

CU Board Meeting Agenda - 4/13/26, 7:00pm

Address: 5503 Birch View Drive, Mason, OH 45040



1. Opening Items (7:00 - 7:10)

Attendance: Liz Anderson, Ian Stevens, Ryan Gorman, GA Wettengel, Tom Phillips, Kristen Coughlin, Mary Timmons, Mike Kaylor, Nick Betsch. Online: Peter Tran, Nick Fellicelli.

Izzi suffered a concussion (again) and will not be joining tonight.

a. Agenda review

a. [Review 01/12/26 Meeting Minutes](#) (Ryan G)

Ryan G. already secured approval to the minutes via Discord.

2. Policy Planning (7:10 - 7:25)

a. [Comprehensive Weather Policy \(Liz A\)](#)

a. [Refund Policy](#) (Liz A)

1. Leagues: If there is someone in line to replace you, then full refund.
2. If league has started, no refund. However, exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis if there is someone on the waitlist. If it happens later in the season, then pro-rate the league fee for both people.
3. Also reviewed the team refund policy for tournaments.
4. Nick Dinardo moved to approve the refund policy. Tom P seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Cyber Security Insurance Coverage (Liz A)

1. Our current policy does not cover us if our website got hacked and people's personally identifiable information was stolen. We do not keep any credit card numbers. We agreed we will not get additional coverage.

c. House Bill 68 Update (Nick D)

1. No update at this time.

3. Staff Updates (7:25 - 7:55)

1. Director of Operations (Liz A)

1. [League Committee](#)

1. Summer League
 1. Tuesday: Club level
 2. Wednesday: Beginner
 3. We do not intend to increase league fees this year
2. Dayton Spring League – could not find a field, so no league this year
3. Spring Men's League – draft style men's league – 60 people signed up
2. National/International Event Bid Updates
 1. Karina reported it is unlikely WFDF will award tournaments to the USA any time soon.
 2. They are trying to make tournaments accessible to teams from around the world, and they have seen USA teams tend to travel when needed.
 3. Dale Wilker suggested we keep submitting bids. It's a lot of work.
 4. Liz is putting in bid in for Masters 2027. Would likely be two field locations to get to 35+ fields.
 5. Club Regionals will be at LSC this year (Sept 27-28). Liz found that talking to the Cincinnati United leader was more conducive to getting fields.
3. RecFest - There will also be an event at Sawyer Park that same weekend (Sept 27), with Cincinnati Sports Commission, Cincinnati Sports & Rec, and other niche sports will be participating. Tom Phillips volunteered to help run Club Regionals so Liz can go to the event at Sawyer Park.

1. Youth Coordinator (Nick B.)

1. Youth Updates (Nick B.)
 1. YUC – going on now. Going well. Indianapolis team joined on the first week to play a couple games, and will come again at the end of the season (May 10th). A team from Cleveland will join the End-of-Season tournament.
 2. Nick/Liz have scheduled a few summer camps (most of which will pay):
 1. Evendale – once/week in June, first two weeks in July
 2. Powell Crosley Y – every day June 8-12 (9am-12pm)
 3. Friar’s Club – June 15, 17, 19 (9am-11:30am)
 4. Seven Hills Camp – June 29-July 3 (morning)
 5. Blue Ash Y – July 6-10 (9am-12pm)
 6. Norwood – Bob/Christine part of setting this up
 3. Nick B is organizing a Google Form for people to volunteer to help with these events.
 4. Nick B taught Gym Class at St. Bonavis (Northside) on 3 different occasions.
 5. Fall Season thoughts: thinking some coaches may be burning out on coaching both Spring and Fall. Thinking about some kind of league in a different format.
 6. YUC All-Star game event – need more Coaches.
 7. Liz will be re-vamping our volunteer system given all the energy to provide more youth opportunities.
2. [Youth Committee](#) (Mike K)
 1. [2026-04-13 Update](#)
 2. The committee is resurrected (Mike K, Bob, Christine, GA, Liz K., Ned)
 3. There is an updated charter document. Held 3 meetings so far.
 4. Want to have more of a Middle-School focus (5th grade and up).
 1. This will take precedence over growing the number of High School programs, at least in terms of the committee’s efforts.
 5. Will initiate work on Youth Committee’s part of the 5-Year Plan.
3. CUSP Updates (GA W)
 1. Clinics held last few weeks – 40 kids
 2. CUSP Tryouts – last two tryouts will be April 23 and 25. Have had a good amount of interest so far.
 3. Airline flights are getting more expensive due to jet fuel prices. Will price out a bus compared to flights.
 4. June 2nd – parents meeting, first practice. Will get more data at that time on how many kids will travel to YCCs with their family.
 5. GUM Webinar – tomorrow
 6. GA is looking to connect with Indy Red and/or Alleycats. Mary suggested that may not be a good idea this year with Indy Red in particular. Nick B. said the Alleycats GM is very interested in maintaining relationships with Cincinnati. Youth night is the best night for this, but it is the night before States.
 7. Funding from Cincinnati Ultimate for CUSP is in limbo this year. Not hosting Masters Regionals this year is part of the reason.

4. Committee Updates (7:55 - 8:10)

1. [Club Team Committee](#) (Ryan)
 1. Had two mixers a couple weeks ago. They were successful. Some changes to the mixers next year under consideration.
 2. Xavier vs. UC showdown – beautiful night. Women’s game was especially entertaining.
2. [DEI Committee](#) (Mary)

Pride parade is June 27th. Townhall topics for the captain’s meeting for summer league. The committee will be meeting to discuss these topics.

- Pride festival will be at Sawyer Point. Cincinnati Ultimate will have a booth. Same day.
3. [Dayton Committee](#) (Tom P)
 1. Summer league is being scheduled now. Fall league should happen as well.
 4. [Social Committee](#) (Peter Tran)
 1. Liz helped coordinate the hockey game.
 2. College Nationals watch party being planned.
 3. Club Nationals watch party likely.
 4. Considering a Reds Game.

5. Finance Updates (8:10 – 8:25)

1. [Finance Committee](#) (Ryan G)
 1. [Financials](#) summary: we are \$5000 in the red so far this year.
 2. [2025 Budget](#) Review
 3. [2026 Budget](#) Review: We are projecting a deficit of \$60,000 in 2026. Ryan made a motion to approve the 2026 budget. Seconded by Tom. It passed unanimously.
2. [League Fees Consideration](#) (Mike K)
 1. 2010-2016 CUPA made \$5,000-\$10,000 each year before we had employees.
 2. We would need to charge \$40/person/league to break even this year.
 3. How to Resolve the budget deficit:
 1. Recruit more players
 2. Run more leagues or have more teams per existing league.
 3. Raise league fees
 4. We will run out of money in 3.5 to 5 years if we do nothing.
 5. This needs to be a key part of our 5-Year Strategic Planning discussions.

6. Discussion Items (8:25 – 8:55)

1. [501c3 status](#) (Mike K)
 1. We are currently a 501c4.
 2. Why would we want to go 501c3?
 1. Fundraising: most grants are only available to 501c3 orgs
 2. Donations: 501c3 makes it tax deductible. 501c4 does not.
 3. Additional earnings from tournaments. 501c3 organizations do not have to pay sales taxes on certain items (could be significant for big tournaments).
 3. Costs: there are one-time and on-going costs.
 1. Ryan made a motion to approve \$1000 for an introductory meeting with a lawyer to get the ball rolling. Seconded by Kristen. The motion passed unanimously.
 4. Structure: Will benchmark other ultimate organizations.
2. USA Ultimate Affiliate Program (Liz A)
 1. <https://usultimate.org/affiliate-program/>
 2. USAU now has multiple tiers of affiliate program benefits. Also giving affiliates higher precedence for event bids.
 3. Implications? Do not believe all tiers require everyone in Cincinnati Ultimate to become a USAU member.
 4. Cost? Not clear. We discussed we need USAU to make it clear what the cost would be and what the benefits to us would be.
 5. Would need to ensure a number of events are Sanctioned Events each year.

7. Closing Items (8:55 - 9:00)

1. Key Next Steps for Q2 2026
 1. Finance Review / 2027 Budget Planning, 2026-2030 Strategic Planning, and Recruiting Board Members (October Elections).
2. Scheduling Next Meeting (Monday, August 17 at 7:00PM)

1. Agenda Items / Meeting Minutes due Friday, August 7th
3. Group Picture