Valley Ultimate General Meeting
2/26/14

Present:
Jim Pistrang - Amherst
Jo Sleigh - Longmeadow
Josh Seamon - Easthampton
Ben Thompson - Easthampton
Chris Halloway - Parent
Liam Halloway - Player
Cory - Organize a women’s club team in NoHo
Claire - Organize, above, “Trouble in Paradise”
Dave - Played with Jim in the early 70’s
Megan - AD @ Hartsbrook
Terry Plotkin - Four Rivers
Ben - Northampton
Paul - Northampton
Dan Kaplan - Ultimate Dad, Amherst
Lee - Northampton
Clarissa - Northampton
Amy Bradshaw - Womens team organize
Eden Kaiser - Women’s team organizer, Middle School @ McDuffy
Espy - “Ultimate Godess”
Drew McDowell - Brattleboro
Dave Delorenzo - Four Rivers JV

Academy @ Charlemont needs a Girls Coach
Hartsbook also needs a coach (Contact Meghan Owens)

**Jim: How this came to be**
- Runs a WNE scheduling meeting every spring
- Worried that there aren’t enough connections between all the Valley Ultimate orgs
- BUDA, Maine Ultimate -- all started with the org, built out
- We have tons of Ultimate, need to create the org
- No ONE person knows where all the Ultimate is being played in the Valley
- Another trigger: YCC eligibility, need to have a non-HS based league
- Could keep track of a pool of volunteers

**Agenda:**
1) Brainstorm what a Valley Ultimate group would do
2) Structure, elect a board

**Paul: Present existing list of possible priorities**
- Come up with more possible ideas
  Summer hat tournament
  Charity Ultimate tournament
Coordinate with BUDA on YCC, leagues, etc
Aim to host Northeasterns
Raise funds
Strengthen Middle School programs
Outreach to New Schools/Places
Strengthen/support leagues
More winter Ultimate
Become USAU affiliate
Support low-key adult play
More summer town leagues
Maintain contact lists, calendars, clearing house of Ultimate in the Valley
Run league scheduling meetings
Host regional trainings
Aim for 501(c)3 status
Field coordination database, recruit locations
Online registration that can take money
Host showcase games
Find and recruit coaches
Support an encourage adult club
Parent organization

Dot voting (4 dots per person)

**Lee: Discussion of structure**
- Smaller board?
- Larger steering committee with an internal executive committee
- Geographic representation
- Whatever the initial group is, set it off to write a mission statement, come up with a 1 and 5 year plan, mission statement
- Focus on the website
- Establishing a communication system
- Run one or two events this summer
- Leave the fleshing out to the committee
- Focusing on activities

**Steering Committee:**
David Delorenzo
Corry Keeler
Amy Bradshaw
Dan Kaplan
Terry Plotkin
Jo Sleigh
Jim Pistrang
Josh Seamon
Liam Halloway-Bidwell
Megan Owens
Jim: Board decides what is going to be done, then given out

One physical meetings a month

Everyone can be on the steering committee?

Vote on large group vs. small group:
Larger group: 13
Small: 8

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 26th, 7-8pm @ Amherst Brewing Company

**Priorities voting results:**

1. Maintain Clearing house info, events, contacts
2. Strengthen/Support Summer Town Leagues
3. Support Adult Club
4. Strengthen Middle School programs
5. Aim for 501(c)(3)
6. Winter
7. Charity