

# AGM 2004, May 17, Auckland University Clubspace, 6:30pm

## 1) Attendance

Apologies from Shane Vuletich, Peter Sisam, Jeremy Snook, Emma Lothian, Nicholas Lee.

Dave Horn, Iain Stewart, Richard Bulkeley, Rebecca Blakey, Bryan Holyoake, Glen Kolver, Alan McFarlane, Cads Oakley, Emma Maconick, Michael 'Dinglemouse' Robertson, Ajay Morris, Sherif Ibrahim present. Non-members Joe Seebeck and Mark Hamilton attending.

## 2) President's report

In the 2002-2003 year, President Rick Lewis-Shell reported that the Auckland Ultimate Players Society was in a care-taking role, but despite that, achieved a number of progressive changes.

The 2003-2004 year continued our region's exceptionally motivated and enthusiastic dedication to growth and support, not only of Ultimate in our region, but nationally as well. I'd like to acknowledge the tremendous support Rick and Kristen Lewis-Shell, our past President and Secretary. They are both sorely missed, as are the minutes of 18 months of meetings.

Auckland Ultimate's main directives last year were:

- 1) To become a legally-recognised, independent non-profit society;
- 2) To create a "value-added" paradigm that encouraged Ultimate players to become members;
- 3) To create ongoing, reliable tournament and league structures.

The executive chose to become an incorporated society independent of the provisions placed in the NZFDA constitution for reasons of identity and self-sufficiency. Becoming independent enabled us to have hands-on, regional control of our treasury and provided impetus to survive and grow as our own body.

\* After 5 months of legal research, Auckland Ultimate Incorporated was ratified and launched on Sunday, 27 July 2003, in light drizzle, before a casual game of Ultimate.

\* A copy of AU's constitution resides on our website and we encourage all Ultimate groups looking to become incorporated to download this as a consideration document.

\* Support for other regions, notably Christchurch and Wellington, was given in the consideration of their own constitutions, including sporadic advice for the NZFDA itself.

AU decided to conduct ourselves as a business that essentially provided local

event management for tournaments and leagues. This resulted in three focus areas: grow our membership base, grow the treasury, and provide more event opportunities.

Currently, AU has 30 members, and provides events for an estimated 200 people, from highschoolers to professionals. Members receive \$5 discounts on all AU-organised tournament and league fees, and future executives will look to extend the range of benefits members receive.

AU's list of achievements to date since its formation is small, but we consider them important for our ability to provide solid foundations for future development:

- \* Formation of a self-governed incorporated society;
- \* Creating a seminar for becoming incorporated at NZFDA Indoor Nationals;
- \* Establishment of permanent playing field location for pick-up;
- \* Production of AU 'business' cards with fold-out rules;
- \* Hosting Leg One of the NZFDA National Tour;
- \* Executive attendance at a Sports Liability seminar conducted by Sport Counsel;
- \* The Taupo Hat 'Magic!' Tournament;
- \* 2 summer leagues and one indoor league;
- \* The Jafa Hat Tournament;
- \* Assisted AUSA to the creation and support of a university club, including a hat tournament. After an orientation drive, the university club reported 82 sign-ups. Two teams were sent to the University games as a result. They both tanked badly, but eh-h-h whatever;
- \* Establishment of a communications-centred web presence that's easily updated by all executive members, where new articles are pushed to the region's email list;
- \* Research and development of sponsorship strategies;
- \* Production of an introductory Ultimate video for shipping company Pacific Line Forum, introducing the game to employees and intermediate schools in Samoa. AU is being consulted in developing a tournament in Samoa for PFL which is targeted to happen around August.
- \* Assistance with a "What Now?" children's TV segment about Ultimate (driven by Cads Oakley, Michael Robertson and Pakuranga highschool.)
- \* Awarded "Best Region" by the NZFDA 2004 Awards process;
- \* Assistance with a "Push Play" television commercial for SPARC.

A negative in AU's track record is that we hadn't managed to secure any grants or sponsorship, other than at a local pub level, for leagues or tournaments. That has only recently changed, with securing a \$5000 grant for the Brass Monkey Tournament in June this year. Special thanks to Bruce Meyer who told us to tick a certain box.

In conclusion, AU has done a lot of tedious background work, that will provide a solid base of operations for ongoing projects.

On a personal note, I've been involved in regional and national Ultimate co-ordination for over 7 years, and without implying disrespect to past bodies, this particular executive has been the most pro-active, energetic and above all, FUN

one I've ever had the pleasure to sit on. I reserve special mention for Rebecca Blakey and Iain Stewart, who have shown incredible resolve to make good things happen with energy and integrity, overcoming incredible distractions like big-screen Sky TV, working with me, and a flat full of nerds.

Dave Horn  
AU Acting President, 2003-04

### 3) Treasurer's report

Received. Moved that it be an accurate record of the year's finances. Approved 12-0. Recommendation made by BH to record each tournament separately on the statement of financial performance. Golf clap for IS.

### 4) Election of officers.

President - Iain Stewart  
Treasurer - Rebecca Blakey  
Secretary - Glen Kolver  
Tournament co-ordinator - Alan McFarlane  
Publicity Officer - Cads Oakley  
University rep - Chris Garton (Nomination received, spoken on behalf by Dingle.)

### 5) New NZUPC Committee

DH informed the meeting that the new UPC exec will have three members from Auckland and that ultimate will increasingly be organised under its own banner. This means that AU will have a far closer relationship with the national development of the sport.

6) AU Hotstamp Hunt competition announced. Competition details to be found on the web site. EM offered to investigate any legal considerations for this competition.

### 7) General Business

a) RB made an appeal for greater involvement and assistance from non-exec members in organising events.

b) Dingle informed AU that, upon Dingle and AM's departure Pakuranga college will soon be teacherless in terms of Ultimate and asked for continuation of coaching support in his school.

c) Vote of thanks for all the outgoing exec.

Meeting closed 7:30pm.

Manna from Pizza Hut and Schweppes-Amatil consumed.