

CU Board Meeting Minutes - 8/17/26, 7:00pm

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*Cincinnati Ultimate's mission is to serve as a regional resource,
promoting growth in the sport of ultimate and instilling Spirit of the Game at all levels of play.*

1. Opening Items (7:00 - 7:10)
 - a. Attendees
 - i. Board Members
 1. Ryan Gorman, Peter Tran, Tom Phillips, Mary Timmons, Kristen Wentzel, Nick Felicelli, Nick DiNardo
 - ii. Employees
 1. Liz Anderson, Nick Betsch
 - iii. Guests
 1. Tierney Miller, Mike Kaylor
 - b. Agenda Review (Ryan G)
 - c. [Review 04/13/26 Meeting Minutes](#) (Ryan G)
 - i. [06/18/26 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - ii. Minutes were approved via Discord
2. Policy Planning (7:10 - 7:20)
 - a. CU Policy Updates (Liz A)
 - i. Still working on Emergency Preparedness Events for large events
 - ii. No other policy updates
 - iii. Refund policy was used for SCINNY. Website should be updated to include the refund policy.
 - b. House Bill 68 Update (Nick D)
 - i. No significant update.
 - ii. Start brainstorming solutions based on the current wording of House Bill 68
3. Staff Updates (7:20 - 7:50)
 - a. Director of Operations (Liz A)
 - i. [League Committee](#)
 1. Growth is happening in the leagues. More people signed up this year than last year. CU is set up to support more teams at the Summer Leagues from an infrastructure standpoint (fields, website, etc).
 2. Monday League needs to find a way to better address how to manage WMP playing time and communication around the associated rules for WMP playing time (e.g. play down if you don't have enough WMPs). This league has a lot of recreational-level players and MMPs and the players may need reminders.
 3. Spring Open Draft league went well. Players were happy to have a league that had a more advanced level of Open play.
 - ii. Tomeo Media
 1. Filming has been completed for summer league, want to also film youth. Waiting for the finished product. Look forward to what is being made.
 - iii. USAU Organizers Conference

1. Liz Anderson and Nick Betsch should attend the conference this year
2. No travel stipend is provided by USAU
3. One person must go based on our USAU affiliate tier level
4. MOTION to approve a \$3000 expense to send Nick Betsch and Liz Anderson to the USAU Organizers Conference in Feb 2027
 - a. Tom Phillips made motion
 - b. Seconded by Kristen Wentzel
 - c. MOTION PASSES

iv. Events

1. SCINNY was great.
2. Deciding about putting in a bid for GM/GGM Regionals 2027. Hosting Masters Regionals may mean capping the number of teams we can accept at SCINNY.
3. Club Regionals and RecFest event at Sawyer Point are the same weekend. September 26/27.
4. Volunteer Appreciation event needs to be scheduled. Will talk to Peter Tran offline for scheduling

b. Youth Coordinator (Nick B)

i. Recap

1. Summer camps for middle school age kids. Things that were scheduled as part of a larger summer camp were successful. Camps that were run on their own outside of the Ultimate community were cancelled due to lack of interest (e.g. YMCA camps were cancelled, but GA was able to host a successful camp in Mason). Working on discovering what can be done to keep the campers further engaged in Ultimate.
2. Looking at the fall and spring leagues and the return of Huckoween. Hosting Mixed States. Beaver Creek may bring a new team to the Spring league.
3. Presented to CPS PE teachers about how to run an Ultimate Frisbee unit in gym classes. Offering resources and a gym class takeover.
4. Got a grant from Hamilton County Inspire for up to \$2400 to spend on discs to bring to camps for underprivileged kids.

ii. [Youth Committee](#) (Mike K)

1. Kicked off their 5-year plan.
2. Got some good input from a Sycamore parent.
3. Had a wonderful brainstorming session and are waiting on votes to help narrow down focus.
4. Committee will meet again when GA gets back (mid-September)

iii. CUSP Updates (Mary T)

1. BULLSEYE WON SPIRIT
2. All teams broke seed

iv. Hoy Scholarship

1. 5 scholarships were given out, including someone from New York. Member from community donated funds to support the additional 3 scholarships.
2. Need to specify that the scholarship is intended to be from Cincinnati in the future

4. Committee Updates (7:50 - 8:00)

a. [Club Team Committee](#) (Ryan G)

- i. Pretty quiet, everyone has been busy with the Club Season
- ii. Google Form application for the Club Team Stipend to help keep teams accountable

- iii. Thought should be given on how to handle conflict of interests for captains who are filling out the form who are also on the committee. This should be addressed before the forms are reviewed.
 - b. [DEI Committee](#) (Mary T)
 - i. Pride parade was great! This year we added a booth at the festival. Having one person at the booth the whole time was taxing. We need to get more involvement in getting a more diverse group of people involved in the event, particularly more MMP involvement.
 - ii. Hosted a captains' conversations at the summer league captains meeting
 - iii. CUSP awarded 3 partial scholarships to kids
 - iv. DEI has been holding steady with these 3 efforts. If CU wants this committee to do more, a concerted effort will need to be made to grow this committee.
 - c. [Dayton Committee](#) (Tierney M/Tom P)
 - i. Still having leagues. Have had a drop-off in numbers. Had issues finding fields for the 2026 spring league.
 - ii. Got an influx of WMP in summer league due to UD players staying in town
 - iii. Working on solidifying relationships with the local college teams
 - d. [Social Committee](#) (Peter T)
 - i. Probably do something for Club Nationals
 - ii. Couldn't find a time to get to a Reds game
 - iii. Need to plan volunteer appreciation event. May be a larger event with the large volunteer base needed for Club Regionals.
- 5. Finance Updates (8:00 - 8:15)
 - a. [Finance Committee](#) (Ryan G)
 - i. [Financials](#) (Quicken Reports)
 - ii. [2026 Budget](#) Review
 - iii. Committee Budgets are due in October
- 6. Discussion Items (8:15 - 8:55)
 - a. [501\(c\)\(3\) Status](#) (Mike K)
 - i. The \$6,000-\$10,000 budget was approved via Discord.
 - ii. The 501(c)(3) project needs to fill out some forms and decide how to structure the program and what events should be run through the 501(c)(3).
 - iii. Anyone who wants to be involved should reach out to Mike Kaylor.
 - b. [USA Ultimate Affiliate Program](#) (Liz A)
 - i. CU is now an affiliate and signed a contract. There are no requirements for CU this year, and CU will still get kickbacks from the events run.
 - ii. Liz Anderson will look into planning what needs to be done to make sure CU keeps the affiliate status.
 - c. [2026-2030 Strategic Plan - DRAFT](#) (Ryan G)
 - i. **Nick DiNardo** needs to submit a Doing Business As (DBA) for Cincinnati Ultimate
 - ii. Will need to combine the CU strategic plan with the Youth Committee plan
 - iii. **Ryan Gorman** to update the Draft with guidelines for how to communicate ideas and participate in the discussions
- 7. Closing Items (8:55 - 9:00)
 - a. Key Next Steps for Q3 2026

- i. Finance Review / 2027 Budget Planning, 2026-2030 Strategic Planning, and Recruiting Board Members (October Elections)
- b. Scheduling Next Meeting (Monday, October 19 at 7:00pm)
 - i. Agenda Items / Meeting Materials due Friday, October 16
 - 1. Suggested Agenda Item: Focused conversation about YUC girls division.
 - a. Send invites to key participants for this conversation (Ned Early, GA Wettengel, Kim Cooper, Michael McCune, Zach Kaylor)
- c. Group Picture