



**2015 – 2016 Annual Report**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors for MZU was elected at the Annual General Meeting on November 25, 2015.

The results of the election were as follows:

- **President** | Allan Johnson
- **VP, League** | Chris Whittick
- **VP, Finance** | Adam Drover
- **VP, Communications** | Jeff Lush
- **VP, Spirit** | Cameron Segger
- **Members at Large** | Alex Bill  
Drew Barnes  
Jess Wade  
Mark Flynn  
Rob Langridge  
Sherry Lythgoe

Committees were formed for the following purposes:

- League
- Parity League
- Communications
- Spirit

## LEAGUE COMMITTEE

This year the VP, League led a committee to complete all activities involved in our leagues.

League	Dates	Stats	Takeaways/ Lessons Learned
Mile Zero: The Frisbee Awakens  (Winter Hat League)	January 4th to March 14th  11 weeks Mondays	198 Players  20 Teams  Techniplex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Capacity for 24 teams, registration allowed for only 20</li> <li>● First time using 11 pm time slot for a hat league; one third of Techniplex was used at 11pm.</li> <li>● Takeaways:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Find ways to maximize use of available field space</li> <li>○ Reconsider length of hat leagues, 11 pm time slot</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Winter Build It Yourself League	March 21st to May 16 <sup>th</sup>  9 weeks Mondays	286 Players  24 Teams  Techniplex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lots of interest, 3 teams turned away through lottery</li> <li>● Improved lottery system, established wait list for next BIY league</li> <li>● Takeaways:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Short season with 3 week playoff is not enough time for a decent balance for brackets</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Capital Subaru Summer League	June 6th to August 27 <sup>th</sup>  10/12 weeks  T1: Wednesday  T2: Tuesdays & Thursdays	T1: 6 teams 87 Players  T2: 24 Teams 400 Players  Southlands, Bowring, Kitty Gaul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members allowed to register for both Tier 1 and Tier 2</li> <li>● Used wager ladder in Tier 2</li> <li>● Acquisition of Bowring Field (Tues/Thurs/Fri)</li> <li>● Multi-day playoffs for Tier 1 and Tier 2</li> <li>● Schedule generated 2 weeks in advance, early weather causes havoc to balance</li> <li>● Tier 1 Captains chose 2 round robins: comms problem</li> <li>● Feildians was not available for Playoff Day</li> <li>● Takeaways:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Playoffs, investigate separate days or other scheduling options to reduce conflicts</li> <li>○ Investigate team registration, at minimum for Tier 1</li> <li>○ For Tier 1, more communication at registration</li> <li>○ Review subbing policy, again...</li> <li>○ Consider Gender Matching for all leagues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

League	Dates	Stats	Takeaways/ Lessons Learned
Summer Parity League	June 27th to Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> 7 weeks Mondays	48 Players 4 Teams Southlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New offering/league format: replaced Hat League</li> <li>● Registration remained low, especially for females</li> <li>● Issues for trading/roster moves due to cap system and imbalance in male:female ratio</li> <li>● Difficulties recruiting volunteers/stats keepers</li> <li>● Takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More teams/players needed</li> <li>○ More trading needed</li> <li>○ Monday nights not successful over past 3-4 years, consider new options for field space (i.e., MAUL/SWURL)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Poke League Go  (Fall Hat Outdoor League)	Sept 11th to Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> 7 weeks Sundays	172 Players 18 Team KGV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Did not meet target number of female registrations</li> <li>● Weather cooperated quite nicely!</li> <li>● Takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider ways to boost female registrations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Fall Indoor Build It Yourself League	Sept 26th to December 12 <sup>th</sup> 12 weeks Mondays	291 Players 24 Teams Techniplex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extended length of season by 1 week</li> <li>● Transitioning set-up / clean-up to captains</li> <li>● Turned away 3+ teams through lottery system</li> <li>● Takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Look into bye weeks and reduced playoffs to increase number of teams</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Cash Summary | Mile Zero Ultimate For the 12 months ended 31 October 2016

Revenue	
Registration Fees - Winter	\$ 32,638.50
Registration Fees - Fall	\$ 26,865.00
Registration Fees - Summer	\$ 25,440.00
UNL Fees Collected	\$ 15,780.00
Sponsorship	\$ 5,000.00
Summer Event Contribution from MAUL	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 106,538.69</b>
Less Operating Expenses	
Field Costs - Winter	\$ 30,845.25
Field Costs - Summer	\$ 9,650.00
Field Costs - Fall	\$ 24,564.00
Jersey/ Merchandise	\$ 5,668.30
Team Supplies	\$ 1,148.84
Parity League Statistics	\$ 480.00
Spirit Events and Programs	\$ 3,872.54
Donation	\$ 750.00
Storage Locker	\$1,698.55
Website	\$ 1,343.57
Refunds	\$1,346.22
Meetings	\$ 815.73
	AGM, Town Hall, Captain's Meeting, BoD
UNL Fees Remitted	\$ 15,780.00
Banking / Pay Pal Fees	\$ 3,325.06
Ultimate Canada Conference	\$ 1,744.59
	Three delegates November 2015
<b>Total Operating Expenses/ Remittances</b>	<b>\$ 103,032.65</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,506.04</b>
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>\$ 3,506.04</b>
Opening Balance	\$38,427.59
Plus Net Cash Movement	\$3,506.04
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$41,933.63</b>

## **Financial Highlights**

1. Continued to hold a strong balance as the Techniplex requires payment in advance.
2. Techniplex has raised their field fees.
3. Sponsorships: continued relationships with Capital Subaru and That Pro Look.
4. UCCs: Three MZU representatives attended the UCC in Halifax, November 2015.

## **ULTIMATE CANADA CONFERENCE**

The 2015 UCC was held in Halifax. MZU sent three representatives. A report on the conference was presented to the league at the Town Hall meeting on February 17, 2016.

The theme of the 2016 UCC in Saskatoon was Tournament Management. MZU did not send anyone to the 2016 UCC.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Communications Committee kept engaged with our members:

- MZU Year Plan Meeting and learnings from UCC's presented on February 17 2016
- Website updates throughout the year
- Updated maps and directions to fields that we use
- Board representatives met with each team at the beginning of the summer season
- Photography by Chris Whittick, photo posts had high engagement on Facebook
- Summer League Feedback Survey
- Resolved an error with our email distribution list
- Very responsive to messages by email and social media (Facebook)
- Any dispute or question from a player we tried to talk with them directly
- Collaboration and cross-promotion with Ultimate NL, MAUL and SWURL

## **SPIRIT COMMITTEE**

This year's Spirit Committee chose to stay the course on Spirit Scores and Awards and focused on reinvigorating our social events.

MZU has a seat on Ultimate NL's Spirit Committee.

### **Events**

The Spirit committee organized the following events in the last 12 months: Attendance is up and feedback has been very positive.

- 1. Turkey Drive**
  - Player donations + league matching added up to \$1958.90 (= 65 turkeys)
- 2. Bowling Night - Holiday Lanes**
  - approximately 60 in attendance
- 3. Summer Kick-Off Party – Quidi Vidi Brewing Company**
  - approximately 75 attended
  - joint event with MAUL and SWURL
- 4. Summer End and Awards Party – St. John's Curling Club (Remax Centre)**
  - approximately 200 attended
  - hired a DJ

### **Spirit Scores**

Continued use of the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) Standard 2014 Spirit Score system for a full year. Most ultimate leagues and tournaments in St. John's and away are also using this system.

- Follow-up with the captains of games with exceptionally high or low scores.
- Examples of spirit scores and equity guidelines were attached to most scoreboards.

### **Awards**

Each BIY and Hat league recognizes top teams and individuals.

The Most Spirited and MVP players are calculated from the league's spirit scores submissions.

- Championship team
- Most spirited team
- Most spirited male and female
- MVP male and female

The Capital Subaru summer league included additional awards as voted by survey respondents. Prizes included discs, MZU-branded merchandise, merchandise donated by Subaru and candy.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to notify members that **Mile Zero Ultimate (MZU)**, the **Men's Avalon Ultimate League (MAUL)**, and the **St. John's Women's Ultimate Recreational League (SWURL)** have started discussions towards an eventual merger of these three Ultimate Leagues within the St. John's metropolitan area. The purpose of the merger would be to better coordinate leagues and services for our members and reduce the duplication of volunteer efforts within our local ultimate community.

While there is no specific timeline for this plan, it is expected that the leagues will hold a joint information session during Winter 2017 to update and inform members of any progress as we work together toward this goal.

Members are invited to provide feedback throughout this process by contacting either MZU, MAUL, or SWURL via the following email addresses: [hi@milezeroultimate.com](mailto:hi@milezeroultimate.com), [maulpresident@gmail.com](mailto:maulpresident@gmail.com), or [swurlpresident@gmail.com](mailto:swurlpresident@gmail.com).

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2015-16 Board of Directors has the following recommendations for the upcoming year:

- Contact hosts for tournament and venue bookings at least three months in advance.
- Order a new batch of discs (fish discs or a new design)
- Order new MZU-branded merchandise.
- Consult with a qualified accountant about our financial position, tax status and relationship to Ultimate NL.
- Obtain a trophy for Tier 2 of the Summer League.
- Continue discussions with MAUL and SWURL about merging leagues.
- Consider attending the 2017 UCC in Montreal.