

To break up the cycle of league, "Hat" nights were interspersed to help introduce new players to other players in the league.

Two rules forums were held. The first was the chance for the captains of each team to go through the basic rules and have them clarified. The second for the players who were unclear on rule interpretations. Rules brochures were written up and will be given to any new player in the future.

The WAFDA signed a 1 year contract with the UWA sports for the league fields. WAFDA will now have to pay for the use of the lights (\$27 per night approximately).

A document titled "League Director Duties" has been written to guide for future league directors in their duties.

WAFDA Items

The committee held several monthly meetings over the year. These covered basic WA Frisbee items and the DSR funding requirements.

Several issues of the "Ultimate Bits" newsletter have been circulated this year. These are handed out and posted on the website (www.afda.com/wafda).

Other items include:

- Continued work on policies and plans over the year
- A "Strategic Plan" review meeting was held. Working through the strategic plan and making changes. It is currently up to date. WAFDA will need to hold annual review meetings on all policies and plans.
- Website updated frequently with the latest info. A total revamp will be looked at next year.
- Continued updating of the "infolink" government and community information database along with the Alexander Library database.
- Plans for the new WAFDA membership fee structure. WAFDA is to become last of the AFDA's affiliated associations to endorse compulsory membership. This may be cancelled out with the introduction of "event-based fees".
- WAFDA "endorsed tournaments policy" has been written up and to be reviewed at the next WAFDA committee meeting.

Department of Sport & Recreation (DSR)

Funding for 2003-2004 has been approved. Unfortunately, a drop of 40% in funding will see the Nats team having to rely heavily on fundraising. Something the Nationals Fundraising Committee will need to look at for this year. As President, I attended several meetings with the DSR covering (funding agreement 10 hours total):

- Directors roles
- Insurance
- Industrial relations
- Roles of the committee
- Risk management
- Drugs in sport

The Committee has continued work on plans and policies. These are to be implemented and revised annually. The policies and plans are:

- Strategic Plan
- Marketing Plan
- Business/Strategic Plan
- Risk Management Plan
- Anti-Harassment Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Drugs Policy
- Safety Policy
- Privacy Policy

These are all available on the website.

Tournaments

Australia Day long weekend was the 5th edition of the "Phoenix has Risen". It proved to be a great weekend of Ulti with 90 players attending. Also with Kalgoorlie making the trip down with its first full Kalgoorlie team.

The second "Spring Fling" was held in Northam, 22 players attended with an even spread between Perth-based players and Northam.

Several "King and Queen" tournaments and Disc Golf fund days throughout the year.

National Competitions

WA Sent 2 teams to east to Canberra this year. Both faired well in their divisions with a total of 30 players taking the trip (Warlocks and Wide Open).

WA also sent a team to Melbourne for the Mixed Nationals. 16 players total played in what I think was the toughest tournament seen for some time by WA players.

UWA Fullmoon also made the trek to compete in the Uni Championships held in Newcastle.

Training camps have been held for players wanting to go to Nats 2004, these were primarily focused upon the fundamentals of the game.

High School Development

October this year saw the first teaching clinics held in Perth. 160 letters were sent to schools in Perth with a response of 7 schools. A total of 14 teachers were taught the basics of the game and how to incorporate Ultimate into school lessons. Each teacher was given a Teachers Handbook on Ultimate and went into the draw to win an Ultimate Pack for their school. Schools attended were:

- Santa Maria High
- Warnbro High
- Hamilton High
- Roleystone High
- Carmel College
- Kolbe College

A few schools did register an interest, but were unable to send teachers to the clinics. Continued work on developing high schools is in the plan for 2004.

Functions

The first "Christmas Party and Awards Night" is to be held this week. The function will become an annual event to celebrate the end of the year with annual, plus a windup for players over the Christmas/New Year break.

Fundraisers for Nationals teams held at Rosie O'Grady's have been very successful.

Membership

Many of the WA players will be unaware of the benefits of the AFDA membership, but one of the most crucial items is the "public liability" insurance. This can become an issue if a non-AFDA member player is involved in an accident. Along with the public liability insurance, players are also able to claim "personal injury" insurance. At current, WA is the only State that doesn't have compulsory AFDA membership. This will need to change in the near future. Not only for the mentioned above items, but also for bidding for national events and applying for funding from the AFDA (ASC).

EVENT-BASED FEES (EBF)

Early next year a new membership system is to be introduced Australia-wide called "event-based fees" (EBF). Rather than paying an annual fee to the AFDA, you would pay a fee as part of each event you participate in. That fee would depend on the duration and prestige of the event. Paying the AFDA fee does not require a separate player payment because it is included in the event fee.

HOW MUCH WILL IT BE?

An initial budget has been done and has come up with:

- \$2.50/day for tournaments
- \$0.75/day for league play
- \$15 for Nationals
- \$10 Mixed Nationals

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR 2004 FOR THE WAFDA

National **\$60/year**

Players playing both national events
WAFDA membership

League **\$40/year**

A player only play leagues (no nationals)
AFDA membership \$20 (insurance cover)
WAFDA membership \$20

Regional **\$30/year**

Country players only (Kalgoorlie, Northam, etc)
AFDA membership \$15
WAFDA membership \$15

Year Membership **\$100/year**

League member \$40
3 x league fees \$60

Players paying for League Membership and then decide to go to the Nationals will have to pay the difference (\$20). League membership doesn't include "Evo League".

A breakdown of the costs for the WA players:

	2003 Member	2004 Proposed Member System	2004 EBF
Year membership	\$60	\$60 Nationals \$40 League	N/A
League only player and membership	\$80	\$100/year for 3 leagues	\$95/year for 3 leagues
All leagues, Nationals and membership	\$200/year	\$200/year	\$190/year
All leagues, Nationals, membership and 2 x main events in Perth	\$235/year \$10 Winter Solstice \$25 Phoenix	\$235/year	\$232.50/year
All leagues, Nationals, membership, 2 x main events in Perth and 2 x King/Queen tournaments	\$245	\$250/year	\$257.50/year

Note:

- To be voted in by AFDA in February/March 2004
- WAFDA would like to implement by January 2004
- Pickups/training included in AFDA coverage if registered online
- No-one against AFDA fee – benefits to be communicated to members

General Business

- Noodles questioned whether Evolution league continuing (confirmed by JD that it is).
- Rusty proposed Summer beach tournament. Public liability and hiring expensive.
- ECU – any players there? JD to follow-up players who are currently there. Suggested he speak to Waylon.
- Steve B thanked JD for all his work.
- Rusty brought up that regional teams needed to gain exposure.
- Paul suggested encourage players to participate in Asian tournaments. Steve B also commented that we may encourage Asian teams to come here.
- Dave B suggested WUCC committee needed here in Perth.
- JD confirmed WUCC bid will be decided by February 1 (2 other bids – one is Mexico). Confident we will get bid and confirmed that AFDA will run the tournament with a committee in WA (Ballen and JD are on committee).
- Ballen advised that EventsCorp have put bid forward and funding is available from them (approximately \$1M budget). Local committee to be put together to assist JD and Ballen. WUCC proposed to be late November 2006.
- JD advised that a university meeting was held recently and that university clubs will be taking turns running the leagues (UWA, Curtin and then Murdoch). This will enable them to gain experience in running tournaments.

Meeting Closed at 9.13pm.