

HUC Leadership Meeting December 18, 2022

- Meeting started at 6:20pm.
- **In Attendance:**
 - Chris Dawkins
 - AJ Beard
 - Ben Lewis
 - Emilie Garnier
 - Shiru Liu
 - Jimm Zuraw
 - Andrew Robbins
 - Michael Conlin (remote)
 - Ames Alexander (remote)
 - Bex Forth (arrived while meeting progress)
 - Sean McCall (arrived while meeting in progress)
 - Chris Johnson (arrived while meeting in progress)
- **AUDL+PUL: (Chris D. and AJ)**
 - HUC Winter League is the same weekend as the Legion, Sol, and Torch tryouts.
 - Discussed areas of commonality and differences with the new Houston Havoc.
 - The Havoc have an interest in the growth of the youth participation in Houston.
 - Potential for the Havoc to work with HUC concerning fields.
 - Will discuss further once Bex and Sean arrive.
- **Youth: (AJ)**
 - Area of potential partnership with the Havoc.
 - Marketing abilities of both HUC and Havoc.
 - HUC has started reaching out to schools to increase youth participation.
 - Discussed Partnership with H.I.S.D.
 - Frisbee Festival
 - Clinic at Waltrip High School
 - Overall a good experience for the children and parents. Would want to increase numbers.
 - Need additional work on diversity and economic inclusion at the youth level.
 - Recent Youth Hat Tournament:
 - There was only a small overlap between the youth hat tournament participant and previous Clinic.
 - Hat Tournament was advertised through contacts with P.E. teachers, posts at local YMCAs.
 - Upcoming events:

- February 20-21: Clinic for Ultimate. 90 minute session
 - March 5: Coaches clinic
 - March 26: Spring Youth Hat Tournament
 - Will need 3-4 volunteers to assist.
- Highly Recommend that members who wish to assist with youth take the following:
 - Safe sport training
 - Background Check
- Potential to reach out to Josh Rodrigue with Missouri City to see if he has contacts with Fort Bend Independent School District.
- **Youth Goals:** Build relationship with schools and convince schools to teach frisbee as part of the curriculum to increase access.
- **Club Tryouts: (Ames, Chris D., Jimmy, Shiru, and Emilie)**
 - Potential to use the UH fields as the fields last year were subpar.
 - Date for tryouts set for April 29 and 30.
 - Suggestion of Open and women tryouts on April 29 and then mixed tryouts on March 30.
 - Plan is for HUC to create Adventure Time again as a Developmental Team for those who wish to play club but did not make a team.
 - The hope is that this will assist in growing the community, increase the skill level of the community and allow players to experience the club season who have limited experience.
 - Potential to discuss partnership with the Houston Havoc to increase club awareness, keep homegrown talent in the city, fields, etc.
- **Diversity: (AJ)**
 - HUC wishes to work with the Color of Ultimate again this year to increase awareness and diversity in the community.
 - Plan to hold a diversity and women showcase game at TBUF.
 - **To do:** Book lights for women clinic.
- **HUC Leagues: (Chris D., Mike, and Andrew)**
 - Goalti League:
 - Registration was roughly half of the 2021 Goalti league.
 - Issues were the Day and time selected for league, prohibition on cleats, and location chosen)
 - In Doubt if HUC will host another Goalti League.
 - If HUC does host a Goalti league in 2023 will need to host on a weeknight and likely rent a field

- Winter League:
 - Currently only 125 players registered with the registration period ending in two weeks. This is over 100 less participants than last year. It is unlikely that HUC will meet the same numbers.
 - Need to advertise this week to increase numbers.
 - Need to submit payment to UH for use of fields soon.
 - Draft Party at True Anomaly two weeks prior to league. Everyone is welcome.
- Masters League: (Andrew and Chris J.)
 - 36 Registrations, just short of our goal of 40
 - Overall, everyone enjoyed.
 - Could likely host another event next fall.
 - Discussion of HUC hosting periodic masters pickups instead.
- **Hucking For Laura (Chris D. and Michael)**
 - Current issues with communications with Alt on merchandise. If HUC does not hear from Alt soon we will need to choose another vendor.
 - Registration will open January 1, 2023
 - Date: February 11, 2023
 - Location: Community Park, Missouri City
- **TBUF (Chris J. and Chris D.)**
 - HUC is making great progress in getting the event organized for April 2023. Currently everything is on schedule.
 - HUC is having to coordinate with the County, City and local hotels.
 - Had issues with the original hotel and have re-partnered with a replacement. The new Hotel is a less than 10 minute walk to the fields.
 - Should be able to provide rooms for teams
 - Format:
 - 4 v. 4. (2-2 gender match in mixed division)
 - USAU is willing to send out an email concerning the event.
 - We may need to assist out-of-state teams with logistics.
 - Potential to not make money this year.
 - **Goals:**
 - 40 teams
 - Mixed and Women's division
 - Diversity and Women's showcase games

- AUDL in Houston (Chris D., Bex, and Sean)
 - Shawn will be the G.M. for the team.
 - The long term strategy is to have a Houston based roster.
 - The Houston Havoc have set a high priority with partnering with HUC.
 - HUC extended an invite for the owners of the Havoc to attend the Winter League draft party to meet the HUC community.
 - Games will be played at the Sabre Cats stadium. The overall goal would be to create an atmosphere where the stadium can be a meeting place for the ultimate community in Houston.
 - The Havoc want to have an open line of communication with the local ultimate community and with HUC.
 - Discussed potential half-time events with HUC and youth
 - Want to help find undiscovered talent in Houston and transition them to Ultimate and the HUC community.
 - The Havoc want to work with HUC to develop and increase the skills in Houston
 - Common goal of increasing participation in ultimate in the area.
 - Downside the Houston Havoc is only a men's team. No current pro-women's team in Houston.
- **Misc.:**
 - Issue with similar URLs to HUC leading to inappropriate websites. Don't want people to mistake that for HUC.
 - **Goal:** A.J. to assist with buying similar URLs.