

## **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 Goddess"  
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:**

