

Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
July 1, 2009

Board Members:

Present: Todd Andrews, Chris Bellinger, Ron Convers, Bob Decker, Matt Gillis, Juliana Korver and Rick Rothstein

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Executive Director: Brian Graham

Other: Dave Gentry – Tour Manager

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:32pm EST by Chair, Bob Decker.

MOTION (Andrews/Convers)

Approve the minutes from the June 3rd Teleconference.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION (Korver/Gillis)

Certify the Ringer and the Stalker.

Motion passes unanimously.

Headquarters Update: *by Graham*

Finances:

- As of the end of March, the PDGA had a net financial position of \$538,191.
 - This is compared to a net financial position of \$385,354 at the same time last year but this increase is deceptively inflated due to the timing of expenditures as compared to 2008.
 - Income (\$164,455) exceeded Expenses (\$84,769) by \$79,686.
- The May 2009 financial report will be uploaded to the Yahoo Group upon completion.
- The 2008 Financial audit is nearing completion and should be delivered to us within the next week.
- The accountant's office will have a preliminary audit result that will be sent to Decker to preview.

Memberships:

As of 6/30/09, we have 11,981 active members.

- That is compared to 11,383 members at the same time last year.
- This represents a 5.3% increase in membership thus far in 2009.

2009 Elections:

- The 2009 PDGA Elections will begin on July 1 and will run for the entire month of July. The elections will once again be conducted and managed online by Vote-now.com. Only two state/provinces are without candidates for the coordinators position.

United States Entertainment Force (USEF):

- Jerry Payne and Graham are currently working on the registration process and an agreement.

DiscGolfer Magazine Update:

- The second issue of DiscGolfer Magazine has been published and mailed to members.

Trademarks

- Our attorney has started the process to attain the trademark for "Amateur Disc Golf Association"

BOD Yahoo Group

- Some of the old and outdated files have been purged from the BOD Yahoo group to keep it current and more organized. If there is a file that has been removed that someone needs access to, they can contact Graham.

Policies & Procedures Manual

- Graham has started to assimilate all PDGA policies and procedures into a single place where we can have easier access to them. This will be an ongoing process that will be accomplished as time allows.

Marketing & Sponsorship

- John Duesler and Graham are currently working on a potential sponsorship deal with Lenovo Computers, who has expressed interest in disc golf.

Intern

This program is going well. The current intern is creating a digital model of the IDGC.

PDGA Tour: *by Gentry*

- As of 6/25/09 there were a total of 866 unique events (727 US, 15 Canadian, & 124 International) on the PDGA calendar. Note: there are several International events being added to the calendar this week that are not included in these numbers. This represents a 10.2% increase in US events compared to the same date last year. Gentry believes we are on track for an 8% increase in US events overall by the end of the year.

- Now is a busy time for the PDGA tour. The total number of incoming sanctioning agreements has slowed down but we are dealing with the support and processing of 30 to 35 events per week. There is also a ratings update schedule for July 21st and Worlds is definitely starting to accelerate.

- The current World's registration is 728 players. Currently the Advanced Grandmasters division (MG1) has filled and the pool being shared by the Pro Grandmasters (MPG) and Pro Senior Grandmasters (MPS) should be full by the end of the week.

NT Agreement:

- The NT committee will be meeting in the next couple of days to discuss the NT agreement. Convers hopes to have something for the board soon.

Volunteer & Senior Player of the Year Awards: *by Graham*

- The staff unanimously and strongly suggest that Theo Pozzy be given the honor of Volunteer of the year for all of the work he did on the website.
- The staff also recommends Terry Calhoun as the senior player of the year.

MOTION (Korver/Convers)

Move to give Theo Pozzy the Volunteer of the Year award for the 2008 season.

Yes: Bellinger, Gillis, Korver, Decker, Convers, Andrews

No: Rothstein

Motion carries.

MOTION (Andrews/Bellinger)

Move to give Terry Calhoun the Senior Player of the Year award for 2008 season.

Motion passes unanimously.

Women's Committee: *by Korver*

- Korver is asking for the board to approve Carrie Burlogar as the chair of the women's committee.
- Korver had no trouble finding women to serve on the committee, but is finding it much more challenging to initiate conversations and action from the committee.
- The women's committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 27th at the host hotel at the Worlds in KC. Any committee members present will meet first in hopes of formulating an outline for a few projects. The gathering will then be open to all to discuss issues and concerns regarding women in the sport.

MOTION (Korver/Rothstein)

Appoint Carrie Burloger as the chair of the Women's Committee.

No: Bellinger

Yes: Gillis, Korver, Rothstein, Decker, Convers, Andrews

Motion carries.

Disciplinary policy update: *by Andrews*

- The board reviewed and discussed the proposed disciplinary policy revisions.
- One issue that was discussed in detail was if the board should be more involved in the process.
- Currently the ultimate power resides with the president of the board, but some on the board would like to change that to be a panel of three consisting of the president and 2 other board members.
- Other possible committee members were discussed who already have a background in law.

Player Conduct: *by Andrews/Bellinger*

- We are still waiting for recommendations on a code of conduct.
- Graham suggested that we wait on this until we finish the disciplinary policy.

Deaf Disc Golf Association: *by Andrews*

- Have a committee that is involved in promoting players with disabilities.
- The DDGA is requesting that we have closed captions on videos. Graham has looked into this, but it is very expensive.
- The board supports the concept of this committee.
- Andrews was instructed to go back to the players and encourage them to find volunteers interested in being on such a committee.
- It was suggested that we try utilizing a grant writer to help secure funds for ADA certification so we have some money to push ADA issues.

MOTION (Andrews/Convers)

Adjourn.

Motion passes unanimously

- Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Juliana Korver