

BCDSS AGM 2012 – Ultimate Branch Chair’s report

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YEAR IN REVIEW

First, I want to thank all those who participated in the Ultimate Branch (UB) Board, the Disc Golf Board (DGB) and the Big Board (BB). It’s important to emphasize the commitment it takes from these volunteers to run an operational board, a board that has no staff. These board members put in countless hours to ensure the strategic planning, governance and over-sight are run smoothly, as well as the operational aspect of running programs and tournaments for two sports: Disc Golf and Ultimate. Thank you!

Next, I will go over the execution of the transition plan laid out at the AGM in January of this year.

Last, I’ll finish with a summary of the programs run by the Ultimate Branch Board and a report of the UB financials.

BCDSS – Transition Plan

This year, the ultimate community together with the BCDSS Ultimate Branch established a new standalone society, British Columbia Ultimate Society (BCUS). BCUS serves as the PSO for the Ultimate in BC. Today is the last step of the transition plan and we believe it was done with

the least disruption to the BCDSS as possible. The steps we took were as follows.

1. The elected UB board, with one exception, the treasurer, became the initial board of the newly formed BC Ultimate Society. This initial board will all resign at the first AGM of BCUS, October 17, 2012, and elections will be held for the 7 new board members, 4 of which will run on 2 year terms, and 3 of which will run on 1 year terms.
2. Ultimate activities within the BCDSS continued through UB where necessary for funding purposes; this included BC Juniors Ultimate Championship (BCJUC) and the under 18 Juniors teams going to Nationals. The BCUS took over the two events: Flower Bowl and BC Ultimate Championship.
3. The UB board worked closely with DG/BCDSS to complete the necessary division of assets, and responsibilities.
4. Members/leagues were informed of the change, and were provided the opportunity to join the new society, BCUS, the BCDSS or both.
5. The Ultimate Branch voted to dissolve on August 31, 2012. Shortly after that time, all financials were handed over to the BCDSS Big Board.

Ultimate Branch

Pursued initiatives in 2 areas – adult programs outreach and Juniors programs:

1. Adult Programs (outreach) – Goal: support the development of players, captains, coaches, leagues, and tournaments around BC.

Results:

a) This year we began a new program for the sport of Ultimate, where we sent one member, Troe Weston, to a Coaches Training Course – called Master Learning Facilitator put on by the NCCP (National Coaching Certification Program). She ran the first provincial community Coaching Program course this summer where she trained 20 members of the Ultimate Community from across BC. The program will now be run by BCUS going forward thank you to an agreement between the BCDSS and BCUS.

b) Our outreach program sold hundreds of discs across the province.

c) *Leagues* – We supported leagues around the province by providing insurance and webhosting.

2. Juniors Programs – Goal: continue to increase the number, regional diversity, and skill level of youth Ultimate.

Results:

a) *Provincial Teams* – Managed the selection and development of teams and coaches to compete at BCJUC in Vancouver and at CUC2012 in Victoria this year. Because Nationals were held close by in Victoria, and because of the availability of Gaming Grant funds, we were able to send 11 teams to Nationals instead of the usual 4.

b) *Tournaments* – Organized a very large and successful BC Juniors Ultimate Championships, including Two Tiers of divisions – 840 players in total.

Financial Report

The Big Board asked both the DGB and the UB to run our budgets at break even and to not accept any transfer of membership fees down to the branch. Additionally, it was determined that the UB was running a deficit and had to account for that in its budget for 2012. I am happy to report that the UB successfully managed our funds and paid back a deficit of \$2,500 to the Big Board.

The last thing I want to speak on is to say that we are thankful to the Province of British Columbia for the

Community Gaming Grant the Ultimate Branch won in September 2011 for \$30,000. The grant was split, as in the funding proposal, about \$4,000 to Outreach with the rest to Juniors' programs.

And because it bears repeating: to all the Board members of the Disc Golf and Ultimate branches and to the members of the Big Board – Thank you!